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COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Newsletter

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Danville Community High School Seniors take the traditional Senior Walks through each building.

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SERVING OUR GREAT NATION

When students graduate from Danville Community High School, their futures take them on many different paths. One of the most noble of those paths involves enlisting in the military to begin serving our great nation. A special message of thanks goes out to these students and any others who have made the choice to protect our nation's freedoms.

William Isaac MacGregor - Indiana Army National Guard

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A study abroad...

Danville Community High School student Carter Stuard will be spending the summer before his senior year completely immersed in the French language with the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Languages. The six week study abroad will pair Carter with host parents in St. Brieuc, France. While there, Carter is only allowed to speak French and will have limited access to the Internet. DCHS French teacher Laura Cline said Carter is her strongest student who is always pushing himself to learn more. She describes him as kind, passionate and creative. Carter said he's excited to travel to Europe for the first time and come back more fluent in French.



Knowledge, the gift that gives



When reflecting upon on the decision points in our lives, many of us can point to an influential teacher who inspired us to have a successful career or life outcomes.

On April 25, 2018, Purdue University celebrated its fifth annual Day of Giving — and welcomed a \$690,000 gift from Ron (Pharmacy 1970 and 2001) and Susie (Education 1970) Dollens for Purdue University's College of Education. Through a donor-advised fund at Purdue Research Foundation, the alumni couple created the Russell Kirts Teaching Excellence Award, which memorializes a beloved educator and aims to attract and retain outstanding science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) teachers to Danville Community High School and Middle School.

Russell Kirts was a personal hero of Ron Dollens', a 1964 graduate of Danville High School. The advanced placement teacher "was diligent in preparing his students to be knowledgeable problem solvers," Ron Dollens says. "He was held in the highest regard for his intellectual capacity, curiosity and commitment to a successful product: his students. One teacher can make a difference." The Dollens' gift will make a difference by providing scholarships for teachers at the Danville middle and high schools to pursue additional STEM coursework, either by earning a Master's of Science in Education (MSED) in Curriculum and Instruction at Purdue or by earning 18 college credit hours to become eligible to teach dual-credit in a STEM field.

Ron and Susie Dollens also started the C. Russel Kirts Memorial Fund at the Hendricks County Community

Foundation to support the project. This permanent fund will make grants to attract, develop and retain STEM teachers at Danville through grants for continuing education tuition, student loan repayment and funding recruiting bonuses to attract new teachers. "We hope others will join us in supporting this or similar endeavors to leverage the predictable equalizer: a great education," says R. Dollens.

"The Dollens' gift brings the mission of the Purdue College of Education to Danville, Indiana, to positively impact and attract strong educators," says Maryann Santos, the dean of Purdue's College of Education. "Beyond providing resources for teachers, this gift will have the exponential effect of helping hundreds of students become successful, knowledgeable adults."

Susie is a retired teacher and reading specialist. Ron is the retired President and CEO, Guidant Corporation, currently Chairman of the Board, Halyard Health Corporation.

The Danville school community is blessed to have such thoughtful members of our alumni and community. Their generous donation creates a lasting legacy gift to our school community that will continue to give back to generations of students and teachers to come.

With much appreciation to all involved with this wonderful gift,

Dr. Tracey Shafer, Superintendent

COST CUTTING CORNER

Danville Community Schools value the investments made by our patrons as taxpayers. We appreciate the ability to operate successful schools and take seriously our responsibility to wisely use this investment. To this end, in 2014 and 2015, the school corporation capitalized on an opportunity to refinance school building bonds at a lower rate of interest.

This refinance had many positive effects that are paying off today. The taxpayer obligation was lowered and incremental funds were made available that have been reinvested back into the school

district. Recent projects you may have noticed that were funded through these saving included new security doors at South Elementary, renovations at the baseball and softball facilities to make them accessible for school and community use, paving renovations at all schools, and updating our fire protections systems (underway) at Danville Community High School. Additionally, savings have been used to offset tax cap losses to our transportation and bus replacement funds so that we can continue to offer valuable transportation services to our families.

Thank you to our community for your support of our schools.



SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our 2017-2018 Support Staff Member of the Year, Janet Cummings!

Janet is Head Housekeeper at Danville Community Middle School. Staff in the building describe her as one of the hardest workers they have ever met. She always puts others before herself and goes above and beyond each day, all while having a smile on her face.

When the building is short-staffed, she is the first to jump in to complete not only her own duties but those of others as well. When there are special events in the building, Janet and her team work hard to ensure that everything is set up correctly, check in during the event, and do a wonderful job cleaning up after the event is over. She is ready and willing to drop her normal duties on a moments notice to help a student with a jammed locker or to clean up when a student has been ill.

In the winter, she can be found throwing salt out on the icy sidewalks to ensure students and staff can walk in and out of the building safely. In the warm months of the year, she is outside planting and watering beautiful plants or laying mulch to keep the building looking its best. All of these duties are done in addition to her normal workload of making sure her team keeps an entire building clean and free of germs.

Janet leaves her building every day to deliver mail between each building as well as the district office. This allows for quick communication building to building and is a great service to all.

Thank you, Janet, for going above and beyond every day!

FREE SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

Monday - Friday

May 30 - August 2

CHILDREN & PARENTS

**Join us for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. at
Danville High School or Ellis Park**

Children: FREE (18 and under)

Parents: \$3 per meal

All meals must be eaten at our serving locations

Danville High School meals are served in the cafeteria. Ellis Park meals are served at the Train Station on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Shelter 1 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Domino's Pizza served on Thursdays at both locations.

Questions? Contact Food Service Director Stephanie Stuemke at 317-745-0366
or ssstuemke@danville.k12.in.us.



ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our 2017-2018 Elementary

Teacher of the Year, Kyle Yoder.

Kyle is Assistant Athletic Director and teaches Physical Education at North Elementary. Staff said they feel fortunate to have Kyle, as it takes a special kind of educator to impact students quite literally from when they arrive in kindergarten all the way through their senior year of high school.

Kyle's dedication to his work is tremendous. He greets students when the buses start rolling in at North Elementary School at 7:35 a.m., and is usually one of the last to leave the building after the final athletic event at 9 or 10 p.m. Not once or twice a month, but every single day.

We host over 200 athletic events at the high school every year, and Kyle is the person making sure that the facilities are ready and the events go on as planned. It is not possible to have a successful organization without someone like Kyle behind the scenes.

Additionally, he works to extend his influence to families. Each year, Kyle, along with his counterpart Mark Callighan, send out fitness challenges for families to participate in during break. He encourages them to log their activities and to send pictures. He then posts the pictures at school and on social media. This past year, he organized a walk in Ellis Park during fall break, inviting teachers and families to meet and exercise together.

Thank you, Kyle, for your dedication to our students!

SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our 2017-2018 Secondary

Teacher of the Year, Laura Cline.

Mademoiselle Cline teaches French at Danville Community High School. Staff said she is heavily involved with the French club and growing the French program, opening their eyes to how foreign language should be taught.

Instead of linking the French word with the English word, Laura teaches everything in French. When students learn new vocabulary words, they are learned in French. They see a picture of a sunflower and learn the word in French, never English. They are completely immersed in the language.

Her ability to communicate with first year students and fourth year students at the students specific level is out of this world. In fact, whenever anyone who doesn't know French goes into her room, they learn something.

She has an incredible way of interacting with students and they appreciate her knowledge and efforts. She is always looking for ways to improve herself as a speaker and will travel to Quebec to practice her French.

Laura has encouraged several students to become foreign exchange students during the summer months. Staff said her love for teaching is inspiring, as is her drive to make sure all of her students succeed. Staff and students couldn't ask for a better role model.

Thank you, Laura, for being exceptional!



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LITTLE WARRIOR LEARNING CENTER



All About LWLC

The mission of Little Warrior Learning Center is to provide educational and **play-based** opportunities that enable children to **develop new skills** while **building peer relations** and **growing into individual learners**.

Advantages of Little Warrior Learning Center

- LWLC is an all day preschool program for 3 and 4 year old children.
- Tuition covers instructional time, childcare from 7 AM to 6 PM, and two snacks a day.
- Hot breakfast and lunch are available in the cafeteria.
- Curriculum will incorporate intentional, play-based teaching and daily learning centers.
- Instruction will focus on Literacy, STEM, and Social and Emotional content.
- On-site monthly field trips will be scheduled for the preschoolers.
- Preschool students will participate in North activities (picture day, pumpkin run, etc.)
- A full time nurse and counselor are both on site.
- LWLC will be in session on teacher workdays and offers a discount to staff and families with siblings.

Enrolling NOW
for fall 2018



For more information
contact

Mrs. Jackson at 317.745.2610

DANVILLE SCHOOLS



All schools in Danville were rated as A's from the Indiana Department of Education.

DCHS Marching Warriors earned a Gold Rating at ISSMA prelims and went on to become Scholastic B State Champions.

FFA Livestock Evaluation team placed first in the swine division, sheep division and meat goat division. They placed second in Oral Reasons and third in cattle. Alida Jackson won high overall individual honors.

Sagamore Conference Girls and Boys All-Sports Champions, the first time to win both All-Sports Conference titles since 1997.

South Elementary was named a Four Star School by the Indiana Department of Education.

FFA teams advanced to National Competitions in Soils Evaluation, Horse Evaluation and Meat Evaluation.

DCHS Student Reid Harris was named a National Merit Scholarship winner.

DCHS was the first public high school in Indiana to have football, boys' basketball and girls' basketball teams reach the final 4 in each of those sports since Garrett HS accomplished the feat in 2003-2004.

Healthy food options such as a salad bar and yogurt machine were added at our High School.



DCMS BPA students had great success at the State Leadership Conference with two groups or individuals earning first place finishes, one team placing second, two placing third and many others in the top 10.

High school choir students traveled to Chicago and performed at Stanley Hall in the Stanley Fields Museum.

Over 90 percent of the South students competed in Battle of the Books.

Football Regional Champions for the first time in 17 years and Volleyball Sectional Champions for the first time in 24 years.



DCHS had the highest ticket sales for the Theatre and Choral Department musical production of "Little Shop of Horrors."

Danville Middle School Builders Club (Kiwanis) raised \$2,000 from proceeds of their second annual 5K event.

First semester Period 6 government class at DCHS wrote, edited and sponsored a Town of Danville Proclamation for Constitution Week.

Girls' Soccer became both Sagamore Conference Champions and Sectional Champions for the first time in school history.



YEAR IN REVIEW



DCHS government students organized another “Meet the Candidates” night.

DCSC Orff Ensemble attended the IMEA Children’s Folk Dance Festival and performed with 23 other elementary schools from around Indiana.

United Way’s ReadUP program served 19 students by utilizing 50 tutors at South Elementary.

North Elementary raised over \$10,000 for Jump Rope for Heart.

Boys’ Cross Country became Sagamore Conference Champions and a Semi-State qualifier.

North and South Elementary Schools hosted the inaugural Kickball/ Bake Off.

The Period 6 economics class at DCHS sponsored the 1 Kid, 1 Can food drive - twice.

DCMS and South Elementary participated in Girls on the Run this year. At the end of the 10 week season, all the girls and coaches ran in a 5K to celebrate their achievements.

The FFA livestock team was high team overall at the Southeastern National Contest in North Carolina.



A new preschool program will be added for the 2018-2019 school year.

The high school Social Studies Academic Team came in second in the state.

Ben Bertoli, DCMS teacher, published a book, “101 Video Games to Play Before You Grow Up,” and is featured in the Scholastic Book Club.

The Boys’ Basketball team became Regional Champions, as did the Girls’ Basketball team.

For the first time in 14 years, the softball team became Sagamore Conference Champions.

Encore Show Choir competed in several competitions, placing as high as third.

DCMS Academic Super Bowl teams had the best overall performance in history - math, science and interdisciplinary teams came in first in the regional event, English and science came in second. DCMS was a top ten overall scorer statewide.

The DCMS Cross Country Team finished with an undefeated season: a 49-0 record.

What a great year!





**DANVILLE
SCHOOLS
RECEIVE AN A**

Danville Community School Corporation was one of only FIVE Central Indiana school corporations in which EVERY school achieved an “A” rating by the Indiana Department of Education for 2016-2017!

THE DANVILLE DIFFERENCE