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Principal's Pen Mrs. Hart

It is only January and we have had a lot of winter already! The December ice storm was quite an event. I hope that all of our Danville families are well on the road to recovery. At school we were without power for 6 days. But overall we fared very well. The pipes were drained in parts of the building as a preventive measure. We do have substantial tree damage around our perimeter but that is being taken care of by a tree service. I understand that is was a long-haul for many in Danville. I met each morning with the Town Officials for a daily update. When we opened our doors on Monday both staff and students were so glad to be back in school and to get back to regular routine. They don't refer to us as hardy New-Englanders for no reason!

Our students and teachers are hard at work within their classrooms. We are working diligently to make the best use of time spent in the classrooms. This time of year is often when we expect our children to make many strides in their academic subjects. We hope that you will see their growth and encourage them to continue to do their best work.

We have many upcoming events in February. Our spelling bee for selected 4th and 5th graders will be held on February 6 and our third graders will be enjoying learning about Native Americans and
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building an actual tee-pee. Mrs. Tingley, Mr. Ard and several parent volunteers are making it possible for our students to participate in ski club. They are having a grand time while learning a healthy winter activity.

Please note the changes to the year's calendar that was sent home earlier. We have several days to make up for lost learning time.

The Deliberative Session will be held at 7 pm at the PAC on February 5, 2009, hope to see you there!



News from the Curriculum Corner

Nancy Barcelos
Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

Fourth grade students will be taking the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) test February 13. This is a congressionally mandated project overseen by the National Center for Education Statistics to continuously monitor the knowledge, skills, and performance of the nation's children and youth. As the "Nation's Report Card," NAEP measures and reports on a regular basis

what students know and can do in core subjects like reading, writing, mathematics, and science.

Faculty and students have seen a significant change in their library's online card catalog. Destiny was installed in all the school libraries in the district. Destiny is the new card catalog-database system that provides enhanced, user-friendly book searches and promotes high quality online resources. Because it is a district system, students and staff have access to all seven of the schools' card catalogs. The system can be accessed throughout all school buildings and from home as well. Some of Destiny's special features include:

- **Easy access** ~ Students log in to Destiny with their computer passwords.
- **Visual searches** ~ particularly useful for younger students and those with lower reading levels.
- **WebPath Express** ~ high quality, age-appropriate web sites that are continually evaluated for relevancy and validity.
- **TitlePeek** ~ "Don't judge a book by its cover!" Use title peek to view information about the book, table of contents, author notes, and summaries.
- **Destiny Quest** ~ an engaging visual search interface where patrons can find "The Top Ten Books Checked Out" and "New Arrivals" in the library. Students can create their own reading list or visually browse the library shelves.
- **Interaction** Destiny encourages patrons to interact with the catalog. Students and staff can submit their own book reviews, put books on hold, or request a book from another library.
- **Access to online resources** ~ Through the Destiny Homepage, patrons have access to the school's online databases and other useful web sites that are invaluable in their homework assignments and research projects.

Mrs. Kisiel, Library Media Specialist has been teaching students how to use Destiny and its many features. The passwords are as follows:
EBSCO HOST : Username: danville Password: 03819
KID'S INFOBITS : Username: plai_log
World Book : Username: timbernh Password: facts
Culture Grams : Username: danvillees Password: welcome

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Scholastic BOOKFLIX : Username: dvlles
Password: bookflix

Remember when trading baseball cards were in vogue? They have been replaced by a new toy called Bakugans. Bakugans are little plastic balls the size of a marble that pop open and turn into little action figures. This is a fun toy and I understand why students want to bring them to school, but Bakugans should stay home. Toys are not allowed in school because they can be distracting. Because of the many difficulties involved with trading, we discourage this practice.

Vacations-Make Up Work

From time to time, parents will call to inquire about taking their children out of school in order to go on vacation. We strongly encourage parents to plan family vacations when school is not in session. Please understand it is not possible to replicate the classroom experience, including discussions and the development of essential concepts, simply by making up missed assignments. Regular school attendance along with timely arrival is important to each child's success.

Nancy Barcelos



From the Front Line

Mrs. Landry & Mrs. Keehan

If you are dropping something off for your child (lunch, clothing, musical instrument, etc.) please make sure your child's name and his/her teacher's name is on the item. Parents are not permitted to deliver the items to the classroom.



Music Notes

Mrs. Cook

Band: Great job in the concert! You were fantastic!

Mark your calendars!

- ★ March 16th and 17th Rehearsal and concert for all 5th grade band students.

★ April 8th Concert for all 4th grade AND 1st year 5th grade band students.

More information will be sent home as the dates approach.

Congratulations band members!!

Katelynn Brunelle, Lexi Heidenreich, and Heather Duffy earned their 1st E

Tiana Stefanelli, Hannah Donnelly, Emily Morin, Andrea Rogers, and Miranda Martin earned their X
Hannah Donnelly, Shaunna Knight, and Emma Richelsoph earned their 1st C

Shannon O'Neil earned her 2nd E

Keep up the great work!



Spelling Bee News

On February 6, our 12 best spellers in grades four and five will compete for the honor of top Danville speller. Parents are invited to attend our Spelling Bee, which will be held at 12:00 in the gymnasium. Please RSVP with Mrs. Wood by February 2 if you plan to attend.

Our participants are Hannah Donnelly, Joy Steenson, Carissa Bourque, Amber Copp, James King and Noah Dolloff from our grade 4 classes. From grade 5 our participants are Ashley Cooper, Madison DiCarlo, Derek Short, Shelby Bernard, Courtney Kamberalis, and Justin Maguire.

Congratulations to these fabulous spellers for winning their class bee. We wish them luck as they study for the school bee. The winner of the school bee will go on to attend the Derry/Salem Regional Bee where they will compete against grade 3-8 students.

Mrs. Wood



Student Council News:

The Danville Elementary Student Council is off and running in the New Year. We meet on

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Tuesdays during the lunch and recess time. Students willingly give up this time to be with their classmates one day a week to plan fun and helpful activities for the school.

On Friday, January 30 we will have our first School Spirit Day. Everyone is encouraged to wear pajamas and robes to school that day in the spirit of fun. No slippers (for safety reasons) and no make up, face paint or hair coloring.

Also, in March, the Student Council will be encouraging everyone to join in a fundraiser called Pennies for Patients. We will send more information home about this later. We do need to ask for metal coffee cans with lids (plastic covers). We will need at least 20. If you have one or more available, please send them in to Mrs. Wood.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wood for the Student Council
Hannah Donnelly, Joy Steenson, Cameron Collins, James King, Lindsey Cooper, Kyle Burns, Kaitlin Drislane, Meghan Lee, Kaleigh McLaughlin, Liam Arteaga, Victoria Swillum, Ashley Santoro and Virginia Burrell



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IMPORTANT DATES



February 10th NO KINDERGARTEN
February 10th Early Release 1:10 PM Grades 1-5
February 23-27 Winter Vacation Week
March 10th – FULL DAY OF SCHOOL
March 25th NO KINDERGARTEN
March 25th Early Release 1:10 PM Grades 1-5

News from Everyday Mathematics



Kathy Fowler
Elementary Math Coach

The publisher of Everyday Mathematics, Wright Group, has a new webpage full of information for parents called the Everyday Mathematics Parent Connection:

https://www.wrightgroup.com/parent_connection/index.html.

There are eight links on the page: About EM, Tips and Activities, Success Stories, Wright Group/McGraw-Hill, University of Chicago School Mathematics project (UCSMP), NCTM (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics), Everyday Mathematics Success, and Contact Us.

In the interest of going green, we are offering parents the Family Letters online. At the website for your child's grade, you can view and print out the letters for each unit. If you prefer to receive a hardcopy, please let your child's teacher know.

Here are the links for each grade:

Kindergarten https://www.wrightgroup.com/support_info.html?sid=256
First grade https://www.wrightgroup.com/support_info.html?sid=258
Second grade https://www.wrightgroup.com/support_info.html?sid=260
Third grade https://www.wrightgroup.com/support_info.html?sid=262
Fourth grade https://www.wrightgroup.com/support_info.html?sid=264
Fifth grade https://www.wrightgroup.com/support_info.html?sid=266