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PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING....

With Mrs. Ralph, Principal

Spring is finally here and we are ready for the warm weather and sunshine. This time of year brings many different activities including parent conferences. Thank you to all the great parents who came to school to meet with the teachers and talk about all the progress their child has made. We are using the new report card format and we will be asking for parent input at the end of the year. The intent is to give parents a clear understanding of how their child is progressing on grade level standards. This is quite a change for teachers and parents but we were very encouraged by the positive comments we heard during conference time.

The PTA Bingo for Books was a resounding success. We had our biggest crowd ever and everyone had a great time. Lots and lots of books were won and there is no better prize than a good book. Thank you to the Dad's for manning the pizza and water table. All the raffle baskets from the classes were beautifully wrapped and were very popular. This is one of the favorite activities each year and it is a great time for families to get together for a fun evening. Thank you to our PTA for sponsoring this activity.

During the month of April, we look forward to welcoming our incoming first graders and their parents. This is a great opportunity for parents and children to visit the school and meet with staff. If you know of any parent who has a child ready to start first grade next year and has not registered, please have them contact the school.

Academic Fair is scheduled for Thursday, April 20 from 6 – 8PM. Save that date and we will look forward to showcasing our children. There will be student work displayed throughout the school and

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we will also demonstrate some of the EveryDay Math games that our children have been using all year long. See you on April 20.

NUTS & BOLTS

Nancy Hart, Asst. Principal &
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Thank you all for participating in parent-teacher conferences. It is a valuable time to share information concerning our students and your children. We hope that you found the new report card informative. We will be asking for your feedback at the end of the year.

April brings many events. Our next year's first graders will be coming to visit Danville School and do some activities with our teachers. We all look forward to meeting our newest Danville students! Last fall our third, fourth and fifth grade students took the NECAP assessment in reading and writing. Fifth grade students also did the writing component of the NECAP. The student results of the assessment will be going home in mid-April. Please feel free to call me if you have questions or would like to discuss the test in detail. Our fifth grade students will be taking the TerraNova language arts and math assessment during April. They will also be taking several field trips that compliment their social study units. We hope to see everyone at Academic Fair on April 20th from 6 to 8. There will be an area set up so that you and your child can try out some math games! The games are an important component of the new Everyday Math Program and they help to solidify 'math fact' knowledge and mathematical concepts. Please plan on spending some time learning some new games. See you on the 20th!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Every time you listen to your children, you teach them to "tune in" to their teachers.

Every time you read to your children, you encourage a love of reading.

Every time you explain something to your children, you help promote an interest in lifelong learning.

Every time you hug and kiss your children, you help them realize they are worthy of love and respect from others.

Every time you solve a conflict calmly with your children, you help them learn to resolve conflicts peaceably with their classmates.

Every time you set limits for your children, you help them learn to reach their potential within the limits set by their teachers.

Every time you follow through with consequences for your children's misbehavior, you prepare them to understand and accept rules.

Every time you require your children to complete chores, you help them understand the need to accept responsibilities.

Every time you say a kind word, or do a kind deed, you influence your children, and help others experience the joy of your children imitating you.

Louise Janelle
Danville School Counselor

FROM THE FRONT LINE

Lucy Landry & Cathy Keehan

If your child will be out of school due to extra travel time for vacation, please notify the office in writing. Also, please remember to call the attendance line if your child will be absent or arriving later than 9:00 AM.

For your child's safety and to avoid confusion, please put all requests for car rider and bus changes in writing. Forms are available in the office and main hallway at the visitor sign-in table.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Mrs. Thorne, R.N.

Here we are at the beginning of Spring and the lovely allergy season in NH. Just a reminder that all students should try to bring a water bottle to school. Increased fluids will help keep the allergies at bay and keep everyone well-hydrated as the temperature starts to rise. Also please remember

that sneakers would be the footwear of choice in school to provide safe footing in the school and on the outdoor equipment at recess. Flip-flops and backless sandals are not allowed in school and should be kept for weekend wear. We thank you for your extra efforts in helping us keep your children safe in school. Hopefully we are leaving the cold and flu season behind us but please remember if your child is home with a fever and/or vomiting, he or she must be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school. All calls to the Health Office to alert the nurse of a special condition or circumstance are welcome. Enjoy a healthy Spring!

READING SPECIALIST

Claire Manes

TV TURNOFF April 23-29, 2006

Studies show that children who watch less TV are more likely to read well and to be physically fit. Encourage your child to turn off the TV and read for at least 30 minutes a day during vacation. **Every child** who returns the **form signed by a parent** indicating that this has been done **will receive a NEW BOOK** compliments of our PTA! Look for more information in the Danville Delivery. **Let's jumpstart our kids into more reading!**

MUSIC NOTES

Ms. Soha

Save this date! 4th grade band students have a concert on April 12th at 7pm

Congratulations band members!!

Gage Gallant earned his 2nd L
Sophia Rendo earned her 1st C
Anthony Amorelli earned his 1st C
Danielle Gajewski earned her 2nd E
Masha Lange earned her 2nd L
Eliza Sanchez earned her 2nd L



GREETINGS FROM THE ART ROOM

Mrs. Squires

Our students are now busy getting ready for the ART SHOW to be held April 20 during Academic Fair. Our theme this year for the special exhibit will be "Cave Painting – the Lascaux Discovery". Each grade level will work on a project that is inspired by these drawings, engravings, and paintings that are 17,000 years old. The children have already watched a video taken inside of the caves and have sketched some of the images. Don't miss out on this ART SHOW – it will be excellent!

As a parent, if you would like to help out in any way (making artwork labels, mounting work on paper frames, hanging work on the day of the art show) please call or email me. I will need your help!

My number at the school is 382-5554 x307, and email is msquires@danvilleschool.com.

Thanks so much!!!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Kathleen Dresser

We had a nice turnout on a beautiful day for the Jump Rope for Heart Event (JRFH). Thank you to the well behaved students for keeping the Danville School tradition of JRFH going. Next time you come into the gym notice our new banner for participation in this event. Special thanks to Betti Barch for helping with the JRFH. She provided tasty snacks and helped all during the event.

March 29th was our first whole school fruit tasting day. Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. Culligan and Mrs. O'Leary found a way to serve the usual breakfast and lunch menu and prepare fresh pineapple for everyone! Our school has a small grant to be used as part of an effort to combat childhood obesity. One part of the grant is to provide the students with an opportunity to try new fruits and the other part of the grant is to support physical activity. We are using grant money to get equipment for the Physical Best testing program and replenish supplies for the Mileage Club.

Many children are enjoying logging mileage at lunch time recess. Ask your child if they have earned a "foot" in the mileage club yet. The children can see many staff members also logging mileage during lunch as we have over 50 staff members participating in a work place wellness program. The adult program also focuses on healthier eating and more physical activity. New units in Physical Education class include more fitness, tumbling and dance.

ENRICHMENT

Mrs. Hubley

On March 11th our Destination Imagination Team, made up of four students, Danny Scalzo, Frances Skinner, Alissa Bredbenner, and Matt German, competed at our regional competition. These four students joined Destination Imagination this year and worked together as a team to develop a solution to their team problem. They presented their solution to the judges on March 11th. At this meet they also had to solve an instant challenge before a second set of judges. The team did a wonderful job and we are all proud of them.

On Wednesday, May 3rd we will be taking our last all school field trip to the Performing Arts Center to see the high school play. High school students will share various parts of the play that involve acting, singing and dancing. At the end there will be a question and answer session. We will leave our school by 8:40am and will return by 11:15am. There is limited space so we will use the school staff as our chaperones. A notice about the field trip will be sent home on Wednesday, April 19th in the Danville Delivery.

In June we will be having our last all school enrichment day. This enrichment day will focus on the arts. I am looking for volunteers to present to our students. If you or anyone you know has a talent or hobby they would like to share with students during this enrichment day (one to three 40 minute sessions) please let me know by April 17th. A few examples of ideas for that day are: musical instruments, woodcarving, knitting, dancing, aerobics, yoga, painting, drawing, acting, writing, photography, origami, etc. If you have any questions or ideas please email me at chubley@danvilleschool.com or call me on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 382-5554 ext.305.



FOOD SERVICE

Mrs. Sargent

I would like to take this time to let you know a little about our lunch program. With all the media talk about good nutrition for our children we wanted to let you know that we are still baking our own breads and desserts. That means by baking our bread everyday we are using not only regular flour but also we have been adding whole-wheat flour to our sandwich rolls, dinner rolls and also in our French bread, we also do not use preservatives. The same goes with all our cakes, cookies and squares, they are home made not from a box mix. The only bread that we buy is the sandwich loaves for toasted cheese. We are trying to have more fresh fruits and vegetables. The children seem to like the raw vegetables with dip better then cooked vegetables. The other change we have made is having more chicken and less beef. We now have chicken tacos and chicken fajitas, which they seem to enjoy.

We are coming to the end of the year and it is time to make sure that all your lunch accounts are up to date. I have been pulling the balances as of Tuesday every week and sending home the amount due in the Danville Delivery. If a child owes more then two weeks of lunches they will no longer be allowed to get a Hot Lunch. We will provide a peanut butter sandwich and a carton of milk if they don't bring a lunch from home. If your child is on the Free or Reduced program and they choose to bring a lunch from home you are to provide a drink or the \$.40 per day for milk. The program we have here provides for a lunch including milk. We have no milk program for cold lunch.

If you have any questions or would like a print out of your balances, please call me at 382-5554 ext. 5.

Thank You,
Barbara Sargent, Manager

IMPORTANT DATES

April 10th -17th 5th Grade Testing
April 13th - Harry Bliss
April 14th - Father/Daughter Dance
APRIL 17TH MOSQUITO CONTROL STARTS
April 20th - Academic Fair
April 24th -28th Spring Vacation
May 11th Early Release Day
May 29th Memorial Day
June 15th Last day of scho



