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PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING....

With Mrs. Ralph, Principal

In July, I will assume a different role in the district. I have been offered and accepted the position of Director of Elementary Education for the Timberlane Regional School District. This will be a challenge for me and I am looking forward to working with all the elementary schools in the district. It will also be difficult for me to leave the position of principal of Danville Elementary School. I have been here at Danville for the past ten years and I have thoroughly enjoyed every year. Danville is a very special school and I am proud of all we have accomplished in the past few years. It has been my privilege to work with the best staff and the best students anywhere. Danville will always be a part of me and I will always treasure the memories that I have of the special people who make up the Danville community. It is now time for me to let someone else lead the school. We are looking for parents who would be willing to serve on a committee to interview candidates for the principal position. This will take place at the end of May and would probably take two to three late afternoons and evenings. If you are interested, please contact me at 382-5554 ext 301.

Thank you to the PTA for a wonderful teacher appreciation week. It really made us all feel pampered and appreciated. The food was fantastic and we would like to thank all the parents who took the time to cook breakfast and lunch for the entire staff. The gifts and

raffles were a lot of fun and everyone appreciated the effort that went into making this a special week for the entire staff. The end of the school year is upon us and the activities are coming fast and furious. We have plays, field trips, field days, and a school wide enrichment day that are all planned for the end of the year. Parents are invited to join us for any of these activities. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

NUTS AND BOLTS

Nancy Hart, Asst. Principal &
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I would like to thank our students and parents for helping us keep our elementary school focus as it applies to appropriate clothing. We are a school of young and growing children. In class children sit on the floor, work in groups pouring over maps, drawings and books. At recess, we encourage our children to participate in active play; running, jumping, swinging, hanging on the monkey bars and playing sports. Many of the outfits that are available today are not conducive to these activities. Young girls with very short skirts, shorts, or shirts are not comfortable with active classroom and playground behavior. Open backed shoes, sandals, and flip-flops are not safe shoes for school. 'Heelies' are definitely not allowed in school. We appreciate your efforts to dress children so that they can comfortably join in all of our activities. Thank



you for supporting our dress guidelines.

CURRICULUM CORNER

It is hard to believe our year is coming to a close. We are sad to see our fabulous 5th graders move along to TRMS. They have been an important part of our Danville Family and we are proud of their accomplishments. We wish all of them great success! It is a right of passage as we welcome new first graders and bid farewell to our fifth grade students!

Please remember to spend some time at the library this summer. It is a cool spot and a wonderful opportunity to keep our reading skills sharp. We will be sending home some math game ideas for each grade level. Playing these games will reinforce all the skills that our students have been working on over the year and help them be ready for September. I wish everyone a safe and fun-filled summer!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Louise Janelle

Internet Safety

The Internet is both a great resource and a risky path for children. Parents interested in their children's safety can follow these tips, as well as educate themselves on the dangers that their child may encounter on the Internet.

- Keep your home computer(s) in easily viewable places, such as a family room or kitchen.
- Talk regularly with your child about online activities he or she is involved in.
- Talk specifically about cyberbullying and encourage your child to tell you immediately if he or she is the target of any troublesome online behavior.
- Encourage your child to tell you if he or she is aware of others who may be the targets of any inappropriate behavior.
- Explain that cyberbullying is harmful and unacceptable behavior. Outline your expectations for responsible online behavior and make it clear that there will

be consequences for inappropriate behavior such as restricted Internet or cell phone privileges.

- Although adults should respect the privacy of children and youth, concerns for your child's safety may sometimes override these privacy concerns. Tell your child that you may review his or her online communications if you think there is reason for concern.

Consider installing parental control filtering software (such as Nettekker – www.nettrekker.com) and/or tracking programs, but don't rely solely on these tools.

FROM THE FRONT LINE

Mrs. Landry & Mrs. Keehan

If you are moving out of Danville over the summer, please notify the office in writing as soon as possible. Also, if you have new neighbors or know of anyone else who needs to register a student for next year, please have them call the office as soon as possible.

All district schools and the SAU will be closed on Fridays from June 23rd through August 25th.

HEALTH OFFICE

Mrs. Thorne

Just a reminder that we are out on the playground and climbing bars every day at recess and that sneakers are the safest option for foot apparel for your children. The temperatures are rising inside and outside and a water bottle is helpful to keep your children well-hydrated and alert in class.

Also, a quick note to encourage sunscreen whenever your son/daughter goes outside and a quick spray with tick repellent--ticks have been a growing concern in the health office at school. Please give your children an overall exam when they come in from outside play--especially on windy days, the ticks seem to



have multiplied during this warm winter. Lastly, please come to the Health Office on the last day of school, or shortly thereafter, to pick up any medicine that you may have brought in this school year for your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

READING SPECIALIST

Claire Manes, Reading Consultant

SUMMERTIME READING:

Reading skills are essential for success in school, and those who don't read during the summer may find themselves at a serious disadvantage in the fall.

Here are some ideas to help you "keep 'em' reading" all summer long:

***If they loved the movie, introduce them to the book.** *The Chronicles of Narnia, James and the Giant Peach and Because of Winn Dixie* area just a few movies based on terrific children's books.

***Join the club.** Our Danville library offers a summer program. Encourage your child to join.

***Read magazines.** Subscribe to a children's magazine such as *Spider, Ladybug, or Sports Illustrated for Kids*. Your child will delight in receiving their very own copy. Check the library for issues or check out yard sales.

***Build it, try it, make it.** Find a 'how-to' book at the library that will inspire your child to begin a project such as doing magic tricks, making jewelry or planting a garden.

***Set an example.** The best way to keep your children reading all summer long is for you to be a reader yourself. Make time for books. Enjoy your summer.

MUSIC NOTES

Ms. Soha/Mrs. Nelson

"Advanced string players in Grades 4 and 5 are preparing for their annual **All-District Grades 4-8 Orchestra Concert** at the PAC with the Middle School Orchestra on **Wednesday, May 24th** at 7 pm.

Their one and only district orchestra **rehearsal is on Thursday, May 18th**, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the PAC. Please place both dates on your Calendar!"

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ATTENTION: BEGINNER STRING SIGN-UPS AND RENTALS START NOW: IN JUNE, NO LONGER IN SEPTEMBER!

CURRENT SECOND GRADERS SIGN-UP IN JUNE, NOT IN THIRD GRADE IN THE FALL, FOR NEXT YEAR LESSONS ON VIOLIN, VIOLA, AND CELLO.

THIS YEAR'S THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS WHO WANT STRING LESSONS IN THE FALL ALSO SIGN UP IN JUNE (This is for new students only, who do not already play an instrument.) There will be no fall sign-ups, except for students new to the district.

Second graders have their choice of violin, viola, or cello. Third and fourth graders can take any string or band instrument next year, **BUT MUST SIGN UP THIS JUNE!**

Watch for a letter home at the end of May, detailing sign-up and rental times at the PAC the week after school gets out in June.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 29th – Memorial Day no school

May 30th Retirement Tea for Mrs. Glod 4-5PM

TBD last day of school EARLY RELEASE

August 28th first day of school 2006-07

So Long, Fair Well...

Our time is near the end.

It's been so nice to count you as a friend.

TLC needs to say good-bye.

We'll wave and smile, and try hard not to cry.

The Danville Family is very COOL...

Please visit us at the Pollard School.

We'll miss you all, that is true.

For all the special things you do.

You've been so kind and very sweet.

The families, staff and students just can't be beat!

Thank You for Everything!

The staff of Timberlane Learning Center

