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PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING....

With Mrs. Ralph, Principal

It is hard to believe that we are now in March. The first part of the year went so fast. We celebrated 100th day of school on February 7th with lots and lots of different activities. On February 24th we celebrated a Mathematics Enrichment Day with puzzles, twisters, thinking games, etc. Cindy Wood organized this day that allowed our students to make some choices about how they would spend part of the day. It was truly a magical day that ended with an assembly that featured a magician who incorporated numbers into his act. The children and staff enjoyed this different way of ending our enrichment day. This day was an opportunity for our children to understand the practical applications of mathematics and how we experience mathematics on a daily basis. One of our big PTA activities will take place on Friday, March 17. Bingo for Books will be held at the Timberlane High School from 6 – 8PM in the cafeteria. This is one of the best attended nights the PTA sponsors every year. Make sure that you get your requests for tickets in to the school because we will sell out. The PTA does not plan on selling any tickets at the door the night of the activity. Baskets will be raffled off along with a lot of other donated prizes. This is a real fun night for the entire family and every child wins at least one book to take home. Safety is a major concern of every school. We work hard to keep our students safe and plan a variety of drills to teach our children how to

react in a crisis. The internet is causing us some major safety concerns for our children. At school we have filters on the computers to keep out unwanted sites but we keep hearing on the news about different sites children visit that put them at risk. The Timberlane School District and the Danville PTA are sponsoring a seminar for parents that will address the issues with some of these inappropriate sites. It will be held on Monday, March 13 at 7PM at the Performing Arts Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

I hope that everyone had a fun and restful winter vacation and we are now looking forward to spring and all the activities that go along with that time of year.

NUTS & BOLTS

Nancy Hart, Asst. Principal &
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Several of our busses have new drivers and we welcome them to our Danville Community. Driving a bus is a job of incredible responsibility. We encourage our students to consider the bus ride an extension of the school day with the same expectations for respect and behavior. Please support your child to be successful on the bus. Remind them of the 3 rules of safe riding. 1-Stay in your seat at all times, 2-keep your hands and feet to yourself, and 3-use quiet voices. Following these guidelines will create a safe and pleasant bus experience for everyone. Also remember that there is no eating or drinking on the bus.



CURRICULUM CORNER:

Teachers will be conducting parent conferences during the month of March. Second trimester report cards will be going home on March 29th in Danville Delivery. If you conference before this date, you will not receive the actual report card until the 29th. This trimester we will be reporting on learning behaviors, academic achievement, and proficiency on grade level standards. You received a cover sheet with the grade level standards along with the November report card. The standards component of the report card is new to all of us. Your child's teachers will spend time at the conference sharing how your child is performing in regards to grade level expectations. Please use this valuable time to gain a better understanding on how your child is progressing in school. The new report card is a "pilot" and we will be asking for your feedback at the end of the year. Thank you for your support as we work to better inform you of your child's academic growth.

We will soon be welcoming our incoming first graders for their first visit to Danville Elementary. On March 23, at 7pm, we will be hosting our parent information night. Parents of incoming first grade students (D.O.B. 6 years old before September 30th) should be receiving welcoming letters the week of March 6th. We will be doing our first grade screening April 6, 7, 10, 11, and 12, 2006. Incoming students and their parents will be assigned a time in the registration packet that will be picked up the night of March 23rd. If you know of a Danville child that has not gotten a welcome letter please have the parents notify the school. This is such an exciting time when we welcome new children to Danville, starting a school career is a time of passage onto a lifelong journey of learning!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

With Louise Janelle

Parenting Tips on Children and Cyber Bullying:

- ▶ Limit amount of time children spend online.
- ▶ Tell children to never share personal information online.
- ▶ Email address and cell phone numbers should be guarded.
- ▶ Assure bullied children you will not take away the phone or computer
- ▶ Purchase tracking software that can block inappropriate messages and websites, as well as track online activities.
- ▶ Ask your child to report threatening messages.
- ▶ Never respond to a bully.
- ▶ Print messages if harassment continues.
- ▶ Report the situation to the bully's Internet Service Provider.
- ▶ Change your child's email address, if necessary.

FROM THE FRONT LINE

Lucy Landry & Cathy Keehan

We are accepting registration for first grade for the 2006-2007 school year. If you have a child or a neighbor who will be 6 by September 30th and does not attend a local kindergarten, please notify the office. A letter was sent home this week inviting parents of incoming 1st graders to an informational meeting on March 23rd in the gym at 7:00 pm. Registration packets will be passed out before the meeting.

READING CONSULTANT

Claire Manes

Success in Reading often relates to:

- early literary experiences in the home
- the amount of print available to the child



- the ability of the home to offer support
- good reading conditions.

Take the time to:

*browse through a book with your child and tell the story using the illustrations ONLY!

*beginning readers love to read to you; Find a book with rhyme or repetition

*primary children love to read information books; Find out their interests

*independent readers should read a variety; historical fiction, poetry, etc,

*lifelong readers talk about books and how they affect their lives.

“Reading is its own joy... not simply a grade on a report card.”

MUSIC NOTES

Ms. Soha/Mrs. Nelson

Save this date! 5th grade band students have a rehearsal on March 21st and a concert on March 28th.

Congratulations band members!!

- Nicholas MacRae earned his 1st C
- Jacob Perkins earned his 2nd E
- Caitlyn Trout earned her X
- Jacqueline Fichera earned her X
- Skylar Labbe earned her 1st C
- Rhiannon MacLean earned her 1st C
- Emily Proctor earned her X
- Sabrina Boucher earned her X
- Kali Hume earned her X
- Briana Muir earned her X
- Matt Walsh earned his X
- Shannon Mahoney earned her 1st C
- Sam Barch earned his 1st C
- Autumn Fournier earned her 1st E
- Alexis Bolduc earned her 1st E
- AJ Shepard earned her 1st E
- Masha Lange earned her 1st L and her EXCEL award
- Eliza Sanchez earned her 1st L and her EXCEL award

Scott Beucler earned his 2nd C, 4th E and his EXCELLENCE award!

Advanced fourth grade string students are working hard to learn music for the annual All-State StringFest held all-day Saturday, March 25th at Londonderry High School. These talented violin and cello students rehearse all day with string players from across the state of New Hampshire, to prepare an afternoon concert for family and friends. Busily learning the music now are:

Danville fourth grade string players Elizabeth Fuhs, Marc Steele, Jennifer Trodella, and Megan Voisine, and third grader Amy Clark.

Congratulations and keep up the excellent work!

Thank-you. Marjorie Nelson

ENRICHMENT

Mrs. Hubley

The Danville Elementary Green Foodies is a group of first and second graders that are competing in the Destination ImagiNation Rising Stars Competition on March 11th at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center. They will be competing against other teams from around the region to solve the challenge “1 – 2 Change-a-roo”. The Green Foodies include second grader Miranda Martin and first graders Alex Mielens and Cameron Collins. The children created a skit to solve their challenge. They made all props and costumes on their own. The Green Foodies performed their skit in a dress rehearsal on Feb. 21st for their first and second grade classmates and did a wonderful job.





Earlier in the year, the team created a mascot for their team and named it Green Foodie, the name stuck.

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 9th – Invention Convention 9:00-10:30
- March 10th – Group pictures
- March 13th – Parent Internet Safety 7:00 PAC
- March 14th no school – Professional Development**
- March 17th Bingo for Books
- March 23rd Parent Mtg. Incoming 1st Graders
- March 27th Early release – 1:00 PM**
- March 29th Jump Rope for Heart 3:00-4:15
- April 25th-28th Spring Vacation**
- May 11th Early Release Day**
- June 15th last day of school (tentative)

