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Newsletter - June 2019



Principal's Pen

It is unbelievable that the school year is coming to a close. It has been great to be back this year. I enjoyed seeing some familiar faces and getting to meet new ones. We had many accomplishments this

year, the children have grown both academically and socially. Danville is a special place and I have been lucky enough to enjoy taking this trip with

everyone. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer!



Just a reminder that continuous practice of math and reading skills is important to maintain during the summer. I encourage students to avoid the "Summer Slide" by finding ways to incorporate simple skill practice that is meaningful which helps students practice their skills.

Tips: Stopping the Summer Slide:

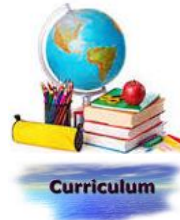
- All students can benefit from a trip to the [local library](#).
- Parents of younger students can create a summer reading list with their children, and then reward them when they finish each book.
- Additionally, parents can encourage their kids to think outside of the box with arts and crafts. Sites such as kids.gov and NGA Kids have great ideas that will let any child's imagination run wild and stimulate creativity.



BMX PRESENTATION

We had a great assembly for the students on June 4th. Students from all grades had the chance to watch and listen to the BMX riders from Wheels of Freestyle. Students learned the importance of making friends and being kind to one another as well as the learning how to preserve. Dan, Andre and Case wooed the audience by some amazing tricks. They also discussed the importance of bike safety and always riding with your helmet. The students were great audience members and listening intently to their message. Picture will be posted to the Danville Website before the end of the school year. Thanks to Cindy Wood for all her help with this presentation.

Brian Shawley
Principal



Assistant Principal News

As the school year comes to an end I'd like to thank you for your continued support for our school community. I have really enjoyed my first year as a part of the Danville community, and I thank you for welcoming me! I am grateful for the opportunity to be able to work with all of you.

Student report cards will be released on Friday, 6/14 on PowerSchool at 3pm. Please make sure you have your PowerSchool parent login to be able to access this. Go to PowerSchool, parent tab, click parent/student PowerSchool portal, log in, scroll down and click report card on the left. If you are looking for more information regarding explanations about the skills addressed under each competency, please refer to the Parent Documents that were released last year. These documents can be found on the Danville School website under the "Parents" tab. You will find all grade level documents here. Do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions regarding the report card.

Students in grades PK-4 will be given a book to take home to read during the summer. Students can read on their own or be read to. Their teacher next year will plan some back to school activities around the books at the start of the school year. Please help your child to complete their summer reading assignment.

Have a wonderful summer!
Meghan Corcoran
Assistant Principal



Counselor's Corner

Summer is almost here! Your children are still working hard and at the same time anticipating their summer vacations. They deserve the time off – they've been working hard!

Preparing Your Child for T-R-A-N-S-I-T-I-O-N

Our children experience so many different transitions. Perhaps they are making the big jump from kindergarten to first grade soon, or from fifth grade to middle school. No matter the transition, we want to make it as smooth as possible so that each child has a successful school year. As one school year nears an end, think about these ideas to help transition your child through the summer to a new school year:

- Talk about the positives of entering a new grade: new teacher(s), new friends, and new opportunities.
- Address your child's fears. Listen to and validate these fears. Talk about your own fears when you were that age.
- Begin preparations early. Start setting bedtime routines in summer earlier to help prepare for the transition back to school.
- Consider resources available if you feel your child is experiencing high levels of anxiety about the upcoming school year. (Books, Internet, School

Counselor, etc.). One particular resource that I find helpful is found here:

<http://www.lynnlyonsnh.com/management-back-to-school-anxiety-kids/>

FUN SUMMER IDEAS

Discover learning wherever you go this summer! Learning doesn't stop just because it's summer vacation! Encouraging your kids to be active is the best way to ensure healthy minds and bodies.

- Go to the park, go fishing, go biking, or go to the beach!
- Go camping! There is so much to learn from nature.
- Take a stroll around your neighborhood.
- Go to the public library and READ a book!
- Participate in community service activities.
- Visit museums or zoos with your children.
- Play games that require children to count. Board games, card games, or counting somersaults in the pool – whatever it is, they'll be using their math skills!

As always, it's been a pleasure working with your children! Enjoy your summer vacation ☺ I will see you all in the Fall!

Mrs. Salemi
School Counselor



[A Message from Nurse Sue:](#)

Summer is here at last! To make sure that your family is ready for fun in the sun, the American Academy of Dermatology recommends that everyone use sunscreen that offers the following:

- Broad Spectrum protection against UVA and UVB rays
- Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 30 or greater
- Water resistance

Sunscreen should be used every day if you will be outside. Even on cloudy days, up to 80% of the sun's damaging UV rays can reach your skin.

Use enough sunscreen to generously coat all skin that will not be covered by clothing. Most people only apply about 25-50% of the recommended amount of sunscreen. Dermatologists suggest a guideline of one ounce a the right amount needed to cover exposed parts of the body while outdoors. Reapply sunscreen according to the directions on the bottle every 2 hours or after swimming or sweating heavily.

Although it is always best to prevent sunburn, if you get one it is important to begin treatment right away. Cool baths followed by moisturizing lotion and

drinking plenty of water will help prevent dryness in your skin. If the sunburn blisters, you have a second degree burn. Allow the blisters to heal untouched. Blisters form to help your skin heal and protect you from infection. If the blisters cover a large area, such as the entire back, or you develop chills, a headache or fever, seek immediate medical care. With any sunburn, it is important to avoid the sun while the skin heals.

Have a safe and healthy summer!
Sue Goodman, RN
Danville Elementary School Health
Office



[From the Danville Elementary Library
Media Center](#)

[Information Literacy and Research](#)

Information literacy is the ability to read and comprehend what is being read. Students in Danville begin their information literacy lessons in September and continue until June. The importance of reading should persist throughout the summer months. Below are some summer reading tips recommended *by Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities, Reading Rockets*

Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read will gain skills. The importance of reading should continue throughout the summer months.



Summer Reading Tips for Parents

- 1. Read aloud together with your child every day.** Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.
- 2. Set a good example!** Parents must be willing to model behavior for their children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.
- 3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.** This is the way to develop habits of the mind and build capacity for thought and insight.
- 4. Let kids choose what they want to read, and don't turn your nose up at popular fiction.** It will only discourage the reading habit.
- 5. Buy books on tape, especially for a child with a learning disability.** Listen to them in the car, or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.
- 6. Take your children to the library regularly.** Most libraries sponsor summer reading clubs with easy-to-reach goals for

preschool and school-age children. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age appropriate lists for summer reading.

7. Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines like Sports Illustrated for Kids, Highlights for Children, or National Geographic World. Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines, to keep up the reading habit over the summer and develop vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they've read, and listen to what they say.

8. Ease disappointment over summer separation from a favorite school friend by encouraging them to become pen pals. Present both children with postcards or envelopes that are already addressed and stamped. If both children have access to the Internet, email is another option.

9. Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, notices. Show your children how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.

10. Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook. Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together.

Works Cited: Reading Rockets, *Coordinated Campaign for Learning*

Disabilities, 7 Nov. 2013, www.readingrockets.org/article/summer-reading-tips-parents.

Enjoy your summer, be safe and remember to read together!

Happy summer!

Mrs. Kisiel, LMS

Mrs. Murphy, LA



Music Note

Ms. Soha

Band and String signups for next year are closed. If you missed them, please call Kathy Giacobbe, music dept. secretary 382-6541 X 3982 ASAP!!

I am so excited to see all the students who did sign up for an instrument at the lessons June 10, 11, and 12 at the PAC. Plan on attending one lesson each day. The lessons are offered at a reduced rate and will give your child the tools they need to begin learning songs over the summer. Come join the fun and enjoy beautiful music all summer long!



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 the end of the year!

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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Enrichment Program

By Cindy Wood

So many careers and so little time. Students at Danville Elementary were given the opportunity to attend 3 workshops to learn about a variety of careers on Friday, May 31. To make the day even more fun many of the staff and students dressed in careers they were interested in exploring further.

We had many wonderful guest presenters that came in to share about their careers everything from learning about how the heart works and how medical devices can help the heart work better to learning about tactical communications to learning what a

physical therapist does in their daily job. Staff also presented many interesting workshops everything from Career Monopoly to Bee Keeping to Architecture to Careers in the Arts.

We ended the day with a special assembly by Stuart Fuchs, the Ukulele Man. Stuart is an international touring musician who uses his music to help bring joy to others. He recently recorded music on an album that was nominated for a Grammy Award!

Watch the Danville School website for pictures and videos of our Career Day.



Ms. Kendall and I would like to thank our Student Council for all their hard work promoting awareness around Empathy this year. They have created an Empa-Tree in our school foyer. Each leaf of the tree has a written reflection telling of acts empathy and kindness written by staff and students. What a beautiful tree filled with wonderful sayings.

The grounds were cleaned up this spring by our enthusiastic members, we celebrated many spirit days and provided warm holiday wishes to seniors and veterans. They helped Pennies for Patience raise over \$800.00 for cancer research, and recently decorated the girls and boys bathroom in order to promote unity and kindness in our building.

Each and every member played an important role as leaders for their peers. Congratulations to all and enjoy your summer.

Fifth graders, we will miss you! Best wishes as you move forward.
Ms. Kendall and Mrs. Kisiel

Beth Kisiel, LMS

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