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## Danville Hawkes Soar for Success !

### Newsletter - February 2018



#### Principal's Pen

Dear Danville Families,

It's time to think about planning for next year! If you will be registering a child for school next year, now is the time to let us know. We are currently accepting on-line pre-registrations for Kindergarten students on our website [www.danvilleschool.com](http://www.danvilleschool.com). Children who will be the age of 5 by September 30<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for Kindergarten.

If you know of a neighbor who has a child that will be entering Kindergarten in the fall, please let them know it is time to contact us. Help us spread the word! We are holding a Kindergarten information night February 13<sup>th</sup> in the school gym at 6:00 pm.

Children who will be the age of 4 by September 30<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for our Pre-K program. We will host an information night for Pre-K in March. More information for Pre-K will be forthcoming.

The Timberlane District continues to use Online Learning/Blizzard Bag days during inclement weather. I wish to thank you for supporting our Blizzard Bag initiative which we have had to use often this year. When school is cancelled, the message you receive from the district will state if it is an online learning day or a good old fashioned snow day! If you have questions about assignments for Online Learning/Blizzard Bag days, please contact your child's teacher.

There will be no school February 26<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Winter Break.

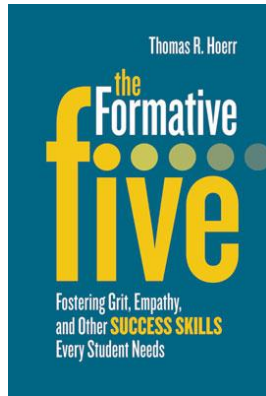
Warm wishes,  
Nancy Barcelos, Principal



## Assistant Principal News

Educators across our district engaged in a fantastic day of professional development on January 31<sup>st</sup> learning from Dr. Thomas Hoerr. Dr. Hoerr delivered a keynote to all TRSD staff in the morning, elementary staff debriefed on his Formative Five Success Skills mid-morning, and ended the day with a targeted session on these skills developing rubrics for assessing. Dr. Hoerr later gave a presentation to TPAF that wrapped up the day with how we together – the home and school connection – can work to model and develop these skills in our community’s children. Working together, we can show kids that good failures - new mistakes - are positive experiences as this is how we learn to get better.

Educators and parents alike must allow these new mistakes to happen, without swooping in too quickly so kids never fail. Navigating the world is something students need to practice. In school, teachers look for appropriate places to hold back from rescuing students, allowing them to persevere and take risks. At home, we must encourage our kids to stick with things when they get hard. Dr. Hoerr shares the best way to do this is to talk about those things and experiences that present a challenge to us as



adults, and to share our experience of working to overcome them.

Dr. Hoerr shares his formative five success skills and strategies for developing them (empathy, integrity, embracing diversity, grit, and self-control) in his book *The Formative Five* that all staff now own. He suggests reading mentor text that model these skills in its characters as a way to begin a conversation with kids about these traits. For book recommendations, please reach out to your child’s teacher or myself.



Progress Reports will be sent home with students on February 7<sup>th</sup> through Danville Delivery. These new progress reports are the same as first trimester but will be coming home to all students this trimester, which is a change from previous years. Parent STAR reports will also be included. Please reach out with any questions about these documents.



## All About Art!

Dear Danville Families,

Happy February! We have been very busy in the Art Room! Most classes have been working on three-dimensional art projects.

Kindergarteners learned about clay and coil building. They created their own coil pot using Model Magic.

First Graders learned about Weaving and Complimentary Colors. They are creating their own weaving mat and then turning it into a Weaving Buddy!

The Second Graders are finishing up their Paper Mache Penguins. They are putting on the finishing touches this week.

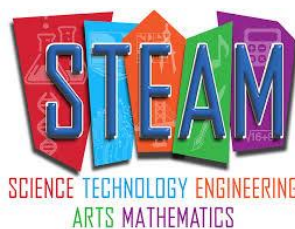
The Third Graders learned about the artist Georgia O'Keefe and created clay flowers inspired by her work.

The Fourth Graders are finishing up their Plaster Masks. They are adding paint, glitter, feathers and Sequins to make them really special.

The Fifth Graders are working on the creation of their Tape Person. They are working in groups of three or four to construct a full size fifth grade body out of tape!

Thank you so much for your support in the Visual Arts!

Mrs. Rice 



with Mrs. Dube

Our focus in kindergarten for the month of January was polar bears. The students did several experiments and learned facts about these creatures that live in the coldest place on earth. They loved putting blubber on their fingers (Crisco) and sticking their fingers in ice water to find out first-hand how blubber protects polar bears from the cold Arctic Ocean. They were amazed to find out just how big a polar bear paw is! We also had a lively discussion about why polar bears do not hibernate like other bears. Why don't you ask your student about it?

Fourth, and fifth graders learned to sew this month! Each student was responsible to design and create a felt item of their choice. Some students chose to make stuffed animals or pillows, some made pencil pouches or bookmarks. They sketched a design, created a paper pattern, used tools such as pins, needles, and thread. They learned to use one of a couple different stitches. Whether their design was intricate or simple, all of the students worked hard and persevered to see their project through to the end.



## Music Note

Ms. Soha

### **Mark your calendars!**

March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Rehearsal &  
Concert for all 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band students.

March 29<sup>th</sup> 7pm Chorus Concert  
(rehearsal at 6:30)

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

Our winter concert was a great success! I  
am very much looking forward to our next  
stream of concerts!

All events take place at the PAC  
(Timberlane Performing Arts Center). More  
information will be sent home as the dates  
approach.



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> and  
5<sup>th</sup> graders took to the snow for the start of our  
Snowshoe unit.

We will be moving into our Jump Rope unit in  
the next couple of weeks and with that unit  
comes our Jump Rope for Heart program. We

will be having an after school event once again  
this year, so please be sure to check your  
Danville Delivery for all of the information I  
will be sending 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!

-Patrick Ard

Danville P.E.

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## Enrichment Program

*By Cindy Wood*

*We all need some news to warm us up  
on these cold winter days. Here's some  
news that warms my heart. The  
Danville Enrichment Team is in the  
process of planning 2 enrichment days  
for kindergarten through grade 5  
students.*

*Friday, April 20 will be a day to  
celebrate Earth Day! Students will be  
given the opportunity to choose*

workshops to attend centered around this theme. If you would like to assist with a workshop or plan one for students, please contact me as soon as possible at [Cindy.Wood@timberlane.net](mailto:Cindy.Wood@timberlane.net). Students love the chance to learn from others. Do you have a love of gardening? How about a unique way to reduce, reuse or recycle? Are animals a passion and you want to share about endangered species? Would you like to encourage students to learn through hands-on experiment that teaches about pollution?.....There are so many ideas and too little time!

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.



### School Store



Our next school store is Thursday, February 15 for grades 2-5 (grade 2 may begin school store on Feb. 15).

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:

(New) 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

NFL football erasers \$.75

Wonder bookmarks and erasers \$.25

Plus much, much more!



Upcoming school store dates: March 22 and April 12