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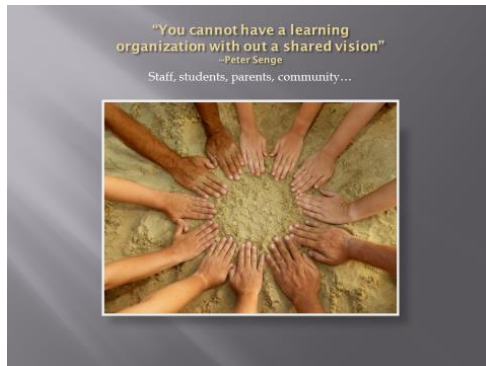


Danville Hawkes Soar for Success !

Newsletter - September 2017



Principal's Pen



Dear Danville Families,

Welcome to Danville School. We are proud of our dedicated, experienced staff and enthusiastic learners! We are going to have an amazing year together, where students, staff, and parents continue to work to build a great community that ensures students are lifelong learners.

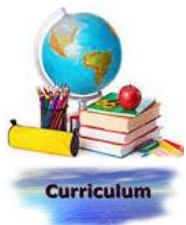
As demands and complexities of teaching children increase, it becomes more evident that we all need to work together to insure that our children reach their potential. We believe all of us must work together in an extended family environment to empower children to become academically, socially, physically, and emotionally successful and responsible.

With that in mind, we encourage you to attend school events and become a member of our PTA organization. Research on schools clearly demonstrates that parent participation in their child's school coincides with a greater likelihood of academic success.

Our school is a PBIS school (positive behaviors and intervention supports) where we focus on positive behaviors and replacement behaviors. We follow our core values of *Respect*, *Responsibility*, and *Pride*. Many staff members have been trained in Responsive Classroom practices where students focus on social emotional learning. In addition, our school counselor uses the Second Step Curriculum where students learn about empathy, managing emotions, and problem solving.

In an effort to maintain communication with families, students will bring home a Danville Delivery each Wednesday. Please read the information and return the envelope to the classroom teacher by Friday. Each month we will post a newsletter on our website www.danvilleschool.com. If you prefer a hard copy kindly notify the school office, 603.382.5554.

Kindly,
Nancy Barcelos, Principal



Assistant Principal News

Welcome back to school for what will be an exciting new year! The energy of students and staff is exciting and it feels great to have a buzzing building once again.

As they did last year, students and staff begin their day with Morning Meeting. This is an engaging way to build strong classroom communities while promoting the Core Values of our school. Each morning students and teachers gather together to interact in purposeful ways, setting students up for success socially and academically.

The STAR September assessments will be given to students over the first two weeks. This, along with other assessment data, will be collected and analyzed to inform teachers of how to best meet the needs of their students. Through the year there will be a focus on data analysis to ensure all students are supported to exceed or meet competency of curricula material, as maintaining rigor in our instruction is a priority.

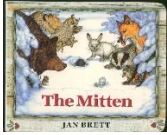
We will be rolling out our new reporting system and are working with staff to improve teaching and assessing practices. Our professional development for staff will be grounded in this work while modeling our work study practices: communication, creativity, collaboration, and self-direction. Students will be assessed on the skills within these practices, and they will be reported on along with academics in content areas in our new report cards.

Here's to a great year,

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From the Danville

Elementary Library Media Center

"Fostering the love of reading, and instilling the passion to be lifelong learners"



Welcome Back!

During the first few weeks of school, your child will be able to spend some quality time in the library. During this time they will be re-introduced to library procedures and expectations, as well as the proper ways to care for books. Ask your child to review with you the ways to help keep books safe!

We hope the library is a place that your child visits frequently. The Danville School library is everyone's classroom and is accessible for all students and their families. We pride ourselves on being the "hub" of the school community.

The library operates on a flexible schedule. This enables maximum access for students and teachers. Children are welcome to come to the library at any time to check out a book or have a free read with their classroom teacher's permission. I will be working with classroom teachers to integrate information literacy skills and grade level

content in order to carry out research projects. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their evidence with their peers.

We look forward to working, sharing and learning in the library with students and staff this year.

~Mrs. Kisiel, LMS

~Mrs. Murphy, LA



Music Note

Ms. Soha

Welcome back!

It is so nice to be making music together again. We are excited to share some of this beautiful music with you at our upcoming concerts.

Mark your calendars!

January 10th 7pm Winter Concert
(Band, Strings, and Chorus)

March 26th and 27th Rehearsal & Concert
for all 5th grade Band students.

March 29th 7pm Chorus Concert
(rehearsal at 6:30)

April 11th 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.



All About Art!

Welcome to Art at Danville! This letter will assist you in understanding the art program here at Danville.

Goals: My overall goals are to motivate students to express themselves visually and creatively through artistic thought and action while they build a foundation of art knowledge and skills through the Elements of Art and Principles of Design. The elementary art program enriches every student in so many ways! At each grade level students will:

- practice problem solving and critical thinking
- learn about history and culture
- learn to more effectively use their senses to explore the world.
- use both verbal and nonverbal methods to express abstract ideas and emotions
- learn to trust their creative intelligence.
- learn concepts and techniques that will give them control of the visual images they produce
- learn to identify aesthetic qualities in a variety of artwork and in the environment
- learn the language of visual art so that they have a precise vocabulary in which to express their ideas.

Grading: Grading will be through teacher observation, student responsibility, art production and self response/evaluation.

Class Behavior Guidelines: To maintain a safe productive learning environment, art class guidelines have been established and reviewed in each class. Each child is expected to follow class guidelines so class time can be used for learning.

Incentives: I will give a star for each class at the end of the class. The class can receive a gold star for excellent behavior or a green star for good behavior. This will encourage correct behavior in art class and help promote a great learning and fun environment.

I have included a list of when classes have art. On those days please make sure your children do not wear their very best clothes in case of an accident with paint, pastels, etc. Sometimes messes do happen no matter what we do to prevent them 😊 :

MONDAY: Antonakos, Menczywor, Furman

TUESDAY: Perreault, Militello

WEDNESDAY: Lennon, Pearson, Mezquita, DeSantis

THURSDAY: Von Bargaen, Merrill

FRIDAY: Ronco, LeSaux

Art Club: Art Club is on Thursday during your child's recess time. If your child wants to go to Art Club they can let their teacher or a person on lunch duty know.

They may or may not get chosen to go to Art Club that day depending on the room that is available and the frequency of their attendance. Art Club provides a number of art materials for the students to create projects of their choice. The teacher does not guide students through a specific project during Art Club. This promotes problem solving, creativity and imagination.

Students enjoy building with three-dimensional materials during Art Club and their Open Art days. Please consider donating certain items to the Art Room :

Donations:

- Paper towel tubes
- Egg Cartons
- Craft supplies
- Magazines
- Paper plates
- Costume jewelry
- Dowels
- Foam trays (cleaned well)
- Cotton
- Pom poms
- Wood scraps
- Buttons
- Corks
- Wigs
- Stuffed toys
- Paper cups
- Plastic tubes/containers

Art education is for all students. It provides learning opportunities for all students to express themselves

creatively. Art class will be a learning, encouraging and enriching part of your child's day. Please call me if you have any questions at 603-382-5554X5307 or e-mail me at jennifer.rice@timberlane.net. I am looking forward to a great year!

Artfully Yours,
Jennifer Rice, Danville Art Teacher



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 2017-18 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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