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Newsletter - February 2015



Principal's Pen

Dear Danville Families,

It's the time of year when we begin to think about next year! If you will be registering a child for school for next year, now is the time to let us know. We are currently accepting registrations for kindergarten students. Children who will be 5 by September 30, 2015 are eligible for enrollment. Give the office a call at 382-5554 or stop by and request a registration packet. If you have a child who is currently enrolled in our Integrated Pre School Program, you only need to complete the Full Day/AM/PM preference form that will be sent home in the Danville Delivery. There is a fee, yet to be determined, for the Full Day Kindergarten enrollment. Please join us February 11 (snow date February 18) to hear about our kindergarten offerings.

We are pleased to offer an Integrated Pre School Program again next year. If your child will be 4 by September 30, 2015, he/she may be eligible for school entrance into this program. The Integrated Pre School Program is available in the morning only, Monday through Thursday. There is a fee, yet to be determined,

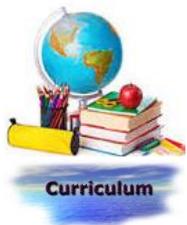
to attend the Pre School. If you know of a neighbor who has a child that will be entering Pre School or kindergarten in the fall, please let them know it is time to contact us! Help us spread the word!

Our fourth and fifth grade students participated in a Spelling Bee January 30. I am very proud of the participants who worked hard under pressure to do their very best to spell words correctly. Even more impressive was the behavior of the audience. They were very attentive and respectful to the contestants. It is always wonderful to be able to report positively on the delightful students who attend Danville School. Be sure to see the photographs of the event on the Timberlane School District's Facebook page!

The PTA participated in the National Reflections Program again this year. Students in all grades were invited to express themselves creatively in the arts around a theme. This year's theme was "*The world would be a better place if...*" Creative, thoughtful, Danville students participated again this year! We are proud to send students on to the State Level. I hope some of you will be able to attend the Reflections Celebration sponsored by local and national PTSA's, March 11, at the Hood Middle School in Derry.

Students go outside for recess most days. I ask you to remind your children to dress accordingly for winter weather. It can get chilly on the playground when the wind picks up! Boots are important to wear as the playground can get very muddy. Keeping a pair of shoes at school is a good idea to lighten the load in the backpack.

Stay informed! Plan to attend the 2015 Deliberative Session Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 pm in the High School Gym. The TRHS National Honor Society and Advanced Child Care Students will offer babysitting beginning at 5:15 PM in room 400. Our students need your support.
Best wishes,



Assistant Principal News

At this mid-way point in the school year we have evidenced growth and academic development for the wide majority of our students. This has been evident through both daily classroom performance and ongoing assessments. Teachers are reporting positive changes in attitude and effort on the part of many students who started the year off slowly. This is not an uncommon occurrence in school settings. Students grow and mature throughout the year. Classroom routines have long been in place and expectations are understood. It is a wonderful time of year for progress in all areas. Thanks to all for their support and participation in the Blizzard Bag program. A high percentage of participation allows for the day to be considered as a “non-make up” day in late June, a time of year when student

academic interest is harder to engage. Blizzard Bags at this time of year help to continue the educational flow and make good use of a snow day. The Blizzard Bag also helps demonstrate each child’s independence in learning and follow through on assignments. In some cases parents get a closer look at the learning style of the student when he/she is faced with new learning and performance assignments. Some grade levels are assigned their Blizzard Bag work online. Many thanks to all those who help set up the technology components and provide technical support as needed to teachers during the online portion of the day. Congratulations to our Spelling Bee finalists and winner, Sarah Richman. They all did a great job, including our announcer and judges, as well as Mrs. Rockwell who coordinated this year’s Bee competition. Invention Convention is upon us and many notices have been sent home outlining this year’s procedures. The Invention Convention will be held on Friday, February 20th. Have a safe and warm February!



Music Note

Mark your calendars!

- March 12th Chorus concert
- March 30th and 31st 5th grade Band concert
- April 15th Beginning Band Concert (all first year players)

More information will be sent home as the dates approach.

Mrs. Cook



READ ALOUD with Mrs. Dube

The kindergartners learned about the clothing necessary to play in the snow here at Danville Elementary School by making a book to take home with them, learned about hibernation, and helped write a class book called, "If You Give a Kindergartner a Book" this month.

Our first graders were in awe to find out just how big some of our wild animals are when I read them "Actual Size". The following week, they made giant polar bear paw prints to bring home. They celebrated the season by creating an art project that showed the kinds of things that make their hearts grow.

The second graders wrote winter animal poems, helped me write a persuasive letter to Santa, and enjoyed educational Grinch activities to celebrate the holiday.

Third graders compared and contrasted "The Gingerbread Man" and "The Gingerbread Boy", gave the top ten reasons not to eat a gingerbread man, and enjoyed some Christmas puns....perhaps they brought some home for you to enjoy too?

Fourth graders learned about similes and wrote a snowflake simile booklet. They also participated in a drama circle, which most found to be a lot of fun!

The fifth graders continue to enjoy "Wonder". They are deeply involved in the story and some even complained when I took a break to treat them to a drama circle during the last week before the holiday!



Physical Education

Hello Everyone!

Early January was all about Basketball. Each class worked on dribbling, passing and shooting. Once we were finished, it was on to fitness stations for grades 1-3 while our 4th and 5th graders took to the snow for the start of our Snowshoe unit. We will be moving into our Jump Rope unit next week and with that unit comes our Jump Rope for Heart program once again. We will be having an after school event once again this year, so please be sure to check your Danville Delivery this week for all of the information I have sent home. 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 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!

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