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Newsletter - December 2013

Principal News

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Dear Danville Families,

Danville School is hosting the Timberlane Regional School Board meeting December 5, beginning at 7:30 pm, in the gym. The School Board holds their meetings in the community periodically to reach out to its' constituents. Student Council members are invited to the meeting and will be speaking on behalf of their peers. The chorus will be providing entertainment. Please join us to hear about Danville School from the children's perspective. Please note December 5 is a professional development day for staff. There will be no school for students December 5.

Students are currently participating in the Tripod Survey. The Tripod Project uses students' perceptions about classroom learning to improve climate in the learning environment. We live in an age of data gathering to enhance the quality of life. Questions are asked around four key areas: Teacher Effectiveness, Student Engagement, Student Satisfaction, and Whole School Climate. The Timberlane School System strives for excellence. We are working together as a Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 system to improve teaching and learning for our students. The data gathered will be valuable for all stakeholders. The results from the survey will give teachers direction for professional learning activities in the future. As noted in the letter that went home to all families regarding this project, student participation is optional.

The Superintendent's Leadership Team (SLT) recently visited Danville School and observed in many classrooms. They conducted what we refer to in education as Instructional Rounds. Instructional Rounds are based on the medical model of teams collaborating on a diagnosis and plan for improved health. The Instructional Round Team has a pre-identified practice to observe. After the observation, they debrief and decide what the next step in learning needs to occur. The feedback we receive from the SLT will help us to achieve the goals outlined in our School Action Plan. The motto of Instructional Rounds is System Success = Student Success. This concept is new to the Timberlane District and we are excited about the opportunities for growth as a result of this practice.

Danville is a caring community and that has been shown yet again by the outpouring of generosity from students, families, and staff. We have accepted food items to support local food banks. The Student Council's Pennies for Patients Fundraiser raised over \$900! What a difference pennies can

make! The staff held jeans days to raise money for local food pantries, Mealey's Meals, Cancer Research, Suicide Prevention, and the Children's Alliance for Abused Children. There are many things to be grateful for. I can't think of a better way to teach our children how to care than by modeling kindness. Thank you for continuing to model compassion for one another.

Peace and joy to you and yours,
Nancy Barcelos

News from the School Counselor

Developing Internal Motivation

Internal motivation means that a child behaves in a respectful and responsible way because he/she knows that is the right thing for himself/herself and the community, but - before children can perform a task - they need to be shown what it is that they are to do. Irresponsible behavior can occur when a child is asked to do something he/she has not been trained to do. When training a child, encourage internal motivation by identifying the steps to complete the specific task being taught, and then recognize their progress towards accomplishing that task.

For example, a child who has not been taught to clean their room will be discouraged from the beginning if not taught how to go about this task in the manner desired. When discouraged by any task, the child will not persevere. Don't overlook even the smallest of improvements and the child will feel confident that they can continue to advance their skills.

Language used to motivate the child is significant as well. We all want to say, "Good job." but there is much more to be gained by saying, "You must be proud of yourself for (name the accomplishment)". Responsible behavior on any level stimulates the growth and development of a child into an educated citizen.

Louise Janelle, School Counselor

If you find yourself living in temporary housing situations and are looking for resources, we have information available at school. You may contact Ms. Janelle, School Counselor at 382-5554 or Mrs. Susan Rasicot, Director of Student Services-TRSD at 382-6119. For a comprehensive list of services available in NH utilize 2-1-1; an easy phone number that connects callers, at no cost, to information about services in their community.

Nurses Notes

Everyone knows that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, but with families being so busy these days, it's sometimes difficult to send children out with a good meal. A healthy breakfast contains a mix of complex carbohydrates and protein to fuel your child until he eats again. Try pairing whole grains such as oatmeal, whole-wheat toast, or whole-grain cereal with a protein source such as milk, yogurt, peanut butter, eggs, or cheese. Add in a side of fruit for a boost of vitamins and minerals, and your child is ready for the day.

Here are some tips for the first meal of the day:

- **Make breakfast non-negotiable.** After 10 to 12 hours without a meal or snack, a child's body needs fuel.
- **Set out food on the table.** If the food is in front of them, children might at least take a nibble.
- **If your child says he is not hungry, try giving him a glass of 100 % fruit juice as soon as he wakes up.** This should stimulate his appetite so that by the time he's dressed he may be ready to eat.
- **Keep quick-to-fix foods on hand or get breakfast foods ready the night before, if time is an issue.**
- **Make breakfast the last thing you do in the morning versus trying to get your children to eat first thing in the morning.**
- **Serve both carbohydrates and protein.** The protein takes longer to be digested and provides energy for a longer time. Some good choices include cereal with milk, peanut butter or cheese on whole grain bread, scrambled eggs with whole grain toast.
- **Try to join your child for breakfast.** Children learn best by example.
- **Look for cereals that are high in whole grains.** If sugar is one of the first ingredients, don't buy it. **OR** If your child insists on eating a high-sugar low nutrition cereal "dilute" the sugary food with an equal amount of a more nutritious whole grain cereal.
- **Remember, a small breakfast is better than none at all and helps your child to establish healthy lifestyle habits.**

[From the Library Media Center](#)

Library Highlights



We added 259 titles to our library collection since the first of the year.

These titles include many fiction stories filled with new adventures for our students to enjoy as well as new non-fiction or informational text that support classroom curriculum, and are also enjoyed by many young inquisitive minds!

We have circulated over 4,500 titles to our learning community!! Included in this circulation were over 200 magazines. Magazines are a great resource for reading small interesting articles with your child before bedtime! Our library is the hub of the school, a very busy learning place have curious learners we have here in Danville!



Information Literacy Skills/Research

- Second Graders are researching the wonderful geography of North America. They will learn about the land in their country. They will be researching their state, their community and discover the geographic elements of their own neighborhoods. There is lots of fun to be had learning while mapping their own world. They will be creating projects to present to their teachers and peers in the library.
- Third graders are research New Hampshire. We have been practicing note-taking skills as well as writing citations to give credit to the sources they will use during their research. They will be using print material as well as the many great resources available in our electronic card catalog system Destiny.
- Fourth graders are researching the Branches of Government. They have been working hard the past several weeks gathering their facts using print materials and taking their notes. I look forward to the presentations they will be creating in Technology.
- Fifth graders have completed their research on Colonial America and will be creating their evidence in many different forms. It will be exciting to hear them presenting to their peers and learn what they have discovered conducting their research.

Lady Bug Book Award

Kindergarteners through third grade have been hearing the wonderfully selected titles in this year's LadyBug Award campaign that promotes literacy. Students will be voting this week and results will be given to the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library. We will learn which book will be the winner for January's newsletter. Ask your child to share the many titles read to them by our wonderful staff and in particular, their favorite!!



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is here!! We will be open this Friday night during the Holiday Fair. We look forward to enjoying this annual event for our school community. The Book Fair offers popular titles for adults as well as our students. The fair will run through December 9th.

Happy Holidays~

Mrs. Beth Kisiel, LMS

Mrs. Gail Murphy, LA

Enrichment News

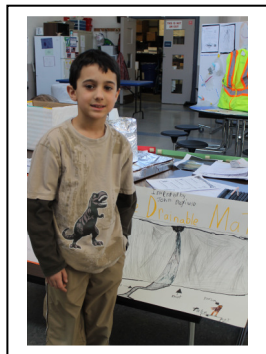
Enrichment News

By Mrs. Wood

On December 4 we enjoyed our first K-5 enrichment day for the year- **Hooray for the USA!** Ask your child to share about the 3 workshops he/she attended and about our special assembly with ventriloquist Mr. Richard Paul aka the Funny Puppet Guy. Pictures of our day will soon be posted on the school website.



Grades 4 and 5 will have their spelling bee competition on January 10 in the afternoon. Our top spellers this year are: Sarah Richman and Evan Roeger from Mrs. Pearson's class; Cole Newman and Jenna Mermet from Mrs. Richard's class; Angelina Raymond and Taylor Dionne from Mrs. Robinson's class; Matthew Einarson and Jarit Kratz from Miss Allen's class; Elizabeth Amorelli and Chloe Landry from Mrs. Antonakos' class; and Whitney Smith and Alessandrai Rera from Miss Ronco's class. Parents and guests who wish to attend are asked to RSVP by Jan. 7 to Mrs. Wood at Cindy.Wood@timberlane.net.



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 please; this is for judging only). The actual Invention Convention Celebration will be held on Friday, February 21, 2013 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 contact me.**

Pictures of enrichment days and events are available on the school's photo album at on the Danville School homepage or at

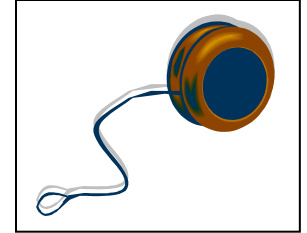
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As you can see the Danville Enrichment Team is off to a running start this year.

Sincerely,
Cindy Wood
Enrichment Specialist



School Store



Our next school store will be open for grades 3-5 on Thursday, December 12. On January 16 grade 2 will be welcome to start attending school store.

School store will be open on the dates above 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

Journals from \$2.00-\$2.50

Scented gel pens and pads for \$1.00

Folders (2 pocket) for \$1.00

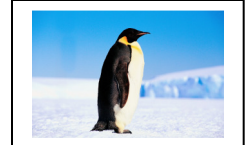
Calculators for \$2.50*

Scented gel pens and pads for \$1.00*

Plus much, much more!



Future school store dates include: January 16 and 30, 2014 and Dec. 12. On January 16 grade 2 will be invited to start coming to our school store.



Physical Education

Hello Everyone!

December showed up quickly this year! Time flies when you are having fun! We have just finished up with our Cooperative Games Unit and will be starting Volleyball this week! Most classes will be earning an "Open Gym" session right before our holiday break as well. With the weather changing and snow soon to fly, please make sure that your son or daughter brings sneakers to change into for P.E. class. This will keep our nice wooden floor in good shape as the winter 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

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READ ALOUD

with Mrs. Dube

The first graders heard a variety of stories and did a variety of activities in the past month. We continue to focus on listening while others are speaking, waiting your turn to speak, and speaking to each other with loud, clear voices.

The second graders enjoyed a chapter book this month, "Keena Ford and the Second Grade Mix-up". Keena is a rather precocious little girl, who learns lessons every single day! The children enjoyed listening to her adventures and about the time she spends with Mr. Lemon, the time-out teacher.

Third graders learned about James Naismith, the inventor of the game of basketball, then played a game of trivia which allowed them to take free throws with paper basketballs into a basket to earn points for their team. They also enjoyed writing Thanksgiving haiku.

Fourth graders wrote a persuasive essay from a turkey's point of view explaining why I should not cook them for Thanksgiving. They also acted out a little improve, retelling the story of Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock.

Fifth graders have continued to enjoy the story, "Wonder". We have heard the perspectives of several different characters now. They cheered when two of the main characters who had some difficulty became friends again. Your student's compassion and empathy have grown in leaps and bounds since the story began.

Music Note

Mrs. Cook

Band: Mark your calendars!

- December 18th 7pm Danville Winter Concert
- March 24th & 25th Rehearsal & Concert for all 5th grade band students
- April 16th Concert for all 4th grade AND 1st year 5th grade band students