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Newsletter - November 2019



Assistant Principal News

Student report cards will be released on Friday, 12/6 on PowerSchool at 3pm. Please make sure you have your PowerSchool parent login to be able to access this. If you are looking for more information regarding explanations about the skills addressed under each competency, please refer to the Parent Guide for Competency Based Grading and Reporting. 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.

Meghan Corcoran Assistant Principal



A Message from Nurse Sue:

Notes from the Nurse/ Guidance:



Your child's daily, on-time attendance in school is critical to his or her success in school and in life. Parents/guardians can be powerful allies in preventing chronic absenteeism and creating solutions (which will pave the way to academic It is understandable that some success)! challenges to your child's school attendance are unavoidable, such as an illness or a family emergency. However, it is important to understand that the impact of absences from school (even as early as PK and K). Not only can it affect student achievement, but it can affect a student's attitude and behaviors in school. Reducing absenteeism can help close achievement gaps.

Per Timberlane policy:

- Tardy's, early dismissals, and absences accompanied with a doctor's note will be excused.
- Requests for early dismissal should be restricted to illness or emergencies only.
- * Absences of more than (5) consecutive days requires a note from a licensed medical provider.
- * Students dismissed prior to 12pm will be marked absent for the day.
- * Students arriving to school after 12pm will be marked absent for the day.

Some tips to help reduce absenteeism:

- * Make every attempt to schedule vacations outside of school days and doctor appointments after school hours, or on in-service days.
- * Make it a priority that your child needs to be in school.
- Maintain a regular family schedule.
 Attempt to keep a scheduled bedtime.
- Make sure that your student gets enough sleep and eats a well-balanced nutritious diet.

Here at Danville Elementary we consider every moment of every day to be important learning time and are asking for your cooperation in the matter of pupil attendance.

Flu season is approaching. We are asking for your help to prevent the spread of flu in our school. Many states are already seeing a flu activity, with three states currently seeing widespread activity. Here are a few ways that you can help:

- * Know the signs of the flu: Signs may be fever greater than 100
 - degrees, cough, sore throat, body aches,
 - headache, and feeling very tired. Some may experience vomiting and diarrhea.
- * Keep sick children at home. Children should stay home for at least 24 hours after the last signs of a fever without the use of fever reducing medication. They should not return to school within 24 hours of the last sign of vomiting or diarrhea.
- Report the absence to the school. It is of importance that you report all flu and flu like illness.
- Reinforce good handwashing technique. This is the best way to prevent the spread of germs.
- * Teach your children to cover their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their elbow. Teaching children how to blow their nose can also help to eliminate the spread of germs.
- Teach your children not to share any personal items like food or their water bottles.

I work closely with Administration, the Custodial staff and with the Bureau of Infectious Disease Control (BIDC) to monitor flu activity. For more information, visit www.flu.gov, or call 1-800-CDC-INFO for the most current information about the flu.

Remember, it is not too late to get a flu vaccination!

Danville Elementary Health Office Sue Goodman, RN



From the Danville Elementary Library
Media Center

Reading Aloud, Reading Together

"T.V., if kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they'll have with twenty-six. Open your child's imagination. Open a book."

- Author Unknown

It is so important to be reading with your child every day. Fifteen to thirty minutes before bedtime is the best time of all. Get snug at bedtime in your child's favorite spot, with a favorite picture book, or enjoy a fun magazine together. Making this time special will give you and your child something to look forward to!

Research indicates that parents/guardians that model reading aloud with their child, also exposes them to vocabulary and will help them begin to understand how to read fluently. It also gives you the opportunity to have discussions together about what you are reading.

LadyBug Book Award

Pre-K through third grade have been hearing the wonderfully selected titles in this year's LadyBug Award campaign that promotes literacy. Students will be voting soon and results will be given to the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library. We will learn which book will be the winner for January's newsletter. Ask your child to share the many titles read to them by our wonderful staff and, their favorite!!

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is making its way to the library, December 2nd through December 6th. We will be open for two additional nights, Tuesday, December 3rd until 7PM, and again on Friday, 6th during the Holiday December Shopping hours. Books are great gifts to encourage reading. All money earned from the Book Fair goes directly back to our school to benefit our students. Through this endeavor author visits and other educational workshops. Last year we were able to purchase new furniture items for our "reading corner." This area is enjoyed by all our students as they visit the library and curl up with a good book. Thank you for your support of our Scholastic Book Fair.

Have a wonderful safe holiday season. Take the time to find a warm cozy place to sit and read!

Mrs. Kisiel, LMS Mrs. Murphy, LA



Hello Danville Families!

Classroom guidance has started for full day kindergarten – Grade 2. During these lessons, students will be learning about their brain and how the *Amygdala* (the feeling part of our brain) and their *Prefrontal Cortex* (the thinking part of their brain) work. They will be learning how when the *Amygdala* is "fired up," it impacts our thinking and sends signals to different parts of our body (arms, legs, skin, heart, lungs, belly, etc.). That's when body symptoms show up – red face, sweaty palms, upset stomach, tight muscles, etc. They are learning that the *Amygdala* is all <u>REACTION</u> and <u>NO THINKING</u>, and that it doesn't know how to strong to react – it just reacts!

Together with their classmates, teachers and myself, students are becoming more mindful of their own *Amygdala* and how it reacts in their bodies. The purpose of mindfulness is to intentionally bring more awareness to thoughts, feelings or sensations as they happen in the body. Studies have shown that mindfulness confident helps people become more individuals, who are empathetic problem solvers, increasing their success and relationships with others.

Parent Resources that Connect to Student Learning:

- Mind Yeti: http://www.mindyeti.com.
 Students have used MindYeti in the classroom. You can use it at home too!
 Making an account is free.
- <u>Belly Breathing:</u> 1) Focus your attention on your breathing, 2) Take a breath that makes your tummy move out when you breath in, and in when you breath out, 3) Breathe in slowly through your nose and out slowly through your mouth. It should be so quiet that you can hardly hear it.
- <u>Second Step Curriculum:</u> Make a parent accont online to see what your child is learning and for ways to practive skills at home. http://www.secondstep.org

Of course, you can always call or e-mail me about what your child is learning.

Elissa Salemi School Counselor x5310



Dear Danville Families,

We have been busier than ever in the art room! Fundraiser items that you have ordered will be sent home the week of December 16th if not a tad earlier. Let's take a look at what we have been up to in the classroom:

Kindergarteners have been working on their Color Unit. We have been discussing the Primary Colors and how to use them to create Secondary Colors. They will be doing this with paint and with Model Magic Clay.

The First Graders learned about the famous artist Henri Matisse. They looked at his use of Pattern and Color in his artwork and applied it to their own piece.

The Second Graders finished their Day of the Dead Skulls. They focused on Symmetry, Line and Pattern. Now they are working on a Clay piece using leaves.

The Third Graders are finishing their Native American Unit. Some created shields and others created buffalo hides. They learned about the symbols used to tell stories and applied it to their pieces.

The Fourth Graders learned about the artist Vincent Van Gogh. They created stunning flowers using chalk pastels and focusing on use of Analogous Colors. They are now learning about the Incas. The field trip to the Currier Art Museum was a big success! Students really loved it!

The Fifth Graders created their own still life using a variety of props. They created a sketch of it and used charcoal and chalk pastels for the finishing touches. We have also been working on

Self Portraits. Again, the field trip to the Currier Art Museum was a big success! Students really loved it!

Please consider donating recyclable materials to the Art Room or cleaning out that clutter in your craft room. Students could really use the materials to build three dimensional structures.

Thank you as always for your support of the Visual Arts!

Artfully Yours,
Mrs. Rice



Music Note

Ms. Soha

Mark your calendars!

January 15th 7pm Winter Concert (Band, Strings, and Chorus)
March 16th 7pm Chorus Concert (rehearsal at 6:30)
March 23rd and 24th Rehearsal & Concert for all 5th grade Band students.
April 7th and 8th Rehearsal & Concert for all 4th grade Band students

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



Physical Education

Hello Everyone!

December showed up quickly this year! Time flies when you are having fun! We have just finished up with our Cooperative Games Unit and will be starting fitness stations this week!

Most classes have just earned an "Open Gym" and will have them during their fitness unit as well.

With the weather changing and snow ready to fall, please make sure that your son or daughter brings sneakers to change into for P.E. class. This will keep our nice wooden 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
Danville P.E.
Patrick.Ard@timberlane.net



Enrichment Program

The UNH STEMBASSADORS visited grades 4 and 5 on October 25th. The engineering students worked in each grade four classrooms for an hour. The engineering students posed a STEM problem called Design

a Theme Park Ride. Students had to design a ride that would keep a



ping pong ball from bouncing out as it dropped in a car. Students actively designed, tested and redesigned to improve their models.

In the grade 5 classrooms students were treated to a morning and an afternoon session with the STEMbassadors. In the morning

challenge,
Drone
Delivery
Drop, the
students
had to
create a
safe way to



drop an egg from the top of a ladder (the STEMbassadors climbed the

ladder to drop while the students watched the outcome). In the afternoon each grade 5 class worked on a different challenge. Miss Ronco's class built and raced robotic vehicles. Ms. Kendall's class were challenged to build a truss bridge. The lightest bridge that held the most won that challenge.

Each of these problems challenged students to think of ways to design solutions to their specific problem. Students worked in collaborative teams to consider the challenge and then designed



solutions to the problems.
The teachers will follow up with a post

activity time to help students process through what they learned during this active learning time.

Upcoming Events: Peter Pan

December 19, 2019 will be a special day at Danville School. Our full day kindergarten classes through grade 5 will be traveling to the Stockbridge Theater for a theater production of Peter Pan. Field trip permission slips are due back to the school no later than December 6.

Please remind your child(ren) of proper theater etiquette for this special event. We will return to school for lunch and recess. If you have any questions, contact your child's teacher.

Day of the Coast

Our next all school enrichment event will be on February 21, 2020. Our theme will be ocean studies. The UNH Sea Grant will be coming to present many workshops on their Day of the Coast theme. The New England Aquarium will be coming for a special "assembly" called Whale Day. This "assembly" will be interactive with many activities set up for the students.

There will also be a huge" surprise for all students. For this event I will need 8-10 parent volunteers who will be able to commit to being at the school from 10am-3pm. This will include training by the NE Aquarium staff from 10-11:00 and then supporting NE Aquarium staff with grade level groups of students from 11:00-2:50pm. You will need to pack an easy to eat lunch (no nut products please) to eat inbetween sessions. If you are interested in helping, email at please me Cindy.Wood@timberlane.net. You must be a designated volunteer (you went through the district background check) to volunteer to work with students.





Dear Families,

The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for o

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CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

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