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Danville Hawkes Soar for Success !

Newsletter - May 2015



Principal's Pen

Dear Danville Families,

Happily, we are finally finding our way out of a long, cold winter season. It seemed at times like it would never end! Thanks to the successful participation of Blizzard Bag Days from students and staff, our last day of school is scheduled for June 17, barring unforeseen weather.

Students in third grade have the opportunity to begin studying stringed instruments at school. In fourth grade, band instruments are offered for instruction during the school day. Chorus is also offered to students beginning in grade four. Timberlane prides itself on their music program and our students proudly represent us in many competitions around the state. Danville students have had the opportunity to perform at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on several occasions during these last few months. It is such a joy to hear our children perform! It is truly amazing to hear our young students develop culture and discipline at such a young age.

Speaking of performances, our kindergarten students recently performed at the PAC and celebrated a year of learning. The kindergarten year is such an exciting, important year for children. Children gain academic knowledge too numerous to name in fear of leaving something out. Research tells us as important as academia, children develop a joy for learning, build confidence as learners, and learn to be patient, kind, and persistent. These important traits are not always shown on test scores but are benefits that have been proven to stay with children through adulthood. We are grateful to the Timberlane community for believing in early childhood education.

The month of May is a time when we celebrate teachers. Did you know the quality of teachers has a direct impact on long-term success of students? At Danville School we are very appreciative of all the things our staff does to make school a positive experience for students.

It is time to begin preparing for the next school year. Shortly, you will be receiving a form from me, asking for your feedback in describing the learning environment you feel is best for your child. Please do not ask for teachers by name, but rather focus on qualities

that make for an optimal learning environment for your child. We take classroom placement serious and consider many things to help create balanced classrooms that meet student needs. Your feedback is always helpful.

I hope you noticed our new banner at the main entrance of the school. *Give me 5* is a part of our Universal Team behavioral expectations. In order to be available for learning we must be prepared by:

1. Using our **Eyes** to look at the speaker
2. Having a quiet **Mouth**
3. Keeping our **Body** still
4. Listening with both **Ears**
5. Having an engaged **Brain**

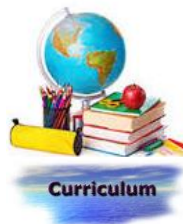
Please talk to your child about the importance of being prepared for learning.

We are pleased to offer a summer Title One Camp again this year. This camp is open to students currently receiving Title One Services and those incoming kindergarten students who will benefit from practice and instruction before the school year begins.

If you have not registered your child for Kindergarten for the 2015-16 school year, please call the office for registration information at 382-5554. Equally important, if you know of someone who has a school aged child who has not previously attended Danville School, please ask them to call the school so we can help them make a decision about their child attending school.

Sincerely,

Nancy Barcelos



Assistant Principal News

It appears that the weather is getting better and the harsh winter is behind us. It has been a long, cold, snowy journey to get to this point, but it is much welcomed!

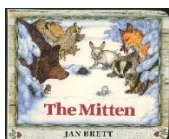
I hope the season is enjoyable for all with increased outdoor activity. The activity level at school will continue at a brisk pace. Grade four students will be taking the NH NECAP Science test on May 18, 19 and 20th. This test is established to determine how well students understand the content and skills aligned with science curriculum standards. Results are shared early next fall.

The third benchmark STAR testing will occur in May for all students – Pre School through grade five. As mentioned in earlier newsletter articles, the STAR test is nationally normed and allows the teaching staff an opportunity to gauge each child's progress on learning standards. The computer test is adaptive to student responses and will adjust questioning to accommodate students needing more challenging questions or those needing more basic questioning. The test will allow the staff to determine student progress over the school year in areas of reading and mathematics. The results will be combined with other forms of authentic classroom assessments to determine instructional needs for the future.

In addition to assessments the students and staff will be involved with many activities that help build school culture and demonstrate the use of learned skills in various ways. SPARKS competition, orchestra performances, Speed Stacking and many other activities will all build context to learning understanding.

Enjoy the better weather and more opportunities to be outside in the fresh air.

W. J. Pimley
Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator



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

Author Visits

First through third grade met with New Hampshire author, Stefanie Jolicoeur. She is a self-published author and shared her stories about writing her first book, *Mousamous*. Your child had the opportunity to visit with Ms. Jolicoeur and discuss the process of self-published work, how she did it and who helped her. She shared some of her own elementary school writing and how they too, can be better writers, as well as her own pictures and illustrations. The students seemed to really enjoy her visit.

Fourth and fifth graders had the opportunity to meet with K.M Doherty. Mr. Doherty is also a self-published author from New Hampshire, and the author of his first novel, *Thomas Holland and the Prophecy of Elf haven*.

Mr. Doherty has created an exciting world filled with likable characters and events. Tom is an especially interesting young character with an intelligence and courage that kids will find inspiring. The fact that Tom is an extremely smart scientist makes this trip into

another universe even more fascinating. His scientific, analytical mind has to try to make sense of things that go against everything he knows about how gravity, electricity, and other concepts.

He discussed the elements of writing and how important it is to develop characters, how to keep the reader interested using hooks, tension and suspense. Students were very engaged while visiting with Mr. Doherty.

Information Literacy

Information literacy classes are still underway. Students are working hard on their grade level research and getting ready to present their findings to their peers. I look forward to hearing their presentation!

Timberlane Regional School

District's First Annual Family Literacy Night

The first annual family literacy night was a great success. Timberlane families came to together for a fun evening full of music and the opportunity to meet the many authors that visited our district elementary schools. Thank you to all of those who attended. We look forward to meeting again next year!

Hawke News

The Hawke News for April is now available in the "media gallery" section of the Danville School Homepage. Our Danville fifth grade students have been working hard behind the scenes to make this new club a success. The staff for the Hawke News is an amazing group of students. We hope you enjoy this broadcast.

Spring has arrived! Get out and enjoy!
Mrs. Kisiel, LMS



All About Art!

Dear Danville Families,

I want to start by saying a huge thank you for all that attended the Academic Fair! I hope you all enjoyed the 2-D and 3-D artwork! The Tape Person Exhibit was the best yet! It was wonderful meeting so many of you and seeing so many familiar faces!

The Kindergarteners and First Graders are learning about two famous artists: Jackson Pollock and Yvonne Coomber. They are known for their similar styles of splattering paint on the canvas to show energy and movement. Students are creating a bright sunset amongst a field of flowers for their connected project.

The Second Graders learned about Gyotaku Japanese Fish Printing. They used molds of fish to create their very own fish prints. Presently, they are learning about what an architect does. They are working on an illustration of a castle after learning about the form of these massive structures.

The Third Graders learned about a famous artist named Georgia O'Keefe. She is an artist from the late 1800's that was known for her magnified flower paintings and her animal bone paintings. Students are working on a macro-flower picture. Students also learned about Analogous Colors which are colors that are close together on the Color Wheel. They've taken three analogous colored oil pastels to create a fading effect on each petal of their flower.

The Fourth Graders learned about the famous artist Pablo Picasso. He was known for his Cubist artwork. Students worked on an illustration of an acoustic guitar. They then split the guitar up into cubist shapes. They then learned about Monochromatic Painting

which is a painting using one color, black white. Students filled in each shape of their guitar with a tint or a shade of that one color. Presently, students are working on an abstract design called Zentangle. They are using different patterns of shapes and lines to create Mandalas.

The Fifth Graders just finished their Tape People for the Academic Fair. They have worked long and hard for weeks to perfect their display. Students have gotten their rubrics back that graded them on the construction, creativity and cooperation from this project. Each and every student did an amazing job! Presently, they are learning about the process of printmaking using linoleum blocks. They will each have the opportunity to carve a block into a design of their choice and create prints from it.

Thank you so much for your support for the
Visual Arts!
Mrs. Rice



READ ALOUD
with Mrs. Dube

This month, the kindergarteners have focused on manners, perseverance, and learning about animals just waking up from a long winters sleep. The students have become thoughtful listeners and love to share their ideas by using their imaginations.

In first grade, we encouraged Spring by making construction paper Robins. The children were very excited to tell me when they'd seen a red robin in their yard. We also practiced problem solving skills and began to listen to a few stories by Robert Munsch, one of my favorite authors.

The second graders learned a lot about themselves as we read "The Treasure Tree", the story of four best friends who work together to reach a goal. Ask your child: Is he/she most like Lance the Lion, who always walks and talks like he's in charge? Or is he/she most like Honey the Golden Retriever, whose caring heart and sweet ways make everyone feel happy? Perhaps he/she is most like Chewy the Beaver, who is always prepared and constantly wants everything to be just right. I think we can agree we all have a little bit of Giggles the Otter, who adds fun and spice to every meeting of the four best friends. Can you match your child's idea of who they are most like? I did!

The third graders listened to a book called "Someday" and then wrote Someday poems of their own. Some of our students want to be astronauts, veterinarians, doctors, nurses, or artists. Others want to be athletes, singers, wrestlers, or pilots. All have big plans for their future. It's great to dream big!

The fourth graders leaned to listen to clues in a book to try to solve a mystery. They also viewed and reported on some optical illusions and then during testing weeks, played a game I created called "Danville-opoly" to help them learn a bit more about their hometown.

Fifth graders finished "Wonder" and have now heard most of "Julian's Chapter" which tries to explain Julian's attitude and bully problem. So far the students do not show much sympathy for the reasons behind Julian's unkind ways.



Music Note

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:
Tuesday, June 16th at 5:00pm to 7:00pm OR
Wednesday June 17th at 5:00pm to 7:00pm OR
Saturday June 20th at 8:00am to 10:00am

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 23, 24 and 26 from 4:00 – 5:30pm OR 6:00 – 7:30pm. Plan on attending one lesson each day. 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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