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Newsletter - January 2014

Principal News

Happy New Year to our School Families! I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe new year. It is always nice to alter routines around the holidays and spend time with family and friends. It is also good to re-establish routines and get back to life as we know it by following our regular schedules and routines. Children find comfort and stability when they can count on the predictability of their time.

Danville School was recently awarded four Gold Circle Awards from NH Partners in Education (NHPIE) for partnerships with Danville Fire and Police Department, and Colby Memorial Library. We value the support we receive from local organizations, as it allows us to offer educational experiences and resources that enhance students' experiences in school. I am especially proud of the strong message it sends to our children, we are a community; together we have much to offer. We also received the Blue Ribbon Award from NHPIE for the 27th consecutive year for the extraordinary volunteer efforts organized by PTA members. This award really belongs to you, our parents! Thank you from all of us at Danville School. You help to make many things possible that enrich the lives of our children.

With each winter comes the possibility of inclement weather that may impact our school day. If school is canceled, you will receive a phone message from *Power Announcement*. We try to send the message out by 6:00 AM, if the weather necessitates a delay or cancellation. In the event of an unexpected early dismissal, there will also be a phone call to the numbers that you have given the school. It is very important that you keep the school updated with any changes to phone numbers. In the event of an unscheduled early release, please call the school if there will be a change in your student's transportation or if you have questions. Weather may cause a delay in our buses. Please be aware that buses may be delayed on snowy days. Please make sure that you have a plan in place for your child in the event that you are delayed in getting home due to poor weather. When school is canceled due to weather, evening events are also canceled. Please contact the school if you have questions.

There will be an informational evening February 12 at 6:30 pm in the school gymnasium for parents of incoming kindergartners. We hope to have some new offerings for kindergarten students for school year 2014-15. Please call the school office, 382.5554, if you have questions regarding kindergarten.

Warm regards,
Nancy Barcelos

Assistant Principal News

Happy New Year to all! I hope the holidays were enjoyable having many good times with family and friends.

The new year will bring continued efforts to make Danville Elementary School an even better school (it's pretty special already!). Our efforts with curriculum and instruction are ongoing. Many district committees are at work aligning our curriculum with Common Core Standards, which in turn begins a process of instructional adjustments as we move toward more authentic assessment of student work. The "Danville Hawke" continues his visits to reinforce our efforts to enhance a school environment that is safe, respectful, and productive for every student. The staff and students work hard each day to develop pride in our school and each child's individual school work.

NECAP test results should be released to schools and grades three through five parents at the end of the month. The state is in the process of adopting another testing format, but that decision is not official yet. This could be the last year of NECAP testing. More information will be shared as it comes forward.

Have a great start to the new year!

W. J. Pimley
Assistant Principal

News from the School Counselor

Self – Regulation and your child

"Self-regulation" is an important skill for all children. Children are ready to learn when they are calm and focused. It's important to help children learn to adjust their emotions and behaviors, to cope with changing situations in a positive way. Self-regulation is being the boss of your behavior, emotions and attention. It develops when caring adults promote activities to support this success producing skill. Parents can encourage children to practice self-regulation at home by establishing routines. For example, they can help their child to set a timer or alarm clock that will ring when it is time to go to bed, so the child can "regulate" his or her own bedtime. Now it's the child, not the parent, saying, "It's time." While most families already have television viewing rules, realistically, there are times when children watch television on their own. So, rather than letting a child click the remote control with no apparent viewing goal (which actually promotes unregulated behavior), parents can help their child plan viewing times.

Games to try:

A good way to have children practice physical self-regulation is to involve them in "stop and go" or "freeze" games, in which children stop and start different actions, as directed by the leader. Parents can play these games anywhere with their children. This practice is a fun way to develop better emotional control as well. Another kind of game that allows children to practice self-regulation is a

game in which children need to pay attention to a specific object while ignoring similar objects. For example, when riding in a car, parents can ask children to clap when they see a red minivan. The game can be made more challenging if there is more than one rule (i.e., clap when you see a red minivan, and snap when you see a blue car).

Louise Janelle, School Counselor

Nurses Notes

Jean Parady, School Nurse

10 HEALTHY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR KIDS

Please share the following resolutions from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) with your children:

1. I will clean up my toys, and keep my room in good order.
2. I will brush my teeth twice a day, and wash my hands before eating and after the bathroom.
3. I won't tease dogs, even friendly ones – and keep my hands and face away from their mouths.
4. I will drink more milk and water, and limit soda and fruity drinks.
5. I will apply sunscreen before going outdoors.
6. I will find a sport or activity that I like, and do it at least three times a week.
7. I will always wear a helmet when bicycling or boarding.
8. I will wear my seat belt every time I get in the car.
9. I'll be nice to others, and friendly to kids who need friends – like someone shy or new to school.
10. I'll never give out personal information or pictures of myself to strangers or over the internet.

Here's to a happy and healthy New Year for everyone in the Danville Community!

All About Art

Dear Danville Families and Staff,

We have been quite the worker bees in the art room!

The First Graders have been working on their Weaving Buddies! They learn how to **paper weave** and use the weaving mat as the body of their paper girl, boy, animal, monster or alien! This practices their **cutting and gluing** skills as well as drawing shapes. The students have been enjoying the process.

The Second Graders have started making their **Paper Mache'** Penguins! They are **building** the structure using recycled materials, layering it with paper mache', **painting** them, and finally adding the eyes, scarf, buttons, hat and snow.

The Third Graders just created a poster about one of the **New Hampshire State Symbols** which relates to their third grade Social Studies curriculum. They are also working on using soft pastels to create a **landscape** of trees that are **reflecting** in the water.

The Fourth Graders finished their **Zentangle** tiles. Zentangle is an **abstract art** design made up of **patterns of shapes and lines**. They are also learning how to use the medium of soft pastels to create a **landscape** scene showing trees with their **shadows**.

The Fifth Graders are almost finished with their **Andy Warhol Monochromatic Paintings**. They learned about the famous artist and his style of **Pop Art**. They were asked to create a triplicate image of something that is popular to their culture. Then they learned how to mix tints and shades so they could paint their artwork with monochromatic colors. They're also learning about Analogous Colors which are colors that neighbor each other on the color wheel.

Sometime in January the Fifth Graders will start their Tape People. They will be working on this lengthy assignment with their peers. They will come up with an idea for their character and will be responsible for bringing in any items to dress or decorate their person. If anyone has any costumes, wigs, or props you would like to donate to the art room to help our fifth graders come up with some amazing characters please do so or allow your child to borrow any items needed to make their character complete!

Donations needed:

Paper towel tubes

Yarn

Newspaper

Styrofoam Trays

Cardboard cut into squares

Small wood pieces

Shoe boxes

Pony Beads

Thank you for your support for the Visual Arts and please feel free to contact me at any time with any comments, questions or concerns!



Mrs. Rice

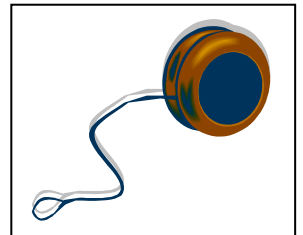
Enrichment News



School Store

Our next school store will be open for grades 2-5 on Thursday, 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 30 and February 13.



Enrichment News By Mrs. Wood



The grades 4 and 5 spelling bee competition will be held on the afternoon of January 10 at 1:30PM. Our top grade 5 spellers this year are Matthew Einarson and Jarit Kratz from Miss Allen's class; Elizabeth Amorelli and Chloe Landry from Mrs. Antonakos' class; and Whitney Smith and Alessandra Rera from Miss Ronco's class. Our top grade 4 spellers are Sarah Richman and Evan Roeger from Mrs. Pearson's class; Cole Newman and Jenna Mermet from Mrs. Richard's class; and Angelina Raymond and

Taylor Dionne from Mrs. Robinson'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 Celebration (ICC) will see some major changes this year. The judging for grades 1-5 will be held on Thursday, February 20 (no guests please; this is for judging only). Students in grades 1-5 who wish to be judged this year will need to turn in their purple **I Want to be Judged** form to me by 8:30AM on January 28, 2014. This due date is firm (even if there is a snow day or illness) so turn your form in early! The information packet will come home with your student or in Danville Delivery early in January. This year students who turn in their **I Want to be Judged form** will also have target dates for checks on progress with the inventing process. If check in/target dates are completed on time the student will be judged on Feb. 20 (if materials for target dates/check-ins are not met on time; the student will not be judged). The actual ICC viewing of inventions will be held on Friday, February 21, 2013 from approximately 9:00-11:20. All students will be encouraged to share their inventions on that date. Parents and family members are invited to come to view inventions on Friday, February 21.



Important note: **If you know of someone who would like to help judge inventions on Feb. 20, please contact me soon.**

Pictures of enrichment days and events are available on the school's photo album at on the Danville School homepage or at <http://trsd.phanfare.com/ds>.

Sincerely,
Cindy Wood, Enrichment Specialist
Cindy.wood@timberlane.net

Physical Education

Hello Everyone!

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and you were able to get out and enjoy this winter weather we have had lately. We have just finished up with our Volleyball Unit and will be starting Basketball this week! Our 4th and 5th grade students will once again have the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the outdoors during our snowshoe unit at the end of this 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!

-Patrick Ard
Danville P.E.
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Music Note

Band: Mark your calendars!

- 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