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

### Newsletter - May 2014

#### **Principal News**

Dear Danville Families,

While the spring temperatures are a welcome change to our lives at Danville School, it also brings thoughts of next year's planning, even as we have a solid two months of school left. We are excited to be offering Full Day Kindergarten for the first time, in the Timberlane Schools. We have conducted a screening process to get to know our newest students. If you have not registered your child for kindergarten please call us right away at 382-5554 for planning purposes. Equally important: if you or someone you know in Danville has a child of kindergarten or first grade age for next year that has not previously attended Danville School, please have them call us at the same number. We have openings in our pre-kindergarten program for those children who will be four years old by September 30. Feel free to call the school to learn more about our programs. We pride ourselves on becoming partners with families in the education of their children. Families are their first teachers; we join you in this exciting venture beginning at age four!

Our next school role out for positive behavior is called, "Give me 5!" In order to be available for learning one must be prepared in the following ways:

1. Eyes are looking at the speaker
2. Mouth is quiet
3. Body is still
4. Listening with both ears
5. Brain is engaged

Please talk to your child about the importance of being prepared to learn.

Danville School will be hosting the Extended Year Program for the Timberlane School District once again. If your child was recommended for this program, you have been contacted and arrangements are well underway.

We are pleased to offer a Summer Title One Camp again this year. This Camp is open to students currently receiving Title One services. We are extending the summer offering to include incoming kindergarten students who could benefit from some practice and instruction before the school year begins.

As the warmer weather approaches, please be reminded of the school dress code. Students must wear shoes/sandals with backs. Flip flops are not allowed. Shorts must be just above the knee in length. Spaghetti strap tops are not considered school appropriate. If students are in school wearing clothing that is not appropriate, they will be asked to call home for a change of clothing or offered an alternative item of clothing to wear.

*Nancy Barcelos*

### **Assistant Principal News**

Some signs of spring have arrived but we are far from truly enjoying a typical New England transition into better weather. It will arrive!

One benefit to a slow starting spring is that our students are still fully invested in school and learning. Many teachers have planned a variety of engaging projects and activities in order to provide an enjoyable learning experience for all students. There is plenty on the school calendar to keep everyone in “school mode” to the very end.

The fourth grade classes will be taking the New Hampshire NECAP Science test on May 13, 14, and 15<sup>th</sup>. Students will answer questions about all forms of science topics, but will further be engaged in a group hands-on science activity that they will respond to on an individual basis. This aspect of the testing is much like they do during regular class instruction. Wish them well!

Please watch the website, special notices in Danville Delivery, and the monthly calendar to keep up with events that will be added as the school year comes to a close. Have a great transition into spring.

W. J. Pimley  
Assistant Principal

## Nurses Notes

From Jean Parady, RN

### Bicycle Helmet Safety

Bike riding is a lot of fun, but accidents happen. Every year more than 300,000 children go to the emergency room because of bike accidents. The most serious of these injuries are head injuries which often result in brain injuries. In New Hampshire, bicycle helmets are required by law for all persons under the age of 16 years and recommended for all. Wearing one does not mean that your child can ride recklessly but a helmet will provide some protection for his or her face, head, and brain in case of falling.

Bike helmets are so important that the US government has created safety standards for them. Your helmet should have a sticker on it that says it meets standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Be sure your child wears a helmet with EVERY ride, even short distances. Provide a good example by wearing one yourself when riding. Never allow a child to wear a hat under a helmet and be sure the helmet is neither too small nor too big. A bike helmet should be worn level and cover the forehead. Do not allow the child to tip the helmet back so that the forehead is showing. The straps should always be fastened so that they are snug enough so that the helmet cannot be pulled or twisted around on the child's head. Periodically check the helmet for cracks and other damage or wear and replace any helmet that is compromised.

Many helmets today are lightweight and come in cool colors. Allow your child to choose a safe helmet and he is more likely to use it. Consider one with reflective surfaces to make him more visible to people driving cars.

Teach children to "Use your head, wear a helmet". It is the single most effective safety device available today to reduce head injuries and deaths from bicycle crashes.

## 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, and 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 May! Thank you to everyone who stopped over and said hello at the Academic Fair before vacation! It is great to see so many parents who are excited to see what their children have been up to during P.E. class!

We just finished up a Dance unit before April vacation and are flying into Whiffle Ball / Baseball / Softball during early May. This will be followed up with some Capture the Flag with our older students. As the weather warms and our field dries out, I am hoping to get outside and enjoy spring with my classes.

Please continue to make sure that your son or daughter brings sneakers to change into for P.E. class! I hope this note finds you happy and active!

-Patrick Ard

Danville P.E.

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## Enrichment News

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The Artist In You!

Enrichment Day-May 30

Our next school-wide enrichment day is coming soon. Our theme is the arts. We will have many wonderful workshops for the students to choose from - everything from singing, acting, culinary arts, cake decorating, creating sea art, origami, photography, scrapbooking, sewing, crocheting, puppetry and so much more. It will be a unique learning day for all students and staff.

Our wonderful PTA is financing a puppeteer who will work with Mrs. Rice to create 4 hour long workshops for the various grade levels. We will also have many TRHS theater and arts students here to share workshops in areas where they are gifted. The TRHS Milkmen will be coming for 2 morning assemblies to share their talents of improvisation with us all. It will be a day full of creative learning!

There are a few areas in the afternoon sessions where we could use a few parent volunteers to assist in various workshops. **If you are interested and can help between the hours of 12:45-2:50PM, please let Mrs. Wood know by emailing her at [Cindy.Wood@Timberlane.net](mailto:Cindy.Wood@Timberlane.net).** We would love your assistance on May 30.

# Volunteer Appreciation Tea

Dear Friends of Danville Elementary School,

The staff and students at Danville Elementary School appreciate all you have helped us with during this school year. We would like to show our gratitude by inviting you to a Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on Tuesday, June 3, 2014

If you are able to attend or hope to attend, please share with us the information below.

Thank you,  
Cindy Wood  
For the entire Danville Staff

**Please RSVP by May 14 by sending this inquiry back or emailing Cindy Wood at [Cindy.Wood@timberlane.net](mailto:Cindy.Wood@timberlane.net)**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address (please print clearly):

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Which time would work best for you?

\_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 brunch time

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:00 brunch time

\_\_\_\_\_ Either time would work fine.

