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

### Newsletter - June 2014

#### **Principal News**

Dear Danville Families,

It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming our students to school to begin another exciting school year. Some of the successes we had this year were enrichment days in which students took part in showing their pride in their country and in participating in many ways to demonstrate artistic abilities. The "Artist in You" day was especially successful as some high school students and teachers came to share their talents. It was a wonderful collaboration of the Timberlane community. We implemented Blizzard Bag Days so we could continue our learning while the New England weather left its' mark on our landscape at inopportune times! We continued work on our positive behavior plan with our motto being "Danville Hawkes Soar for Success." Our core values are Respect + Responsibility = Pride.

Our PTA continues to support many events for our children and their families. Without their support and partnership we could not have the positive effect on our children's education. Together we make a difference for our children. I hope you will consider continuing your membership with PTA next year and join us for meetings if your schedules allow it.

We will be sending our very special fifth graders off to the Timberlane Regional Middle School. It has been a true pleasure to watch them grow into responsible young people. I am confident they will be successful at TRMS. Our fifth grade celebration for students and their parents will be June 18, at 6:30 PM. We will be bidding adieu to the fifth graders in the traditional fashion on the last day of school, June 20. If you wish to join us, please sign in at the office and go to the cafeteria to help send our students off to the next adventure along their educational journey.

I wish you well as you enjoy the summer vacation with families. Remember, it doesn't have to cost money to have fun. Take advantage of the great outdoors and always look up! Visit the Colby Library to cool off and enjoy some good books! Spend time talking with your children. You will be pleasantly surprised how good it will make you both feel! Encourage your children to write letters to me. I am at school all summer and would love to hear from them.

Sincerely,

Nancy T. Barcelos, M. Ed.

## **From the Guidance Counselor**

### Summer “homework”

Summertime is a good time for all children to work on social skills. Children who have good social skills typically do better in school, so continued practice over the summer break will help promote and maintain good skills for the next academic year.

Parents can assist their kids by teaching them to pay attention to facial expressions, body language, tone of voice and environmental cues. What can you do with your child to help? Here are a few ways:

- Find a picture of someone and ask your child to express what the person is feeling.
- When something happens, or someone says something (either good or uncomfortable) to your child, ask your child how they feel.
- Go “people watching” while on vacation. Ask your child what might others be feeling? How can you tell?
- Say something in different tones of voice and ask your child to interpret the feeling behind the tone.

Enjoy the summer, and enjoy these tips for helping your child practice social skills.

Louise Janelle, School Counselor

## **Nurses Notes**

From Jean Parady, RN

Did you know that New Hampshire continues to have one of the highest rates of Lyme disease in the nation? According to the NH Division of Public Health Services, 60% of deer ticks sampled in the state are infected with *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacteria that cause Lyme disease.

The symptoms of Lyme disease can vary greatly from person to person, making it often difficult to diagnose. The incubation period can be from 3 to 30 days after tick exposure and often first appears as a red rash that expands slowly, often with the center becoming paler as the rash spreads. This is the “bull’s eye” rash that people associate with the disease. Other symptoms may mimic the flu – fever, headache, muscle and joint pains and swollen lymph nodes.

There are some steps that you can take to prevent Lyme disease. Avoid tick-infested areas whenever possible and stay on the path to avoid brush. Wear light colored clothing that covers your arms and legs and tuck pants into socks before going into wooded or grassy areas. Use a tick repellent with 20-30% DEET to exposed skin. Check your children and yourself daily for ticks, especially in warm places like behind the knees, the groin and the back of the neck.

If you find a tick, do not panic. Remove it promptly with tweezers. Tick removal within 24-36 hours of attachment can help to prevent disease. Monitor for the flu-like signs and symptoms of tick-borne disease for 30 days after a tick bite. You should contact your healthcare provider if any symptoms develop in the month after exposure.



From the Danville Library Media Center

Respect + Responsibility = Pride

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents!" by Emilie Buchwald

Dear Parents,

The Danville School Library Media Center has had a very productive learning year! The students have been busy learning how to select appropriate informational texts to conduct research, have been practicing note-taking and have created evidence through their writing, art, and presentation skills. They are on their way to becoming life-long learners. They have worked hard all year to perfect their information literacy skills, and it shows! Many projects have been filmed using Green Screen Technology and will be available via the Danville School Web Page through the Video link this summer.

Our students have put many hours reading their favorite genre and selected "Just Right Books." It is so wonderful watching and sharing what they have learned and how they feel about a book they just read. Seeing the excitement they have for reading is so rewarding.

**Book Club**

The school's Book Clubs were a great success. We will have completed reading three wonderful stories by year end.

I have enjoyed sharing these wonderful stories with your children.

"Schooled" by Gordan Korman.

Cap lives in isolation with his grandmother, a former hippie; but when she falls from a tree and breaks her hip, Cap is sent to a foster home where he has his first experience in a public school.

**"Kindred Souls"** by Patricia MacLachlan.

Ten year-old Jake shares a special bond with his grandfather, Billy, but when Billy asks Jake to build him a sod house, Jake is not sure he wants to do it.

**"Counting on Grace"** by Elizabeth Winthrop.

This historical fiction text was about twelve-year-old Grace Forcier and her friend Arthur, who is taken out of school and put to work in a Vermont textile mill in 1910. They are championed by their teacher who urges them to write the National Child Labor Committee, an action only Grace seems to realize will have serious repercussions.

### **Summer Reading**

This year's Summer Reading theme is "Fizz, Boom, Read!" a theme that promotes the scientist in us all! We will be having an assembly with Marty Kelley and Steve Blunt on June 11 at 2:00 to celebrate the beginning of summer. We will also be hosting the Colby Library to hear about all the wonderful summer activities available to your family!! Please continue to enjoy stories with your child throughout the summer.

*Reading aloud with children is one of the best ways to develop their language skills and foster a lifelong love of literature.*

Have a safe and happy summer,

*Mrs. Beth Kisiel, LMS*

*Mrs. Gail Murphy, LA*

### **All About Art**

Dear Danville Families,

As the year comes to a close we are wrapping up our last art projects of the year! I want to thank everyone that came to the Academic Fair last month! For the first time I was unable to be there due to having pneumonia but I heard it was wonderful. Students were very proud of their two dimensional and three dimensional Art Show pieces and the fifth graders were especially proud of the Tape Person Exhibit that was in the gym!

So what's been going on in the classroom?

Through the Social Studies curriculum, the first graders are learning about the Statue of Liberty and the Bald Eagle so in the Art Room the classes worked on illustrations of them. These illustrations will be used in a video created by the librarian and the classroom teacher.

The Second Graders are finishing up a still life painting of a fruit basket. They practiced drawing what they see in this observational assignment. They finished it off using watercolors.

The Third Graders were engaged in a Distance Learning program called "May Flowers." They were taken on a tour of an art museum in Texas and learned about the artwork. They also sketched some of the pieces that they found along the tour.

The Fourth Graders just finished building their Marble Runs. This was a group project that involved three dimensional materials. They were graded on Cooperation, Creativity and Craftsmanship for this assignment.

The Fifth Graders finished working on their "All About Me Flags". They were asked five personal questions about themselves such as, "What makes you unique?" and "What is special about your family?", and were asked to answer those questions in one word. Then they turned all five words into symbols and arranged the symbols in their flag.

Thank you again for such a wonderful year and as always thank you for supporting the Visual Arts! I am so proud of our students!

Mrs. Rice

### **Music Note**

From Mrs. Cook

Join Band or Strings!

Parents of current 2nd , 3rd or 4th grade students:

If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument NEXT YEAR, they must sign up **NOW!** (IF your child is already a band/string member, they will automatically be enrolled for next year.)

2nd graders are eligible for violin, viola or cello.

3rd graders are eligible for violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion, French horn, oboe. (Sorry no piano or guitar).

Come to the Timberlane Performing Arts Center on ONE of the following days:

Thurs. June 5 at 5pm OR

Sat. June 7 at 8am OR

Mon. June 9 at 5pm

Please arrive on time for an informational meeting and plan to stay for 2 hours to let your child try 3 different instruments and sign up. (There will be NO fall sign ups.) Rentals will be offered if you do not already have an instrument that is in good working condition.

This is a free event which helps young students decide which instrument best fits their body structure and personality. Experienced instructors will be available to help you and your child with their decision.

After you have signed up, there will be three lessons, held on June 17, 19, and 20 from 4:00 – 5:30pm OR 6:00 – 7:30pm. The lessons are offered at a reduced rate and will give your child the information they need to begin learning songs over the summer. This is a wonderful opportunity to try a band or string instrument before you commit to an instrument. Come join the fun and enjoy beautiful music all summer long!

Questions: Kathy Giacobbe, music dept. secretary 382-6541 X 3982

## **Physical Education**

Hello Everyone!

Happy June! We are in the home stretch and as always we have so much left to accomplish! We have recently finished up our Whiffle Ball / Baseball / Softball unit and moved right into Capture the Flag with grades 3, 4 and 5. Our younger students have been learning more team games such as “Astronauts and Aliens.” It is great to get outside with a few classes as the weather has improved as well. We still have Kickball and the last round of “Open Gyms” to accomplish before June 20<sup>th</sup>! Please continue to make sure that your son or daughter brings sneakers to change into for P.E. class!

Thank you for a great year and I look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall! I hope this note finds you happy and active!

-Patrick Ard

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