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## Danville Hawkes Soar for Success !

### Newsletter - November 2013

#### **Principal News**

Dear Danville Families,

The fall has been especially enjoyable this year with comfortable temperatures and beautiful foliage. The students have been able to get outside most days to get fresh air and exercise. We look forward to the next season, as the weather gets cooler. We will continue to go outside for recess. Please be sure your child dresses in layers and wears warm clothing for outdoor play.

Every day counts! Did you know students with regular attendance are more likely to read well by third grade and score higher on tests? Students who are engaged in school feel better about themselves because they are more successful. Every absence can impact a child's achievement. Let your child know that school is a priority. Help set homework and bed time routines. Sleep for all ages is critical to good health and well being. As hard as we try to stay healthy, there are times when your child will need to stay home due to illness. If your child is ill and will not be coming to school, I ask you to call the school and let us know. If your child is not present in school and we have not received a call from you, we will call you to confirm the absence. Thank you in advance for helping your child develop a good work ethic.

Mr. Hawke collected many feathers from classroom nests recently! The students and staff continue to work on demonstrating our core values of *Respect, Responsibility, and Pride*. To celebrate their success, students have earned a "musical lunch." We will play music while the students dine, similar to dining in a fine restaurant! This month we are beginning to roll out the response side of this program to help gather data on how we can better support our students. We will analyze the behavior, time, location, and possible motivation. The ultimate goal of our behavior plan is to produce internal motivation to do the right thing because it feels good.

Best wishes for a peaceful Thanksgiving,

*Nancy Barcelos*

### **Assistant Principal News**

We are pleased with the efforts made by the majority of our third through fifth graders as they completed the NECAP testing in October. We will receive the results in January. It is anticipated that the state will introduce a new testing format next year as we align with the Common Core State Standards.

In an effort to develop local curriculum that supports student achievement with the Common Core State Standards, a wide range of Timberlane professional staff members are involved in creating instructional units for each discipline. Staff will be working on teams throughout the year in order to share their work with all colleagues by year's end. It is a major undertaking, but important to accomplish as we transition to new and higher expectations for our students.

Parents are encouraged to learn more about the Common Core State Standards. A popular and well presented resource can be found at <http://www.corestandards.org/>

Additionally, feel free to contact me with any questions you might have at any time.

W. J. Pimley  
Assistant Principal

### **Nurses Notes**

#### Flu Shot Season Is Here!

It is still not too late to get a flu shot! The Center for Disease Control recommends that everyone over the age of 6 months have a flu shot. A vaccine is needed every year because the strain of flu is constantly changing. Since it takes about 2 weeks for antibodies to develop after receiving the vaccine, now is the time to get vaccinated. New Hampshire has already recorded its first cases of influenza.

The Health Office at Danville Elementary School has coupons for free flu shots at ConvenientMD, an urgent care center located in Windham, just off Exit 3. They are open 7 days a week from 9 am to 9 pm. If you, your children, your family members, friends or neighbors would like a coupon, please call me at 603-382-5554, extension 5322 and the coupon will be sent home with your child.

### **News from the School Counselor**

HOME ENVIRONMENTS THAT SUPPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Louise Janelle, School Counselor

USE MODERATION

Either too much celebration or disapproval can lead to problems. Your child may start believing that you love him when he succeeds and criticize him when he doesn't. This attitude may encourage perfectionism. Recognize your child's improvements, not just his successes.

### BE POSITIVE

Be especially positive in your comments about school and your child's teachers. Listen to your child's complaints about school, and then encourage her to see the other point of view. If there appears to be a problem that requires your involvement, make a phone call to the teacher the next day or set up a conference. However, do not allow your child to believe that you will side with her against the teacher. This may cause changes in the quality of the interaction between teacher and child.

### AGREE ON AND COMMUNICATE EXPECTATIONS

It is important for your child to get the same clear message. Parents need to agree on what is expected of your child's academic performance. Make sure you discuss this in private and not in front of the child. Talk to your child about his strengths and limitations. Refer to limitations as "things you are working on", not "things you are bad at."

### LET THE LEARNER STRUGGLE

Your child develops feelings of confidence and competence when she is able to overcome obstacles on her own. If you rush to assist, instruct, or direct whenever things get difficult, you are sending a negative message. This doesn't mean you should abandon your child to go alone finding her way through a difficult task. Instead, provide support and encouragement. "I know you can figure it out."

## Enrichment News

*By Mrs. Wood*

I am looking forward to this year and especially the all-school events that the Danville Enrichment Team plans each year. This year's Danville Enrichment Team includes Ms. DeCost, Mrs. Perreault, Mrs. Kisiel, Mrs. Antonakos, Mrs. Rice, Mr. Pimley as well as me. We are already busily preparing for our first school-wide enrichment day for the year on December 4. Our theme is Hooray for the USA! Ventriloquist, Mr. Richard Paul aka "The Funny Puppet Guy" (coming to us all the way from Minnesota) will be here to present 2 assemblies as part of our day. Teachers, staff and special presenters will share workshops that include topics that range from history of USA technology, appreciation for our military, virtual trips to amazing places in the USA, understanding the pledge of allegiance, what our flag means, singing patriotic songs, learning about patriotic slogans, and much, much more! This will be a terrific day for one and all.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> all school enrichment day will be held on Friday, May 30 with a theme centered around the arts.





Grades 4 and 5 will have their spelling bee competition on January 10 in the afternoon. Parents and guests are welcome to attend.

The Invention Convention will see some major changes this year. The judging (grade levels to be determined) will be held on Thursday, February 20 (no guests, this is for



judging only). The actual Invention Convention Celebration will be held on Friday, February 21, 2014 from approximately 9:00-11:30. Parents and family members will be invited to come to view inventions on Feb. 21. If you know of someone who would like to help judge inventions on Feb. 20, please let me know.

Pictures of enrichment days and events are available on the school's photo album at on the Danville School homepage or at <http://trsd.phanfare.com/ds>.

As you can see the Danville Enrichment Team is off to a running start this year.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Wood  
Enrichment Specialist



# School Store Opening Day!

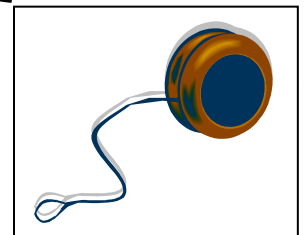
The opening day for our school store is **Thursday, November 7** for grades 3-5 (grade 2 will begin school store in January).

School store will be open during each grade level's lunch/recess time. Students are invited to come to see what is available to purchase. Items range from \$.05 to \$4.00.

**Students may not borrow money from others or ask for money from others.** Students

are encouraged to purchase wisely and only buy if they find something they need. Generally students will not be allowed to spend over \$5.00 at the school store.

Some items for sale include:



Yo Yos for \$1.50\*

Pop a Point pencils for \$.50

4 color pens for \$1.00\*

Camouflage Wallets for \$1.25

Pencil led for \$.70

Polar Bear or Penguin sticky notes for \$1.75\*

New items marked with a \*.

Journals from \$2.00-\$2.50

New items! Come see what we have!

Folders (2 pocket) for \$1.00

Calculators for \$2.50\*

Scented gel pens and pads for \$1.00\*

Plus much, much more!



**Future school store dates include: November 14  
Dec. 12. On January 16 grade 2 will be invited to  
coming to our school store.**



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## Physical Education

Hello Everyone!

Can you believe it is already November? Time flies when you are having fun! We have just finished up with our Halloween unit and are moving quickly into our Cooperative Games unit. Cooperation and teamwork skills are very important for our students to learn. These skills encourage leadership and communication and help our students in many ways. If you get a chance, ask your child how many students can fit inside of one hoola-hoop! Cold weather is right around the corner, so please try to get outside with your child and enjoy the wonderful fall weather! As always, if you have any comments or questions, feel free to email me and I will get back to you as soon as I can! I hope this note finds you happy and active!

-Patrick Ard

Danville P.E.

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## Music Note

Mrs. Cook

Band: Mark your calendars!

- December 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm Danville Winter Concert

- March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Rehearsal & Concert for all 5th grade band students

- April 16<sup>th</sup> Concert for all 4th grade AND 1st year 5th grade band students

## All About Art

Dear Danville Families,

Thank you so much for all of you that supported the arts and ordered something from the Original Works of Art Fundraiser! We have raised a great deal of money to support the many specialty art projects done here at school. Orders will be sent home the first week of December.

I have spoken to your children regarding the National Reflections Contest being run by the PTA. I have sent home paperwork for all students interested. The theme this year is “Believe, Dream, Inspire”. There are six categories: Visual Art, Music Composition, Literature, Dance Choreography, Film Production, and Photography. If your child is interested in participating, please read the paperwork carefully. This is something they do at home with minimal to no help. If your child is missing any papers they need you can find rules and entry forms on the NH PTA Reflections website: [PTA.org/reflections](http://PTA.org/reflections). Contest registration and entries can be turned in to me any time between now and Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. For details contact Sarah Scanlan [recordingsecretary@danvillepta.org](mailto:recordingsecretary@danvillepta.org). We had many students from Danville participate last year and it would be wonderful to see even more this year!!

So what’s been going on in the art classroom you ask??

The **First Graders** have been learning about the Color Wheel. They learned about the Primary Colors and the Secondary Colors. They used the Primary Colors to mix their very own Secondary Colors and used them in a Scarecrow painting! These students are also learning about the difference between two dimensional and three dimensional art. They created a three dimensional fish out of model magic clay using the pinch pot method!

The **Second Graders** learned about the Mexican Holiday “The Day of the Dead”. This is a holiday celebrated in Mexico in November that honors the loved ones and ancestors in their lives that have passed away. The symbol for that holiday is a skull for the children and adults indulge in chocolate skulls in celebration of that day. Students learned about symmetry and pattern when creating their skull pictures along with properly using glitter to give their skull that extra sparkle! They are now learning about the artist Henri Matisse and his famous artwork “Beasts of the Sea”. They’ve learned the difference between Geometric and Organic Shapes and are using both types of shapes in a collage.

The **Third Graders** created their own observational pumpkin drawing while properly making the curved lines to show texture. They looked at fake and real leaves to observe their symmetrical shape and drew a number of them making sure to add the veins inside each leaf. They then reviewed Secondary Colors and mixed Primary Colored paints to create orange for their pumpkin and green and violet for their leaves. They are now learning about Native American Warrior and Medicine Shields. They are creating a shield of their own adding Native American symbols learned in class.

The **Fourth Graders** finished up a fall themed project of leaves. They drew a number of symmetrical leaves free handed and added the veins. They used a great deal of control to outline the leaves with black glue. Last, they used a wet-on-wet water coloring technique to add either warm colors or cool colors to their leaves. Presently, they are learning about the universal instrument, the Rattle or also

referred to as Percussive Pod. They are using clay to create their own percussive pod and are learning how to roll a slab, press texture into the clay, and how to use scoring and slipping to seal the clay. The **Fifth Graders** finished creating a seasonal tree landscape using modeling clay. They were taught how to build the tree using clay tools. They were required to show evidence of what season it was in their picture and any details needed to be done with clay. Presently students are learning about the artist Andy Warhol and his style of art called Pop Art. They are also learning about Monochromatic Paintings. They have been practicing making tints and shades using tempera paint.

**Donations needed:**

Paper Towel Rolls

Glitter

Newspaper

Egg Cartons

As always thank you so much for your support of the Visual Arts!

Sincerely,



Mrs. Rice

**READ ALOUD**

with Mrs. Dube



The first and second graders have impressed me with their excellent attention when listening to stories! In the past month, we have been learning about why we talk, and the importance of listening to each other. We have practiced these skills as the children tell their own stories while their peers listen thoughtfully without interrupting.

Third graders have been presenting their thoughts and ideas to the class without even realizing it! We accomplished this by informally discussing what we noticed about money (a favorite subject!) We also found a little time to make Frankenstein sun catchers!

Fourth grade students have jumped right in and have begun to present skits, retells and persuasive speeches! I was amazed to hear all of the interesting traits family pets have when your students presented them for nomination into the Dube All American Animal Hall of Fame!

Fifth graders have delved into *Wonder*, the story of August Pullman. Born with a physical deformity, August finds himself attending school for the very first time as a fifth grader in middle school. Your students have shown great empathy and compassion for this character and his family. I believe this story will stay with them for a long time, and someday, when they meet an "August", they will treat him/her with respect, sensitivity, and admiration.



### **From the Library**

#### **Lady Bug Book Award**

Each year, the **Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library** runs a state wide campaign to promote literacy and honor the best in recent children's picture books in grades K-3. Selections of 10 books are read to our students by staff and community members. Students then cast their vote for the favorite picture book. The state votes are tallied and one book has the honor of being the LadyBug Picture Book of the Year. Our students will be able to enjoy these many stories during the month of November. We all look forward to this wonderful literacy activity.

#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving on December 5<sup>th</sup> and will be open during the Holiday Fair and during the week of December 9<sup>th</sup>. Look for the parent information coming your way soon!

#### **Information Literacy is the:**

*Ability to define problems in terms of their information needs, and to apply a systematic approach to search, locate, apply, and synthesize the information and evaluate the entire process in terms of effectiveness and efficiency. (AASL)*

Students of the Danville Elementary School have begun their classes in the media center and are perfecting their inquiry and research skills.



**Fifth graders** are using all their literacy skills to research Colonial America. It is wonderful to see how well they have used their inquiry and note taking skills to find all the right information.

**Fourth graders** are completing their *Genre* project; students are reading one of each of the five genres we studied in class and providing evidence of their knowledge. We are practicing note-taking and writing citations. Using an informational text from TrueFlix on the Constitution, we are reading together to find the answers to the questions they had generated.

**Second and Third** graders continue to meet in the media center each week. We have been reviewing book parts. They are doing a great job. We will soon begin looking at how to navigate the fiction and non-fiction sections of the library.