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Newsletter - February 2019



Counselor's Corner

2018 has come and gone and we are now starting our second half of the school year filled with many new beginnings. Grades 1 – 3 have completed their classroom guidance lessons! They have learned about *empathy*, *emotional management strategies* and how to *solve problems* without using blaming words! Full day kindergarten is still in full swing and together with the classroom teachers, students are learning about the *Zones of Regulation* and Yoga to learn about empathy, how to calm strong feelings and use positive self-talk to get through tough situations.

I'm excited to say, that I am into grades 4 and 5! We have started with reviewing *Empathy* and how *Compassion* is "empathy in action!" We have also added

additional classroom guidance time and have been ending each lesson with a mindfulness listening activity from "MindYeti." (you can practice a *MindYeti* at home, by visiting: <http://www.mindyeti.com>)

Practice Second Step Skills at Home: Empathy in Action!

When you have empathy for others, you can say or do many things to show your care and concern. Read the scenarios below and decide what you can say or do to *show compassion*. Write them down and then act them out! You can do it!

What is Empathy?

Empathy is feeling or understanding what someone else is feeling.

Compassion is Empathy in Action!

Empathetic Thinking

What is his/her point of view?

How does he/she feel?

How can I help?

What is a kind thing to say?

- You see your neighbor unloading bags and bags of heavy groceries from their car
- Your sister scraped her kneed on the sidewalk, and she's crying
- You see a younger child slip and fall down in front of you at school
- Your friend is sitting next to his favorite toy, and it's broken
- Your mom is setting the table for dinner, and your little brother needs help tying his shoes

Mrs. Salemi
School Counselor
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All About Art!

Dear Danville Families,

I hope everyone is keeping warm on these frigid cold days! We have been on fire in the art room these days! Here's a peek on what we've been up to:

Kindergarteners have been busy learning about the best way to use watercolors and the brushes. They learned about warm and cool colors and created some beautiful spirals using one or the other set of colors. They then created some fun snowmen to dance on top of their spirals using markers and chalk pastels.

The First Graders have been busy learning about the best way to use watercolors and the brushes. They learned about warm and cool colors and created some beautiful spirals using one or the other set of colors. They then created some fun penguins to dance on top of their spirals using markers and chalk pastels.

The Second Graders have started creating three dimensional penguins. They used some recyclable materials to make the body and will soon be covering them with paper mache. Their creations are already taking on a life of their own!

The Third Graders are entering their unit on Egypt. They learned a great deal about Ancient Egyptian history. Soon they will be embarking on an Ancient Egyptian project about pyramids, hieroglyphics and/or pharaohs.

The Fourth Graders learned about the history of African Baule Masks. They also learned that plaster is made of a pounded rock called Gypsum. Soon they will be creating their own masks using plaster craft and will be given the freedom to design their masks the way they want to.

The Fifth Graders continue working on their Tape People. Most students have figured out the theme of their person. Student's learned how the process works and what they will have to do to work as

a team to create these three dimensional masterpieces.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Visual Arts!

Artfully Yours,

Mrs. Rice



Music Note

Ms. Soha

Congratulations to Danville’s musicians for a fabulous winter concert! We are already hard at work getting ready for the next ones!

Mark your calendars!

March 20th 7pm Chorus Concert
(rehearsal at 6:30)

March 25th and 26th Rehearsal &
Concert for all 5th grade Band students.

April 9th and 10th Rehearsal &
Concert for all 4th grade Band students

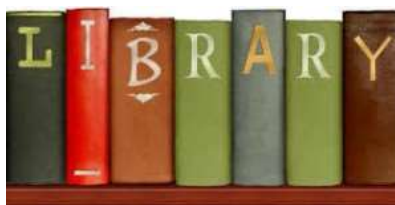
All events take place at the PAC (Timberlane Performing Arts Center). More information will be sent home as the dates approach.



Science. Technology. Engineering. Art. Mathematics. with Mrs. Dube

The kindergarteners spent the month of January getting to know the polar bear! We discussed how they are built for the cold air and frozen waters of the Arctic, we discovered how our feet measure up to a bear-sized foot, and we learned how a polar bear’s fur helps it to stay hidden on the frozen tundra. We conducted two experiments; one to simulate how blubber keeps a bear warm in the icy water, the other to discover what happens to gummy bears when they are subjected to different solutions (water, salt water, vinegar, and baking soda/water. The students LOVE experiments!

The fifth graders continued their ten week D.A.R.E. program with instructor Office Justine Merced.



From the Danville Elementary Library Media Center

Information Literacy is the:

"Ability to define problems in terms of their information needs, and to apply a systematic approach to search, locate,

apply, and synthesize the information and evaluate the entire process in terms of effectiveness and efficiency." (AASL)

Grade Level Library Research:

First grade has been working hard on their Sun, Moon and Stars unit. They are learning to identify key words in a sentence. This is the beginning of notetaking and writing about what they learned. What an amazing job they are doing.

Second grade is starting their independent research project on Our Changing Earth. They have completed their notetaking practice with me in the library using Weather, in Pebble Go as a topic to identify important words. Notetaking will allow them to develop their own evidence. Each student is picking a topic of interest and will be writing and publishing their own nonfiction text for our library. Amazing!!

Third grade are researching New Hampshire. For our "Innovation" project, each third grader will design their square for a students designed quilt. They will be choosing a New Hampshire Landmark or Symbol. It will be exciting to see the results.

*Mrs. Pike's Library Habitat Research...
Check it out!*



Fourth grade are working on learning how to navigate the electronic homepage Destiny. This program is available to them through high school. Destiny is the electronic card catalog with a database component for students to use while conducting research. These websites are teacher approved and updated for accuracy. Students have chosen a topic of their interest and medium to present their findings. They have been working independently and proudly on their topics.

Fifth grade begins their Colonial American unit. We will start with reviewing what we already know, and get ready to hear stories that shaped our country. I look forward to be working with them all.

Book Fair News

The December Book Fair was a great success. The Library raised over \$800.00 in profits that continue to support author visits, book clubs, distance learning and other extracurricular enrichment the Library can offer. Thank you Danville Community

for putting such wonderful literature in the hands of our students!

HOLD THE DATE!

In April, the Library will be hosting its first ever, Spring Book Fair!

Mark your calendars for Monday, April 12-19th! Once again, all proceeds will go to the enrichment of our students. We will be opened for a family night during that week. Watch for the Flyers in the Danville Delivery.

Can Spring Be Far Behind?

Mrs. Kisiel, LMS



Thank you for supporting our students in this important endeavor! Watch our tree grow!
Mrs. Kisiel and Mrs. Menzczywor



The students council had a very successful, “crazy hat day” and “dress like a grownup, dress like a kid” Spirit Days. Look for a message about our February Spirit Day. We love having fun together!

EMPATHY

The Danville Community is focusing on modeling Empathy. Student Council members have designed and are developing an idea to display an “Empa-Tree” in our foyer. The idea is to promote acts of empathy, or a note written about empathy on leaves, having our “Empa-Tree” bloom. These leaves will be acted out in an assembly in the future, to celebrate the success of our empathetic community.



Physical Education

Hello Everyone!

Early January was all about basketball skills. Each class worked on dribbling, passing and shooting. Once we were finished, it was on to fitness stations and nutrition for all grades.

We will be moving into our Jump Rope unit in the next couple of weeks and with that unit comes our Kids Heart Challenge program. We will be having an after school event once again this year, so please be sure to check your Danville Delivery for all of the information I will be sending home.

Please continue to make sure that your son or daughter brings sneakers to change into for P.E. class. This will keep our nice wooden gym 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
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classroom teacher for the child to take home that night.

- Some items for sale include:
- Wallets for \$2.00 or less
- Mermaid scales pencil pouches for \$2.25
- Rainbow Gel Pens for \$.85
- Unicorn Erasers for \$.50
- Folders (2 pocket) for \$1.50
- Unicorn Key Chain for \$.75
- 7mm Pencil led
- Koala pencil buddies \$.75

**Plus many new items
Our final school store for**



**this year will be
on Friday, March 15, 2019.**

If you are able to help at the school store please email Cindy Wood at cindy.wood@timberlane.net. Thank you!

Our final school store of the year will be on March 15, 2019 for grades 2-5.



School Store

The school store will be open for grades 2-5 on Friday, Feb. 15, 2019 during the grade level's recess time. Grade 2 will be welcome to start attending school store on February 15!



Students are invited to come to see what is available to purchase. Items range from \$.05 to \$4.50. **Students may not borrow money or ask for money from others.**

Students are encouraged to purchase wisely and only buy if they find something they need. Students will generally not be allowed to spend over \$5.00 at the school store. Please remind your child that students are not allowed to share money, ask for money from others, or give their money away to someone else. Items are bagged and given to your child's