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## Danville Hawkes Soar for Success !

### Newsletter - January 2018



#### Principal's Pen

Dear Danville Families,

I wish you health, happiness, and peace for the New Year. The bitter weather serves as a reminder to reset, reflect, and continue our journey together to offer great things to our children.

As an instructional leader, student improvement is always on my mind. There are so many ways we can address and measure achievement goals. As a staff we attend professional development workshops within and outside of our District.

One meaningful and practical way we have embraced in our work is called Instructional Rounds. Instructional Rounds is school based and is used to professionalize teaching and improve learning. During Instructional Rounds, school or District teams plan to visit classes and focus on an area staff have identified as a 'problem of practice,' or an area we want to exam to be sure we are meeting student needs. The problem of practice must be related to core instruction

for all students, is actionable, and observable. After classroom visits take place, the team gives factual feedback on their observations and helps the school team identify the next level of work. The staff then uses this feedback to connect with and support the ongoing improvement work.

Later this month we look forward to welcoming the Superintendent's Leadership Team to our school to conduct an Instructional Round at Danville School.

*"A problem is nothing more than an opportunity in work clothes." – Michael Michalko*

Warm regards,  
Nancy Barcelos, M Ed



## Notes from the Nurse:

### When ruling out influenza (flu) like illness remember that:

- A fever is usually present
- Body aches are usually present and more severe than with the common cold
- Chills are common
- Your child will complain of being very tired
- Symptoms will usually present themselves much more quickly than with the common cold (more gradual onset)
- There is usually a dry, non-productive cough
- Headache is common

Please talk with your doctor if you are worried about your child's illness. Those children at a higher risk of complications are children younger than five and children with chronic health conditions (i.e. asthma, diabetes, etc.).

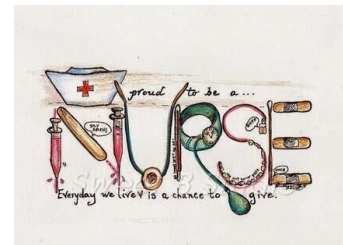
If your student does have the flu, your doctor will provide you with detailed instructions for treatment. The child should stay home and rest, drinking plenty of fluids. You will want to avoid giving the flu to other children or staff. They should stay home for a minimum of 24 hours (except for medical care) after the fever is gone. The fever should be gone **without** the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or ibuprofen. A fever is usually defined as 100F or higher. Pay close attention to good hand washing techniques, coughing into their sleeve or tissues, and the avoidance of touching the eyes, nose and mouth. You will want to clean and disinfect hard surfaces and objects that may have become contaminated. This would include counters, doorknobs, faucet handles, toys, etc.

### When ruling out gastroenteritis (with the norovirus being the most common cause of gastroenteritis) remember that:

- The most common symptoms are cramping, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea
- Less common symptoms include low-grade fevers, chills, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue
- The virus spreads quickly. It can be found in the vomit and stool of infected people.
- You can get it by eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminated with the virus, touching surfaces or objects with the virus on them and then putting your hand or fingers in your mouth, or having direct contact with a person who is infected.
- Norovirus illness is not related to the flu.
- You can protect yourself and others by practicing good hand hygiene, not preparing food while being infected, cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, and washing laundry thoroughly (avoid shaking of the laundry, which can spread the virus, wear disposable gloves when handling laundry, and washing the soiled items with detergent at the maximum cycle length, and machine drying).
- Your child should remain at home for any episodes of vomiting or diarrhea occurring within 24 hours of the school day.

As with flu like illness, you will want to speak with your doctor about instructions for treatment.

L. Sue Goodman, RN  
Danville Elementary  
School  
Health Office





## All About Art!

Dear Danville Families,

I hope you all had a wonderful Winter Break! We have some wonderful projects coming up in the Art Room. This month we will be focusing on the following:

- Kindergarteners will work on printmaking
- First Graders will work on collage and weaving
- Second Graders will work on their paper mache penguins
- Third Graders will work with clay and learn about the artist Georgia O'Keefe
- Fourth Graders will continue their plaster mask making
- Fifth Graders will work on Self Portraits and mixing colors into tints and shades

Please consider donating any three dimensional recyclables for Art Club so our students can build!

Thank you so much for your continued support with the Visual Arts!



Mrs. Rice



## Music Note

Ms. Soha

### **Mark your calendars!**

- January 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm Winter Concert (Band, Strings, and Chorus)
- 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

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



Science. Technology  
Engineering. Art.  
Mathematics. With Mrs. Dube

Our focus in kindergarten for the month of December was reindeer. The students did a wonderful job listening to and following directions to draw a reindeer. When finished, the reindeer were placed in the hall with a caption that read: "Oh Deer...Christmas is Coming!" The students heard the story "If You Take a Mouse to the Movies" and then created a circle story called, "If You Give a Reindeer a Ribbon". Each student began illustrating their own copy before taking them home. Before break, the students got some wiggles out by participating in

Christmas movements, such as "prance like a reindeer" and "melt like a snowman". Fourth, and fifth graders worked in groups to solve a puzzle when they participated in a Christmas Around the World activity. The students had to solve many, many puzzles, which took them to different countries to learn about their customs at this time of year and to determine which country to visit next. The ultimate goal was figuring out in which country Santa had left his bag of toys. The activity was competitive, exciting, challenging, and at times, frustrating, but all of the students pressed on to try to be the first to complete the activity. Let's hear it for perseverance!!

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  
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### 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/Fitness unit and will be starting Basketball skills this week!

Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will once again have the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the



### School Store

Our next school store is Thursday, January 11 **for grades 3-5** (grade 2 will begin school store in February).

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: Feb. 15 (grade  
2 can come)