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## **Danville Hawkes Soar for Success !**

### **Newsletter - February 2020**



#### **Acting Principal's Pen**

Although Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow this month, meaning he is predicting an early spring, this chilly weather does not have me convinced! As many of you know first-hand, illness has been wide-spread in school. Our nurse, Mrs. Goodman, has been monitoring sickness closely. Please be sure to read her newsletters closely each month for updates. A special thank you to our custodial staff for doing some extra deep cleaning to help prevent the spread of germs. We know the importance of fresh air for our students, so please continue to send them in with appropriate outdoor clothing; we do go outside as long as it is over 20 degrees.

Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about planning for next year! If you will be registering a new child for school next year, now is the time to let us know.

We are currently accepting on-line registrations for PreK and Kindergarten students on our website [www.danvilleschool.com](http://www.danvilleschool.com). Children who will be the age of 5 on or before September 30th will be eligible for Kindergarten. Children who will be the age of 4 on or before September 30th will be eligible for our Pre-K program. If you know of a neighbor who has a child that will be entering PreK or Kindergarten in the fall, please let them know it is time to contact us. Help us spread the word! We are holding a parent information night for incoming PreK and Kindergarten families on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Enjoy your break! We will see you in March!

Meghan Corcoran



## **Counselor's Corner**

2019 has come and gone and we are now starting our second half of the school year filled with many new beginnings. Grades 1 – 2 have completed their classroom guidance lessons! They have learned about *empathy*, *emotional management strategies* and how to *solve problems without* using blaming words! Full day kindergarten is still in full swing and together with the classroom teachers, students are learning about the *Zones of Regulation* and Yoga to learn about empathy, how to calm strong feelings and use positive self-talk to get through tough situations.

I'm excited to say, that I am now into grades 3, 4 and 5! We have started with reviewing *Empathy* and how *Compassion* is "empathy in action." We have also added additional classroom guidance time and have been ending each lesson with a mindful listening activity from "*MindYeti*." (you can practice a *MindYeti* at home, by visiting: <http://www.mindyeti.com>)

## **Practice Second Step Skills at Home: Empathy in Action!**

When you have empathy for others, you can say or do many things to show your care and concern. Read the scenarios

below and decide what you can say or do to *show compassion*. Write them down and then act them out! You can do it!

### **What is Empathy?**

*Empathy is feeling or understanding what someone else is feeling.*

*Compassion is Empathy in Action!*

### **Empathetic Thinking**

*What is his/her point of view?*

*How does he/she feel?*

*How can I help?*

- You see your neighbor unloading bags and bags of heavy groceries from their car
- Your sister scraped her kneed on the sidewalk, and she's crying
- You see a younger child slip and fall down in front of you at school
- Your friend is sitting next to his favorite toy, and it's broken
- Your mom is setting the table for dinner, and your little brother needs help tying his shoes

Mrs. Salemi  
School Counselor  
x 5310



## All About Art!

Dear Danville Families,

We are working harder than ever in the Art Room! Here is what we are up to:

Kindergarten- Pop Art history and Famous Post Pop artist Chis Uphues.

First Grade: Pop Art history and Famous Post Pop artist Burton Morris.

Second Grade: Still Life Drawings and famous artists like Henri Matisse, Renoir, and Paul Cezanne.

Third Grade: Egyptian Unit talking about the culture, the Pharaohs and Hieroglyphics

Fourth Grade: Plaster Mask Making and the History of Masks.

Fifth Grade: Tape People Construction. Please do not bring any costumes or props into school until notified. Students will be graded on Cooperation, Craftsmanship and Creativity for this project. They may make props for this display on their own time but it is not required or necessary.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Visual Arts!

Artfully Yours,  
Mrs. Rice



## Music Note

Ms. Soha

### **Mark your calendars!**

March 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm Chorus Concert  
(rehearsal at 6:30)

March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Rehearsal & Concert  
for all 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band students.

April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Rehearsal & Concert  
for all 4<sup>th</sup> grade Band students

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!

February was a busy month for sure! We had our annual Kid's Heart Challenge, after school event and hosted over 60 students and staff. We have been doing a great job with fundraising money for the program as well! I will have the final tallies by the middle of March, but all signs point toward another great year! I really want to thank all of the students and parents who made this event possible. We are doing a great service to those who have been affected by heart attacks or strokes.

We are beginning our speed stack unit this week and will be moving into gymnastics by the end of the month.

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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### School Store

Our next and final school store of the year is on Wednesday, March 18 for grades 2-5. In April and May, notices will come home when 2 items only will be for sale: Stencils for \$1 each and Wristbands that say; "What you do today makes a difference tomorrow" for \$3 each. These will be sold during recess time as usual.



### Enrichment Program

By Cindy Wood

## Enrichment Day-February 21, 2020

## **Day of the Coast and Whale Day**

This was a special enrichment day for our students and staff alike. I want to start by saying THANK YOU to our PTA for financing the Day of the Coast workshop portion of our day. With the PTA's



assistance we were able to have 54 guest presenters in for 11 very special ocean themed workshops. Another thank you goes out to our Whale Day volunteers. A dozen parents volunteered their time from 10am to 3pm to help the New England Aquarium run a very special hands-on "assembly" for grades 1-5 in our gymnasium. Without the help of these wonderful parents, this part of our day would not have

happened! Also thank you to the parents who helped with supplying lunch for our 51 docents. Our Danville parents always go above and beyond!

The New England Aquarium trained 12 willing parents on various topics related to the ocean and whales in particular. This allowed grade levels of students (grades 1-5) to come down and enjoy 10 learning stations as a part of our enrichment day.



The UNH Marine Docents arrived in force around 8am ready to set up their amazing workshops. Topics ranged from Octopuses, to S.C.U.B.A to Fish

Printing to Plate Tectonics to Sea Chanteys. In all there were 11 different topics presented by these knowledgeable docents. Students and staff learned so much from these volunteers.

Our staff also put on many wonderful workshops that varied in topic from Sharks!!, Stupendous Stingrays, Why is the Ocean

Salty?, Sea Turtles, Pollution in our Oceans, and Stained Glass Under the Sea to name just a few.

Kindergarten to grade 5 students were able to attend up to 3 workshops during our enrichment day. It was a day full of wonderful and extraordinary learning.



Be on the watch for information on our next enrichment day-which will happen in May.