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## Danville Hawkes Soar for Success !

### Newsletter - April 2018



#### Principal's Pen

Dear Danville Families,

It is that time of year when we begin to register incoming Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students for the upcoming school year. Students turning age 4 by September 30, 2018 are eligible for Pre-Kindergarten and students turning 5 by September 30, 2018 are eligible to attend Kindergarten. Please visit our website for registration details. All registrations should be completed online now at <http://www.timberlane.net/ds/> Please feel free to call the school office if you have any questions regarding the registration process.

We wish to thank our wonderful PTA members and parents who helped to run another successful Bingo for Books event. This certainly is always a well-attended event for the students. The raffle baskets get better each year! Everyone goes home a winner!

Danville students are getting ready to present their "Most Magnificent Thing" STEAM project at our Academic Fair April 19. All families are invited to come to school in the evening and enjoy student Artwork, Third grade Recorder Ensemble, as well as a variety of cooperative projects. We are proud of the efforts and work of our students.

This is a friendly reminder that food is not allowed on buses due to students with food allergies. The only exception would be for medical reasons. In the same respect, we ask that students not open any scented items on the bus as we do have students with sensitivity to smells. This would include perfumes, colognes, and hand sanitizer. Thank you in advance for reminding your children about this policy.

Soon we hope it will be warmer weather outside! With warmer weather comes a change in apparel. Please remember we ask students to wear proper footwear for safety purposes. Students should be wearing shoes with a back strap. Flip flops are not allowed. They are easy to walk out of and do not offer the foot support needed. Shoes with raised heels should not be worn. Please help your child make good decisions when choosing school clothing. If

students are in school wearing clothing that is not appropriate, they will be asked to call home for a change of clothing or offered an alternative item of clothing.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and supporting us in our efforts!

Sincerely,  
Nancy Barcelos



### Notes from Nurse Sue:

## Why Is Bicycle Safety So Important?

Bike riding is a lot of fun, but accidents happen. The safest way to use your bike is for transportation, not play. Every year, about 300,000 kids go to the emergency department because of bike injuries, and at least 10,000 kids have injuries that require a few days in the hospital. Some of these injuries are so serious that children die, usually from head injuries.

A head injury can mean brain injury. That is why it is so important to **wear your bike helmet**. A helmet will provide some protection for your face, head, and brain in the event of an injury.

Bike helmets are so important that the U.S. government has created safety standards for them. Your helmet should have a sticker that says it meets standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Wear a bike helmet **EVERY TIME YOU RIDE**, even if you are going for a short ride.

Your bike helmet should fit you properly. You do not want it too small or too big. Never wear a hat under your bike helmet. If you are unsure if your helmet fits you well, ask someone at a bike store.

Once you have the right helmet, you need to wear it the right way so it will protect you. It should be worn level and cover your forehead. Do not tip it back so your forehead is showing. **The straps should always be fastened.** Make sure the straps are adjusted so they are snug enough that you cannot pull or twist the helmet around on your head.

Take care of your bike helmet and do not throw it around. That could damage the helmet and it will not protect you as well when you really need it.

L. Sue Goodman, RN

Danville Elementary School Health Office



## Counselor's Corner

### Classroom Guidance Topic: Problem Solving

Grades 1 – 5 have been hard at work learning about the *Problem Solving Steps*. Along with the *Calm Down Steps*, students have been able to use their calm down strategies and then follow and apply the four *Problem Solving Steps*. Together, students have been able to learn about these steps through videos and stories, as well as sharing problems that they have experienced. Students have been doing a FANTASTIC JOB applying these skills in their classrooms, at lunch and at recess. The goal of these lessons are to reduce student impulse behaviors and improve social interactions with peers. These lessons are designed to build on students' ability to handle conflicts and keep their **amygdala** calm, so they can do good thinking to solve their problem(s).

#### Problem Solving Steps:

**S:** Say the problem without using blaming words ("*always*," "*never*," "*because of you*," etc.)

**T:** Think of solutions that are safe and respectful

**E:** Explore consequences – what could happen if...

**P:** Pick the best solution – make your plan

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As always, you can always contact me for more information about what your child is learning. You can also visit [www.secondstp.org](http://www.secondstp.org). Happy Spring!

Elissa Salemi  
School Counselor

**Reminder to parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders:** Please have your middle school student information sheet turned in to your child's teacher by April 13th!



## All About Art!

Dear Danville Families,

This month we are holding the Academic Fair on April 18<sup>th</sup>! This is also the night that your child will have a two dimensional and three dimensional art piece displayed. We hope to see you all there!

The Fifth Graders are just finishing up their Tape People. Please have your child bring in any costume part or props they are responsible for. Have it in a bag with your child's name and teacher labeled. The Tape People will be on display for all to see the night of the Academic Fair in the gym.

The Fourth Graders are learning about the famous artist Wayne Thiebaud. They are creating delectable desserts using a variety of drawing techniques.

The Third Graders are working on creating a family portrait. They are gearing up for an exciting field trip to the Currier Museum of Art in May.

The Second Graders learned about the famous artist Claude Monet. They are creating a painting of the bridge and Monet's Garden. They are also gearing up for an exciting field trip to the Currier Museum of Art in May.

The First Graders are working on a flower painting that requires mixing the secondary colors.

The Kindergarteners just finished a painting after the popular book, "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus."

We are in need of newspapers and recyclable materials students could build with (cardboard tubes, plastic containers, wood scraps, etc.)

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

Artfully Yours,  
Mrs. Rice



## STEAM

with Mrs. Dube

Our focus in kindergarten for the beginning of the month of March was creating Leprechaun traps! With a partner, the children designed, built, and decorated a trap with rainbows, shamrocks and shiny items including gold to entice the tiny man. Unfortunately, the sneaky little guy made off with most of our gold and avoided capture. After St. Patrick's Day, we began to delve into the subject of dinosaurs. There is so much to learn about these extinct prehistoric creatures!

Fourth graders practiced teamwork and perseverance with a series of clues and puzzles designed to make them think! The children were greeted with a note telling them they had been turned into robots and the only way to turn back into children was to complete the assignment. The activity was competitive, exciting, challenging, and at times, frustrating, but all of the students pressed on to try to be the first to complete the activity.

Fifth graders participated in the DARE Program presented by the Danville Police Department.



### Music Note

Ms. Soha

We had a wonderful month of concerts! I'm so proud of the students for working so hard to learn what was very challenging music.

### **Mark your calendars!**

April 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm Concert for all 4<sup>th</sup> grade Band students at the PAC

April 18<sup>th</sup> Recorder Concert at Academic Fair at Danville

May 31-June 4 Instrument Signups (see below) at the PAC

June 11-13 Instrument Lessons (see below) at the PAC

**Join Band or Strings!** Parents of current 2nd , 3rd or 4th grade students: If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument NEXT YEAR, they must sign up NOW! There are NO fall sign ups. (If your child is already a band/string member, they will automatically be enrolled for next year.) Current 2nd graders are eligible for violin, viola or cello. Current 3rd graders are eligible for violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion, French horn, oboe. Come to the Timberlane Performing Arts Center on ONE of the following days: Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm OR Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00am OR Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm Please arrive on time for an informational meeting and plan to stay for 2 hours to let your child try 3 different instruments. Rentals will be offered if you do not already have an instrument that is in good working condition. This is a free event to help students decide which instrument to play. After you have signed up, there will be three lessons, held on June 11, 12, and 13 at 4pm or 6pm. Plan on attending one lesson each day. The lessons are offered at a reduced rate and will give your child the tools they need to begin learning songs over the summer. This is a wonderful opportunity to try a band or string instrument before you commit to an

instrument. Come join the fun and enjoy beautiful music all summer long! More information will be sent home at the end of May. Questions: Kathy Giacobbe, music dept. secretary 382-6541 X 3982



### Physical Education

Hello Everyone!

March came in like a lion and left as one too! The numbers are in for our annual Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser and we raised the third highest amount in Danville history! We were able to raise \$2,300.00 in less than five weeks of fundraising! I really want to thank all of the students and parents that made this event possible. We are doing a great service to those who have been affected by heart attacks or strokes.

We just finished our speed stacking unit and have moved into gymnastics. We will be flying into floor hockey right before April vacation.

Please continue to make sure that your son or daughter brings sneakers to change into for P.E. class. This will keep our nice wooden gym floor in good shape as the spring moves along.

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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## Enrichment Program

Spring is here and that means it is a good time for an all-school enrichment day! **Friday, April 20** will be a day to celebrate **Earth Day!** Students will be given the opportunity to choose from over 15 workshop choices. Each full day student will attend 4 workshops throughout the day. As an extension to Earth Day, Mrs. Rice is working with students to create a special painted rock display. The Danville Dads have graciously offered to do the "ground" work needed before we arrange our painted rocks in a special way as an outdoor display. Watch for news on when we will unveil this creative display (probably in May).

On Friday, June 1 our entire school will participate in an enrichment day called "Colonial Day". Our town's Village Improvement Society and the Heritage Commission will be opening many of our town's historical buildings. Our students will have the opportunity to learn about the rich heritage of the Town of Danville from these wonderful community members. Staff will also present workshops and we will have

some special guest presenters also that day back at the school.

So make sure April 20 and June 1 are on your calendar. Remember to ask your child all about what they have learned on these special enrichment days.



## Donation Requested for Earth Day

### Student Workshops

Dear Parents and friends of Danville Elementary,

If you are able, we would appreciate some donations for our upcoming earth day. Donations are needed by the date listed next to items (otherwise by April 13). Thank

you for any help you may be able to offer.



- Cardboard egg cartons
- Recycled (not new) hanging or not pots with a 10-12' diameter

(nothing fancy, maybe you keep them from previous purchases)

- **Packets of seeds** suited for hanging planters such as: petunia, asters, pansy, alyssum, sweet pea, marigold... (4-10" growing height).
- **Potting soil** (inexpensive as possible) **needed by April 13**

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.  
Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Wood  
[Cindy.wood@timberlane.net](mailto:Cindy.wood@timberlane.net)



Our last school store for this year is Thursday, April 12, 2018 **for grades 2-5.**

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 \$.25 to \$3.50. **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:

Collectable Zoo Life erasers \$.50  
Pop a Point pencils for \$.50  
Hello Kitty and Friends notebooks \$1.00

Flashlight Pens for \$1.75

Fuzzy Note Pads \$2.50

Mini Journals for \$1.25

Pencil led and eraser kit \$.75

Erasable Highlighters for \$1.00

Jump ropes for \$2.00

Wonder bookmarks and erasers \$.25

Plus much, much more!



April 12 will be our last school store for this year.

All clip art is from:  
<http://www.clipartpanda.com/categories/earth-day-clip-art-for-kids>



## News!!

Our student council has been hard at work planning a school spirit week for April 16-20. Be on the lookout for specific news concerning each school spirit day in

your April Danville Deliveries! More information will follow, but here is a sneak peek:

Multiple Monday- like Twin Day but tons more fun! Favorite Character Day; Wacky Wednesday; Dress Like an Adult Day; and Crazy Outfit and Hat Day.

All outfits must be appropriate for school.

This year's student council members are: Shea Tully, Ryleigh Comerford, Abigail Robinson, Brady Auclair, Ellie Shanley, Kylee Whitmore, Adam Cartonio, Gracie Griffiths, Ailani Deltwas, Chase Moberg, Mrs. Kisiel and Mrs. Wood

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