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Dansville Primary School Parent Newsletter

Principal's News from Mr. Dixon

Tips for making sure your child has a successful school year:

- ❖ *Follow routines at home* - Children thrive when they have a regular time to eat, sleep, play, read, do chores, etc.
- ❖ *Create Daily Rituals* - Start school mornings together, Ask about school every evening, and end the day with a bedtime story.
- ❖ *Encourage playing by the rules* - Know and talk about classroom rules. Never tell your child that a rule is silly.
- ❖ *Stay up-to-date on school news* - Read the information that comes home from your child's teacher and school.
- ❖ *Tell the teacher* - about any changes at home, such as new living arrangements or new baby.
- ❖ *Use email* - to contact the teacher. It minimizes "phone tag." Writing notes works too.
- ❖ *Don't say negative things about the teacher in front of your child* - Make it clear that you and the teacher are on the same "team."
- ❖ *Make homework a priority* - Schedule a regular homework time and be there to support your child.
- ❖ *Don't over schedule your child* - Extracurricular activities can be great, but all children need some down time, too.

Flu Facts from Nurse Didas

Every year in the US, on average:

- ❖ 5-20% of the population gets the flu
- ❖ More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications
- ❖ About 36,000 people die from flu
- ❖ Young children are at risk for serious flu complications
- ❖ Studies show that otherwise healthy but unvaccinated daycare and school-age children are prime targets for the flu and are prime breeding grounds for spreading
- ❖ Once infected, children, particularly preschoolers, shed more influenza viruses than do infected adults, and they do so for longer periods of time. This explains why they are so often at the center of an outbreak in the family or the community
- ❖ Since one-fifth of the US population attends or works in schools, schools are a primary source of infection and possibly the primary source of infection
- ❖ When children become infected, unvaccinated family members quickly follow suit, leading to missed school, missed work, doctor visits and sometimes local hospital visits

PREVENTION is the key to maintaining a healthy environment during flu season:

GET VACCINATED



Every year a new vaccine is developed to combat that year's particular influenza (flu) virus, so annual immunization is necessary!

WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN



Frequent hand washing is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

COVER YOUR MOUTH



When you sneeze and cough! Then wash your hands immediately after.

CALL YOUR DOCTOR



As soon as flu symptoms begin so you can get treatment early.

IF YOU DO HAVE SYMPTOMS



Ask your doctor if you should be tested for the flu.

IF YOU ARE ILL



Stay at home from work or school so that you do not spread the flu virus to other people.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION EACH DAY HELPS KEEP THE FLU AWAY!!

Library News

The Dansville Primary School library is working on literacy awareness! In the library our big focus is to show how much FUN reading can be and to create lifelong readers! We are having students take ownership of their reading: Each time students check a book out of the library and take it home to read, they get a stamp! After they receive 15 stamps they will get a Super Reader Certificate! Then we will start counting stamps again and move to the next level of being a super reader! We are also promoting literacy at home. A 10-Day Reading Challenge was sent home for students to complete with their families. When the challenge has been completed, students will receive a special tag to put on their backpacks! Literacy at home is so important for all of our students and especially for our littlest learners!

Be sure to check out our website (<https://sites.google.com/dansvillecsd.org/dansvillepslibrary/home>) and our Instagram (@dansvillepslibrary). Let's keep spreading the literacy love in Dansville, NY!

Computer News PK-2

PK-2 students at the primary school are off to a great start! Our 2nd grade classrooms now have their own one-to-one Chromebook. Each child has their own account and has been learning how to login, logout and manage tabs as well as learning how to add their own background and save their work. The students have also begun learning to type using Typing Agent. They are learning about home row keys and finger placement. Digital Citizenship has also been a major focus of our lessons as we have learned about being safe online, creating safe usernames and passwords as well as being polite to everyone; not only in person, but also online.

Our 1st grade classrooms have been practicing using their mouse to click and drag, and learn new programs from each website. They will begin learning the keyboard soon through Typing Agent. They have learned to use the following websites: abcmouse.com; Starfall.com; and pbskids.org. They have also had lessons on Digital Citizenship; being safe online and giving credit to our work.

Kindergarten has been re-introduced to using the mouse when clicking and dragging as well as learning to create their own character and reinforce their academic skills on abcmouse.com. They have also used Starfall.com and hav just started using pbskids.org.

Pre-K students have been introduced to the Chromebooks and all their parts. They are learning to click using their pointer finger and how to get the arrow to move using the mouse. We have introduced click, drag and drop through Starfall.com.

As we move forward, we will continue to develop more advanced technology skills while becoming good digital citizens.

PTO News

A special PTO event will be taking place during the month of November. On Friday, November 17th, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, the Primary and Elementary PTO will sponsor a “Family Fall Festival” activity. Families are invited to participate in swimming at the High School Pool and a variety of games and crafts at the Primary School.



HELP!!

Parent Pick-Up is missing a lot of these colored cubes pictured here. If your child participates in parent pick up each afternoon would you please check your child’s backpack or check at home to see if he/she has any. If you find any of these, please return them to your child’s classroom teacher who will then return them to Parent Pick-Up.

Box Tops for Education

Earn cash for our school every time you shop for groceries! Clip box tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Each box top coupon is worth \$.10 to our school. At the end of this newsletter, you will find a collection sheet that your student can use to submit labels to our school. Every sheet turned in receives a prize from the office!

Happy Birthday!

Brooke Austin, Quentin Austin, Trentyn Austin, Maddyson Barnhart, Jaylynn Bridge, Kade Carlin, Noah Cava, Rachel Clark, Chance Duryea, Dawson Erbland, Fox Forsburg, Cadence Gascon, Aiden Geiger, Allicen Hartson, Alexander Hoffman, Ben LaMonte, Marissa Little, Everett Malone, Isabella Menz, Annabelle Ramos, Liam Rice, Nyejah Sharpe, Olivia Strobel, Annabelle Tersigni, Aidan Thornton, and Nevaeh Wheeler.

ATTENTION PARENTS:

Parents dropping items off (snacks, forgotten sneakers, etc.) will need to leave the item in the main office and we will call the classroom to have the student come pick it up. This is in accordance with our Hug & Go policy this year that encourages student independence and building safety.
