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Newsletter - October 2018



Principal's Pen

Dear Danville Families,

Danville students start each day with a morning meeting in their classroom. This routine is part of a practice from the Responsive Classroom approach to bring together academic and social learning throughout the school day. It is a research based approach associated with greater teacher effectiveness, higher student achievement, and improved school climate. The approach helps educators build competencies in four interrelated domains: engaging academics, building a positive community, effective management, and developmentally responsive teaching. It is positive way to start each day!

I have information to share for those who might benefit from a program offered by Comcast. It is called Internet Essentials. Families who have a child who qualifies for

free or reduced lunch may qualify for the following:

- Internet service which includes Wifi
- No credit check
- No installation fee
- Option to purchase a computer for \$149.00 which comes with Microsoft Office, Norton Security Suite and a 90 day warranty.

Go to Internetessentials.com or call - 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376).

Enjoy the fall foliage!

Nancy Barcelos, Principal



Curriculum

Assistant Principal News

I know it is only October, but be on the lookout for Blizzard Bags coming home this month! We want to make sure we are prepared for any reason that school might be cancelled. 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.

All students will be receiving their Trimester 1 progress report at Parent Teacher conferences on October 25th. The release of the Trimester 1 Progress Report is aligned with Parent Teacher Conferences and therefore later than the normal mid-way point. 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.

We look forward to seeing everyone on 10/25!

Meghan Corcoran
Assistant Principal



Counselor’s Corner

Classroom guidance has started! I will be visiting classrooms on a regular basis, using the *Second Step Curriculum* for grades 1-5 to teach *Empathy, Emotion Management* and *Problem Solving*. I’m working closely with full day kindergarten and helping their classroom teachers with teaching feelings using the Zones of Regulation program and emotion management using Yoga for Classrooms.

The goal of these lessons, is to teach students the skills that strengthen their ability to learn, have empathy, manage

emotions and solve problems. Your children will be learning a lot this year and he or she will need your help! Look for tips and updates in the monthly newsletter to help understand what your child is learning. I look forward to visiting classrooms again and working with your children!

** Please look in your child's Danville Delivery for a "Parent Letter" with a website and family activation key code, to watch videos about the Second Step Program and get more information about what your child is learning.

SECOND STEP TOPIC: FEELINGS AND EMPATHY

How to Help Your Child Feel Good About School

Find reasons to praise your child every day. Help your child focus on his/her strengths. Make sure your child knows he or she has the ability to succeed. Have high expectations for learning and behavior at home and at school. Help your child take responsibility for his or her choices. Encourage active learning. This involves asking and answering questions, problem-solving and exploring interests. Listen to your child's ideas and respond to them.

Elissa Salemi
School Counselor



Science Technology Engineering Art Math with Mrs. Dube

Our focus in kindergarten for the month of September was The Five Senses. The children learned about each sense by doing experiments aimed at finding out what it would be like to use only that sense to determine what an item was. We tasted, smelled, touched, listened to, and looked at a variety of items. We learned that all our senses send messages to our brain to help us learn about the world around us.

Fifth graders were given the task of creating a balloon generated car. Using a variety of items, each student designed and will test a car that will move five feet or more in approximately a straight line. The car must be propelled forward by the air escaping from the balloon. It must also be sturdy and not fall apart while in use. Testing begins soon!



All About Art!

Dear Danville Families,

Students are just finishing up their Original Works of Art Fundraiser Art Project. You will receive a notice in Danville Delivery next week about this special program.

Kindergarteners are working on their Element of Line Unit. They are also learning how to properly take care of their art materials.

The First Graders are beginning some fall themed projects that involve line, shape, tracing and watercolor.

The Second Graders are learning about the Mexican holiday "The Day of the Dead". They will be creating a picture that focuses on pattern and symmetry.

The Third Graders are starting a fall themed project with Burch trees. This project will focus on warm and cool colors, texture and space.

The Fourth Graders are beginning a project on pumpkins. They will learn about the method of Zentagle.

The Fifth Graders will be creating a Fall Landscape using oil pastels. They will

learn about silhouettes, blending analogous colors and showing texture.

Art Donations that would be helpful are:

Paper towel rolls

Tissue boxes and other small boxes

Newspaper

Thank you for your support in the Visual Arts!

Artfully Yours,
Mrs. Rice



From the Danville Elementary Library Media Center

The school year has started and students are visiting the library and have begun their information literacy units. The media center is a very busy place and is the learning hub of our school. It is exciting to be teaching and learning from your children and our staff each and every day.

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.

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)

HOLD THE DATE!

In November, the Media Specialists are planning their fourth annual Family Literacy Night. All elementary Timberlane Students and their parents are invited to attend this exciting event. Meet and greet with authors and purchase their books, and enjoy some entertainment given by our very own Timberlane Students.

HOLD THE DATE: Thursday, November 15th

WHY? Fourth Annual District Literacy Event

When? 5:30-7:30

Where? PAC

Mrs. Kisiel, LMS

Halloween games, which are always some of the most interesting lessons of the year!

Our fourth and fifth grade cross country team will be finishing their season in the middle of October and have been doing a wonderful job so far. I am always amazed at the amount of interest that running in a field or wood 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
Danville P.E.
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Physical Education

Hello Everyone!

October is here and with it comes a lot of exciting P.E. activities. We have just finished up with our soccer unit and are moving quickly into our throwing and catching skills. As the month progresses we will be wrapping up with



School Store



The school store will be open for grades 3-5 on Friday, October 19, 2018 during the grade level's recess time. Grade 2 will welcome to start attending school store in February.



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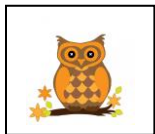
Students are invited to come to see what is available to purchase. Items range from \$.05 to \$4.50. **Students may not borrow money or ask for money from others.**

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 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 next school store will be on Friday, Nov. 30. If you are able to help at the school store please



email Cindy Wood at cindy.wood@timberlane.net. Thank you!

Other upcoming school store dates: Jan. 18, 2019

Grades 2-5: Feb. 15 and March 15, 2019



Enrichment Program

September 28 was a day of learning outside of the box and outside of the school walls. The grade 4 and 5 students experienced Ocean Discovery Day at Chase Ocean Engineering Laboratory on the campus of UNH.



Students were tasked with experiencing as much as possible with their chaperones and teachers. Then the tough part was narrowing down all that they heard, saw, and learned and choosing 2 topics to learn a little more about while on the field trip.

Learning about robotic boats.

All that attended had a day that won't soon be forgotten. The learning



Lobsters are crustaceans.

did not stop at the end of our field trip. Students continue to work in collaborative groups to create a poster that shares information about the topic in which they are most interested.

Next on October 26 our grade 4 and 5 students will be visited by the UNH Engineering Department STEMBassadors. This wonderful group of student and their mentor visited last year and worked on STEM based problem solving with our students. We expect this year to be a wonderful event as well.



Music Note

Mark your calendars!

January 9th 7pm Winter Concert
(Band, Strings, and Chorus)

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.