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Principal's Pen
Mrs. Hart

We have been very busy at Danville Elementary. I would like to say a "hardy congratulations" to our third, fourth and fifth grade students who worked so hard on the NECAP testing this past month. Our teachers noted how the students took their time, doubled checked their answers and used many strategies to decide on the best answer to some very challenging questions. Well Done!

We had a great time at Bike-A-Thon and Ghoulish Gathering. Thank you for all the volunteer hours that went into planning and conducting these fun events for our children. The effort of our PTA is greatly appreciated by our staff and students. Thank you!

It was an honor to represent Danville Elementary School, along with Mrs. Faucher at the Blue Ribbon Awards at the Grappone Center. We received this award as a result of the many volunteer hours that are donated to our school. It was a proud moment when Timberlane was recognized for all 7 of its schools being honored. Danville was one of a select group of schools that was recognized for have received the Blue Ribbon for more than 20 consecutive years! No small accomplishment! Our school is much richer for all the time that is donated from our dedicated volunteers.

The seasons are changing and it is important that the children are prepared to be outside in a wide

variety of weather conditions. We do go outside when the weather is dry and the temperature is above 20 degrees. The students are out for about 20 minutes and they need to be appropriately dressed.

It is hard to believe that this month will bring our first trimester to a close. We look forward to seeing you at parent/teacher conferences on November 20th. You will be hearing from your child's teacher to schedule a time to meet and chat about your child's school experience. Please bring any questions that you have to help us to work together to make school a valuable experience for your child.



News from the Curriculum Corner

Nancy Barcelos
Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

We have completed state testing for the fall session. Many thanks for your cooperation to: our students who faced the task with diligence, our staff that remained flexible, and to families who respected the process by ensuring attendance. We look forward to results early in the new year. NECAP testing is one way we measure the success of our curriculum. Educators continually assess learning to reinforce and offer our students the tools they need to be successful.

The staff at Danville Elementary has been busy working in Professional Learning Communities (PLC's). As members of PLC's we reflect on our teaching practices to maximize learning for each student. We are committed to providing instructional

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practices that will improve student achievement. We recognize and appreciate family support in our joint effort to educate our children.



From the Front Line
Mrs. Landry & Mrs. Keehan

The Timberlane School District uses the Alert Now system to notify parents of delayed openings, early releases and cancellations due to inclement weather. This information is also available on television, radio, and the Internet. Please DO NOT call the school for this information. The office is closed on snow days.

Please remember to call the attendance line at option 1 by 9:00 a.m. if your child will be absent or tardy. Please notify us in writing if your child will be absent due to extended vacations.



Art
Mrs. Rice

Students have been very busy finishing up some lengthy projects this month. Fifth grade students have been researching a particular career in the art field. They have chosen a wide range of professions from goldsmith to interior design! Fourth grade learned about the artist Vincent Van Gogh, and are in the process of creating a work of art that uses the artist's bright color and texture. They have been exposed to words such as value, silhouette, perspective, and collage. The third graders are working on creating a family portrait. They are working on the correct placement of facial features, color, and small details. The second graders created a landscape painting from a "bird's eye view." They worked on outlining and filling in a land mass neatly with paint. They added oil pastels, to add texture and pattern. First graders have been working on primary and secondary colors. They had a chance to mix the primary colors to create purples, green, and oranges!

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I want to thank you for all of your donations to the art room! I do need a few more supplies to be donated (some are the same as before). If it is not listed, I do not need it:
old cookie sheets
small blocks of wood
heavy duty mailing tubes
yogurt containers (small) with lids
newspaper

Thank you for your support!



Music Notes
Mrs. Cook

Band: Mark your calendars!

- ★ January 14th Holiday concert including both 4th and 5th grade students.
- ★ NEW DATES!!! March 16th and 17th Concert for all 5th grade band students. ***this is a change from the original dates due to scheduling conflicts****
- ★ April 8th Concert for all 4th grade AND 1st year 5th grade band students.

More information will be sent home as the dates approach.



FROM THE LIBRARY

What a great school community Danville Elementary is! My name is Beth Kisiel and I am the new Library Media Specialist this year. I have had the opportunity to engage in each one of your children's lives through our library program and it has been a wonderful beginning of the new school year.

The new electronic library catalog, *Destiny*, is up and running and students are receiving their training on this wonderful web based program. Not only are students able to look up the various resources in the library, they are able to access web based information that is safe and accurate while doing their homework using this system.

Bookmarks with all the electronic resources and their passwords will be distributed to students, ask them to share it with you and view the many electronic resources available to our students. These can be accessed through the Library/Destiny link on the Danville Elementary home page.

So far we have had our orientation, and students have been re-introduced to the systems and set up of our library. The first graders have received their library cards and are busy reading to fill it up so it may be added to the "Little people can be big readers" bulletin board. Thank you for the time you give to your child by reading with them!

Our "Constitution Day" celebration was a success and enjoyed by the whole Danville Elementary community. I hope the "star" pendants were worn and enjoyed by all our students.

Fourth and fifth graders are studying the election process and will be voting on November 4th for their Presidential candidate. What very informed students we have here in Danville!

The Book Fair will be here the first week in December, information will be coming home for the times your child will be coming to the fair.

I look forward to a wonderful year full of exciting lessons and the opportunities to be reading and doing research with your child.

Thank you and Happy Fall!!!

Beth Kisiel
Danville, LMS

IMPORTANT DATES

November 7th PTA Hoe Down 6-8PM

November 11th Veteran's Day – no school

November 12th 4th Grade Field trip to Concord

November 13th Santa's Workshop Craft Fair in Gym 3:30-5:30

November 20th Early Release 1:10 PM – NO Kindergarten classes

November 26-27th Thanksgiving Break

December 16th Early Release Day 1:10 NO Kindergarten classes

December 24th through January 4th Holiday Vacation

A Great Way To Help Our School!

Dear Friends of Danville Elementary,

If you love books and music as much as I do, you know about some of the amazing bargains that can be found through the Amazon site. Amazon has started a program for non-profit organizations, like public schools, where anyone who purchases anything from their site (books, music, computers, clothing...) using a special link, a percentage of the total purchase will go to the group.

The Danville Enrichment program benefits every child at Danville and we are always looking for creative ways to fund the purchase of books and other materials for enrichment activities that will not impact the family financially. The link below is a special link only for Danville Enrichment. If you bookmark this link or add it to your favorites, then every time you use the link to shop at Amazon, about 4% of the total purchase will be returned to the enrichment program at Danville Elementary.

<http://www.amazon.com/?tag=danvielemesch-20>

This link leads you directly to Amazon.com and connects a percentage your purchases to the Danville Elementary Enrichment fund.

Thank you,
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