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Danville Hawkes Soar for Success !

Newsletter - September 2015



Principal's Pen

Dear Danville Families,

Welcome to a new school year. This is always an exciting time for educators and students alike. We enjoy getting to meet new friends and to re-connect with old friends. The students and teachers are in great spirits. Thank you for preparing your children for a busy and productive year. We are honored to share this school year with your children.

We will continue to strengthen our school culture by practicing positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS). We will teach students expected behaviors at monthly assemblies. Our mascot, Mr. Hawke, will be visiting the school from time to time. Mr. Hawke doesn't speak but offers friendly waves to those he meets on the playground or in the hallways! Children will earn feathers for demonstrating Respectful and Responsible behaviors that will make us all feel full of Pride!

Student assessments are the evidence teachers use to inform instructional practices. Teachers gather this evidence often and in a variety of ways. Teachers will share their evidence when

they meet with you throughout the year. We are also asking our students to recognize their role in learning. Research tells us when students are invested in their learning they will be more successful.

All elementary schools in the Timberlane School District are using a new math program called enVision by Pearson. This program does a fine job of balancing foundational numeracy skills, concepts and problem solving, technology, and 21st century learning. We believe the rigor and structure of this program will help develop strong mathematical thinkers. This resource is aligned with the NH College and Career Ready Standards. Your teachers will be sending home weekly letters to inform you of skills being taught and practiced. Engage your children by having conversations about what they are learning in math. Ask them to teach you!

I welcome new faces to our staff. Mr. Brian Shawley is our Assistant Principal. Mrs. Jill Dion joins us as our Speech Language Pathologist. Mrs. Kelly Lennon is a third grade teacher and Ms. Merrill is a first grade teacher. Please stop by and introduce yourself when you are in the building.

Visit the Danville School website for questions. Feel free to call the school if you can't find the answer to your question! Under the student tab you can find information

regarding the school lunch program. Please visit My School Bucks for up to date information on your child's lunch account. You can check balances, view purchases, and make online payments. Cash and checks are also accepted in the cafeteria if you prefer.

Our newsletter is being sent home in Danville Delivery for the month of September. In the future, please visit our school website for monthly newsletters available on the first Wednesday of every month. We are hoping to be more environmentally friendly by posting the newsletter to the website. If you prefer a hard copy, kindly call the school office (603-382-5554) and we will send a copy home to you.

A gentle reminder if you will be making changes to your child's afternoon dismissal plan, to send a note to school and ask your child to give it to his/her teacher. We want to make sure all students get to where they are supposed to be safely.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and productive school year.

Warmly,
Nancy T. Barcelos, M. Ed.



Assistant Principal News

I am very excited to be joining the great staff here at Danville. Mrs. Barcelos and the staff have welcomed me with open arms making my transition

very smooth. My current position as Assistant Principal and Curriculum Coordinator has given me experience as a positive member and leader within the Timberlane School District.

My experiences and background in education have exposed me to an array of challenges and a variety of students. My career began as a counselor for a private non-profit agency for emotionally and behaviorally challenged adolescents. In my twelve years as an elementary fifth grade teacher, I also spent time working with Family Mediation Juvenile Services, providing teens with a positive role model, as well as educating them by making better choices within their family and community. I believe this combination of teaching and community service has provided me with the proper tools to assist Mrs. Barcelos in fostering an exciting learning environment for each individual student, as well as faculty.

I am looking forward to working with a great staff and leader! Have a great 2015-2016 school year!

Brian Shawley



A Message from Nurse Sue

Dear parent/ guardian,

As many of you already know the School Nurse does hearing and vision screenings on our pre-school or grade 1 students, and it is again repeated in the 4th grade. I am excited to tell you that we will be having the Lion's Club come in and perform a vision screening on all the students (except for our pre-school children who are not here on Friday mornings) here at the elementary school. I will examine the pre-school children on an alternate day. The Lion's Club has purchased a machine for school screenings which is capable of providing us with some valuable, quite accurate information. The test only takes approximately one minute per student, therefore an entire class can be screened in less than 30 minutes. We will do this on Friday September 18th.

In next week's Danville Delivery please look for information regarding the Ronald McDonald Mobile Dental Van which will be coming to our school on September 28th. I would ask that you review the document, complete it, and return it to me ASAP. The service is provided for:

- ❖ A student who does not have a regular dentist.
- ❖ A student who has NH Medicaid and does not have a regular dentist.
- ❖ A student that does not have any dental insurance.

This is a terrific program and I hope that everyone who is eligible take advantage of this! The forms need to be returned in advance (of the clinic) so that the clinicians

have an opportunity to review the student's medical history portion of the document.

Sue Goodman, RN
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Counselor's Corner

Welcome Back Danville School Family and Friends!

Hello and welcome to the first 2015-2016 Counselor Corner! I am back from maternity leave, where I spent the last couple of month's home with my new little boy. While it was hard to leave my little guy, the Danville staff and students (your children!) made it easier for me to be back. It was so great to see their smiling faces and feel their excitement for the new school year! It's going to be a great year!

As we begin the 2015-2016 school year, parents and teachers often find that some students have a difficult time transitioning back to school. We need to remember that children need time to transition into new routines. They often need reassurance that things will get easier and that there are people to help them get through this tough time. "New School Year Jitters" are to be expected, but there are ways we can support our children/students to get through them.



Tip: Easing the New School Year Jitters

The Fear: "I don't want to be away from you for so long!"

Start by acknowledging your child's concern at the bus stop or at car drop-off time. Acknowledge that your child is feeling nervous by saying "I know you're scared to be without me," or "I know you're feeling nervous." Explain when you'll be back by telling them which activity they can plan to see you after, such as music or science class (the teacher can let you know what the end-of-day schedule will be). Children have an easier time understanding this instead of using specific time.

If your child had a teary goodbye, refrain from mentioning it again later on. Instead, ask them to tell you about one fun thing they did that day. Even if you were thinking about their tears, they most likely forgot them hours ago ☺. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher or school counselor at any time, to find out how your child's day went.

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**"They may forget what you said,
but they will never
forget how you made them feel." -
Anonymous"**



Music Note

Mrs. Cook

Welcome back!

Mark your calendars!

January 19th 7pm Winter Concert
(Band, Strings, and Chorus)
March 16th 7pm Chorus Concert
March 28th and 29th Rehearsal &
Concert for all 5th grade Band students.
April 13th 7pm 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.



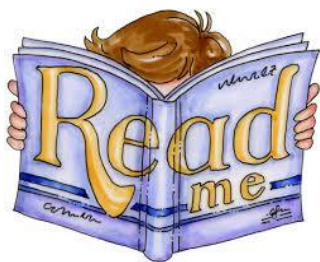
Physical Education

Hello Everyone!

It is a new year and a new beginning for Danville P.E. class! We are starting off the year with welcome back activities and tag games for the first few weeks. As we move toward the end of September, we will be starting our soccer unit. The plan is to give the students as much movement time, per class, that I can. I always wish I could see them for more than 45 minutes a week! I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and I look forward to the 2015-16 school year! 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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From the Danville School Library Media Center

Respect + Responsibility = Pride

Dear Parents,

The Danville School Library Media Center has been busy preparing for the school year. It is so exciting to see young children exploring the library and older students looking for favorite titles and authors. The Danville Library Media Center has wonderful resources that your child will be able to take advantage of throughout the year. This week, your child will spend some quality time in the library. During this time, we will discuss proper behavior and book care. I hope the library is a place that your child visits frequently. The library is everyone's classroom and is accessible for all students and families of the Danville community. Please stop in and visit the HUB of our school, any time.

The Media Center operates on a flexible schedule. This enables maximum access for all staff and students. Students are welcome to come to the library any time for circulation, recreational reading, and research with the classroom teacher. The goal of the library program is to create lifelong learners who are efficient and enthusiastic consumers of information, and to instill the love of reading in each and every one of our students.

Danville students are able to visit the library once a week to check out books, books on tapes or magazines. All resources are due back in two weeks. They are welcome to exchange or renew their selection during the week with teacher permission. Please read and enjoy the stories with your child. Reading aloud with children is one of the best ways to develop their language skills and foster a lifelong love of literature.

The rules of proper book care will be reviewed. **Please help your child find a safe place at home to keep the resources they have checked out of the library.** It is the policy of the Timberlane Regional School District to charge students the replacement cost of lost or damaged library materials.

Thank you and we look forward to helping your child take full advantage of our library resources this year. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 382-5554.

Mrs. Beth Kisiel, LMS

Mrs. Gail Murphy, LA

"Read to them before the time, before the chance, is gone." Steven L. Layne

PARENTS RIGHT-TO- KNOW

Title I, Part A of ESEA (*The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*)



Parent's Right To Know - (Section 1111(h)(6)(A-C))

Qualifications: At the beginning of each school year, a LEA that receives Title I funds must notify parents of each student attending any Title I school that the parents may request, and that agency will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner) information regarding the professional qualification of the student's classroom teachers, including at minimum the following:

- ◆ Whether the teachers has met State qualifications for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- ◆ Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other professional status that the State has waived;
- ◆ The degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- ◆ Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and if so their qualifications.

Additional Information - A school that receives Title I funds **must provide to each individual parent** –

- ◆ Information on the level of achievement the child has made on all state assessments; and
- ◆ Timely notice that the parent's child has been assigned or taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

Format– The notice and information provided to parents under this paragraph shall be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parents can understand.

