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## Danville Hawkes Soar for Success !

### Newsletter - October 2019



#### Principal's Pen

It has been a busy beginning of the school year at Danville. We started the school year off with the Back to School Barbeque Bash. This event was well attended by the students and the community. The students enjoyed a variety of treats and the Dunk Tank dunking their favorite teachers. We appreciate all the hard work that the PTA put in for this great event.

Students also celebrated Constitution Day. We started by having the students begin the day with the Pledge of Allegiance at the outside flag pole and a short introduction about what Constitution Day meant to Americans. During the week, classes were visited by George and Martha Washington for a brief lesson. The students were excited about our visitors and learning about our Founding Fathers and signing the most influential document in American history. I would like to personally thank Mrs. Kisiel and Mrs. Wood for their time visiting the classrooms as our historical Americans.

5<sup>th</sup> graders have started the D.A.R.E program with the Danville PD that will run for 10 weeks. The students were excited to meet their D.A.R.E instructor and had many questions.

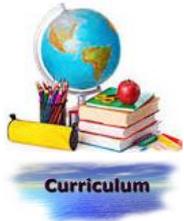
Kindergarten students have continued to learn their way around the building and even walked to class by themselves when dropped off in the morning, helping to build their independence and confidence.

The students' safety is our number one priority. We have asked the teachers to review bus expectations during their morning meeting to help reinforce these expectations. Students were reminded to sit quietly, use indoor voices, keep hands and legs in front of them, and place backpacks on their laps. By following these simple bus rules, students are helping the driver to safely navigate the elements on the roads. Please talk with your children about the importance of bus safety and following these expectations.

A pamphlet on Emergency Vocabulary is going out to families in our 10/30/19 Danville Delivery. Please call the office if you have any questions about it.

R+R=P Danville School Core Values are  
Respect + Responsibility = Pride!

Thank you  
Brian Shawley



## Assistant Principal News

In the event that school is cancelled, listen closely to the “No School” alert for an indication that it will be a Blizzard Bag day rather than a traditional snow day. Your child’s teacher will be available via email or Google Classroom (grades 3-5) from 10am-2pm on each of these days.

Students in grades K-2, and those in the upper grades with the paper copy option, are asked to bring their work to school the following day. We want the Online Learning/Blizzard Bags to be a great success. It is important that all students participate. In order for the day to count as a school day the district needs 80% participation. It is our goal at Danville Elementary to have 100% participation each Blizzard Bag Day.

The staff at Danville Elementary have designed thorough, rigorous lessons for your child to complete during Online Learning/Blizzard Bag Days. In addition to these lessons, some families may want options for further learning. This year we have included optional supplemental activities using the websites **PebbleGo**, and **PebbleGo Next**. There is a chart included indicating the connections between the content on these sites and our district science and social studies curricula. These optional lessons should be completed after all other Online Learning/Blizzard Bag lessons. If your child completes an activity, simply print it and return it to school the next day.

All students received their Trimester 1 progress report in our Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> Danville Delivery. The purpose of the progress

report is to provide you with feedback on your child’s progress within the trimester expectations. As always, please reach out to your child’s teacher if you have questions regarding their progress.

Meghan Corcoran  
Assistant Principal



## Notes from the Nurse

### Keep Backpacks Clean

As any parent knows, school backpacks can get pretty gnarly from long-forgotten lunches and all the other things children stuff into them. Have your child clean out his backpack regularly. Then clean the inside of the backpack periodically. Use a wet cloth or wipe to remove dripped milk and stuck-on food or crumbs. Always make sure to pack lunches in a bag or lunchbox, not loose in a backpack, to keep backpacks cleaner. And while your child is cleaning out his backpack, remind him to pull out any dirty or wet clothing that may linger behind.

### Inside and Out

Help protect your child from inside as well as out. Make sure that he/she gets enough sleep and exercise, avoids stress, and eats has a well-balanced diet. Pack a healthy lunch and

snacks. Encourage her to drink water at school to help keep her immune system strong.

Healthy habits can protect everyone from getting germs or spreading germs at home and at school

Please remember to keep your child home when they are ill. Refer to the guidelines on the website if in doubt. Continue to reinforce covering of the mouth and nose (when coughing or sneezing) with your children. Lastly, reinforce good hand washing techniques- this is our best safeguard!

Sue Goodman

Danville Elementary Health Office



From the Danville Elementary Library Media Center

*Reading at home, in the car, wherever you are, reading does make a difference!*



**Reading** is a great way to practice being human. ... Because **reading does** in fact **make** us more intelligent. Research shows that **reading** not only helps with

*fluid intelligence, but with **reading** comprehension and emotional intelligence as well. **You make smarter** decisions about yourself and those around **you**.*

<https://bigthink.com/reading-rewires-your-brain-for-more-intelligence-and...>

Reading Suggestions

- Read bedtime stories.
- Have your child read the grocery list.
- Go to the local library for the afternoon
- Share what is being read at home at the dinner table.
- Magazines are great to read!
- Have reading material in the car.

This is a great tip for when your child may have to wait!

- Use board games and read the directions together.

Educators cannot stress the importance of reading enough. Reading sharpens your memory through imagination. Helps us be more empathetic, improves your minds ability to see outside of its self. Improves decision making and emotional processing. It is mind-building, improving vocabulary and verbal skills. Slows down mental aging!

This happens with Music too!!

“When you learn to read, you will be forever free!”

Frederick  
Douglas

*Happy Fall, enjoy reading together,  
Mrs. Kisiel, LMS*



## All About Art!

Dear Danville Families,

Students have been hard at work completing their artwork for the Original Works of Art Fundraiser! Artwork and order packets were sent home through Danville Delivery on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Here are some other happenings in the Art Room:

Kindergarteners are starting their Unit on Line. They are creating a Magic Carpet designed with Lines and are practicing watercoloring. They are also learning how to take proper care of their art materials.

The First Graders are creating collages of a Cityscape. They are practicing cutting out shapes and adding details to their cities.

The Second Graders have been creating a Refection Landscape. They saw many visuals of reflective Landscapes on the water and are using pastels and paint to create their own.

The Third Graders are working on a Landscape scene of Autumn Birch Trees. They are working on looking at the color wheel while painting a warm colored sunset.

The Fourth Graders are using tempera paint to create a warm colored sunset. They are reviewing Intermediate colors and creating silhouette trees using a fine brush.

The Fifth Graders are starting observational drawings of a still life. They enjoyed choosing the fall themed items to have in their still life.

Don't forget that the Art Room is always looking for donations of recyclable materials or craft materials the students could use to create

or build with. Thank you as always for your support of the Visual Arts.

Artfully Yours,

Mrs. Rice 



## Music Note

### **Mark your calendars!**

January 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm Winter Concert  
(Band, Strings, and Chorus)

March 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm Chorus Concert  
(rehearsal at 6:30)

March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Rehearsal &  
Concert for all 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band students.

April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Rehearsal & Concert  
for all 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

October came with a lot of exciting P.E. activities. We finished up with our soccer unit and moved quickly into our throwing and catching skills.

We wrapped up the month with Halloween games, which are always some of the most interesting lessons of the year!

Our fourth and fifth grade cross country team finished their season in the middle of October and have done a wonderful job. I am always amazed at the amount of interest that running in a field or woods can bring to a child. Thank you to everyone who has supported our team this year!

Get outside with your child and enjoy the wonderful fall weather! 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  
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students each year. I am looking for volunteers that can help once a month for four to five times this year. School store will be held on Wednesdays this year during student's lunch recess time.

On October 25 our grade 4 and 5 students were visited by the UNH Engineering Department STEMbassadors. This wonderful group of students and their mentor visited last year and worked on STEM based problem solving with our students.

I am looking forward to another wonderful year at Danville School!



**Enrichment Program**  
With Mrs. Wood

A number of school-wide events are being planned by the enrichment team this year. Keep an eye out in upcoming newsletters to find out what's upcoming.

Our school store is looked forward to by our grade 2-5



**Constitution Day** was on September 17th. Our Constitution was signed on Sept. 17, 1787. Every year we celebrate this amazing living document during Constitution Week. This year George and Martha Washington visited every classroom.

George and Martha lost their way while traveling to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. They spent two days visiting with students at Danville School sharing about our Constitution. George and Martha were astounded by how much the students of 2019 knew about our living document, the Constitution written 232 years ago.

Students also shared about our flag which no longer has just 13 stars. George and Martha were quite excited to learn that our country had grown with now 50 stars on our flag representing 50 states! They headed back to Philadelphia to share the news of the future of our great new country-the United States of America.

