



Summer 2018 Newsletter

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Setting the 'PACE' for summer

Our summer PACE program was full of fun, friends and learning this summer! PACE, the program for Positive And Caring Experiences, hosted 100 students this year and kept them active with games, swimming, a talent show, field trips and much more.

Staff agreed that this has been the best summer by far! Fun field trips included exploring the Hendricks County Historical Museum, visiting the Hendricks County 4-H Fair, a trip to a Danville fire station and a private party at the Royal Theater. In addition, students completed summer packets that included math, reading and writing prompts to help combat the summer slide and keep their minds in gear!



Tribe Tech hosted its annual Robotics Summer Day Camp this summer for 24 third through eighth grade students.

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Danville Community Middle School Agriculture Teacher Laura Crosby joined the Indiana DOE Exploring Agriculture Standards Committee this summer to revise and update agricultural education courses. She helped create standards that cover eight different content areas to teach students about agriculture and how it affects them every day. Thank you for your dedication to our students and agriculture, Laura!

-FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-

Keeping our schools safe

Recent events like the Parkland, Florida tragedy and closer to home in Noblesville give us all pause and concern for school safety.

Danville Schools share in this concern and have engaged in improving several safety measures in past years. These improvements include a complete overhaul of our school safety plan, including proper response protocols and identification of multiple reunification sites for each building.

Each school building has been updated with state of the art security cameras inside and out. All doors are locked throughout the school day; visitors must be buzzed in for entry and must also submit to a background check prior to going beyond the office area.

These measures are in addition to having a full time school resource officer

through our partnership with the Town of Danville.

This past school year and summer saw several safety upgrades. South Elementary received a double vestibule entry with the addition of a second set of safety doors. All door control access boxes were updated at Danville Community High School, including upgrades to the check in cameras at the primary entrances.

Danville Schools has also upgraded its employee and volunteer background checks to comprehensive criminal history checks, including multi-state and national databases.

Most recently, we participated in the free metal detector program and are making policy plans for their use.

The best security is achieved through timely communication. To further promote communication,

all school radios have been upgraded and repeater units have been added to enhance school bus communications. Our staff members also receive regular school safety plan training.

This fall, Danville Schools plans to lead a full self-audit of our school safety measures and will also receive a state level safety audit later this school year. We believe the safety and security of our students and staff members is extremely important and will continue to seek advice and implement meaningful security measures.

Thank you for your support as we strive to provide an effective and secure learning environment.



Dr. Tracey Shafer,
Superintendent

COST CUTTING CORNER

The Danville Community School Corporation values student safety and the wise use of resources. We partner with the Town of Danville to provide a school resource officer, and have successfully applied for and received funds from the secured schools safety grant for three years in a row to offset these school district costs. This has saved local taxpayer funds while providing a great safety service to our students.

Warrior Welcome



Warrior Welcome Day helps our students hit the ground running on the first day of school! Held the week before school starts, it gives students at Danville Community High School and Middle School the opportunity to walk their class schedule, try their locker combinations, and sign up for clubs and activities.

Danville Community High School Assistant Principal Aimee Harvey said the majority of her students participate in Warrior Welcome Day, along with many of the freshman who attend a special orientation just for them that morning.

"Warrior Welcome Day gives students the chance to get back in the frame of mind of

school, without it being the first day," she said. "This is also the freshman's first real look in the building and it gives them the chance to connect with some faces."

Crew Leaders, a group of hand-selected juniors and seniors, attend freshman orientation and wear their Crew t-shirts the first few days of school to help the new students.

"This is all about the comfort level of the kids more than anything," Harvey added. "So they come in ready to go."

At Danville Community Middle School, Warrior Welcome Day also gets students ready for the first day of school!

The 5th grade hallway was lined with parents helping their

students figure out a locker for the first time, and the cafeteria was filled with students picking up supplies and planners.

Danville Community Middle School Principal Marsha Webster said Warrior Welcome Day is all about helping her students feel safe and familiar with the building.

"This helps us start the year off fresh with a clean slate and no worries," she said. "It gets them ready to go!"

Many middle school students attended the Warrior Welcome Day event this year to prepare.

"We're thrilled to have the new class coming in and to have the returning students back," Webster added.

"We're excited about the school year!"





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The summer feeding program with Danville Community School Corporation served 5,000 meals this summer to children in the community at two locations. The growing program continues to help our families!



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DCMS students show their support for classmate Cameron Kirk and the fight against Leukemia at a fall volleyball game.



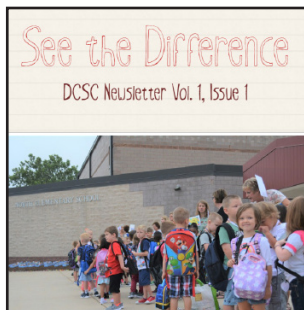
Raising healthy Warriors

Healthy Choices Week at Danville Schools is filled with fun and encouraging ways for students at each of our buildings to make better choices! Each building participated in multiple activities throughout the week to promote physical, mental and emotional health.

Some of the activities during the week included the annual Pumpkin Run at North Elementary, and the inaugural Fun Run for South Elementary students around Warrior Stadium. Both Danville Community Middle School and Danville Community High School participated in convocations with Indianapolis Colts mascot Blue to take a look behind the mask.

In the cafeteria, students were encouraged to make good choices and try new things with prizes and guest servers for National School Lunch Week. "Try it Tuesday" featured mangos and sweet potatoes!

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-FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-

Celebrating our community

As the full splendor of the fall season fully sets in, we have the opportunity to be thankful that our school and community are connected in so many wonderful ways. Please read along as I reflect on just a few of these connections in our hometown community.

The agricultural communities in both Marion and Center townships are an asset to our agricultural and FFA students, supporting them through many local, state and national titles. The Downtown Danville partnership adds vitality to our community with fun activities like the recent scarecrow festival that our school and community groups can take part in together.

We respect the veterans in our community and were blessed by their presence in our schools as we celebrated Veteran's Day. We love our veterans and appreciate them taking time to interact with our students. Likewise, we appreciate the

support of our faith community and the support that our local churches and faith leaders provide to our community.

This fall, the Danville Chamber Community Awards program will recognize, among others, the educators in our community. We are thankful for our Chamber members and the many businesses throughout the community that financially support many student academic programs and Warrior athletics.

Our service groups, such as Kiwanis, Rotary and others, continually raise funds for student scholarships and classroom support. The giving spirit of their members is amazing and deeply cherished. Many of our community leaders also donate time in our outstanding ReadUP program as we partner with United Way to make sure all Danville students can read.

The Town of Danville itself has been a remarkable partner to our schools by offering safety

support through our school resource officer program and by providing space for our alternative school students to have an off campus location to further their studies.

Our community people are truly amazing. I need only to mention the names of Kyley Kline and Cameron Kirk to demonstrate how our community can rally around our very own to support our students. We are truly thankful for the Danville educational community and the people that make it great. It is a blessing to share the connections we have and to look for more ways to come together and make a difference for the future!

Best wishes on a wonderful and thankful fall season,

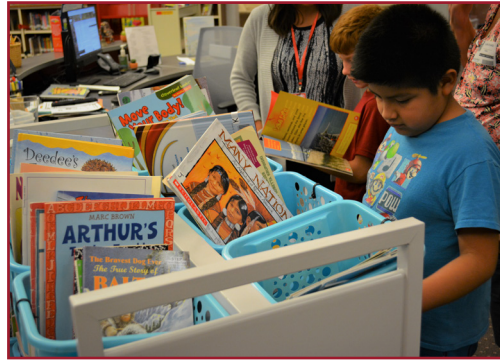
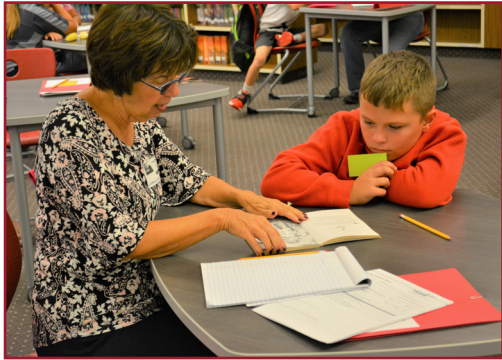
Dr. Tracey Shafer,
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COST CUTTING CORNER

Danville Schools are constantly seeking ways to stretch out dollars while improving the quality of education and safety in our school district. Over the past few years, the district has significantly reduced losses due to workers' compensation injuries. By providing low cost training for staff and investing in improved walkway and parking areas, employee injuries have decreased. This has also saved tens of thousands of dollars on property casualty insurance premiums for the district. We value our tax supported dollars and thank our patrons!

Reading and writing with friends

ReadUP program a success at South Elementary



ReadUP, a fully-funded program with United Way of Central Indiana, is now in its third year at South Elementary. We host the only ReadUP program in Hendricks County and the only program that meets after school.

"At the end of this school year, we will have had 48 students graduate from ReadUP, with over 75 volunteer tutors from the community offering their support," South Librarian Mrs. Renee Bowman said.

ReadUP students receive 90 minutes of additional literacy instruction each week, from September through April. Tutors cheer their students on through relationship building, encouraging a love for

reading, and following their progress all year long.

"Holiday parties and End of Year parties allow both students and tutors to celebrate their hard work and enjoy each other's company," Mrs. Bowman added.

Typical ReadUP students start the program reading below grade level and end the year reading at or above grade level, with a proven track record of 100% student pass rate of the IREAD-3 assessment the first two years of the program.

We match our ReadUP students with a team of two tutors. Our tutors have various backgrounds and include retired teachers, parents of former students, even staff members.

"ReadUP is truly one of the best parts of my week," said ReadUP volunteer and Director of Academic Services Morgan Walker. "There is nothing like seeing a student finally read a word they struggled with or get so excited about a story we are reading they don't want ReadUP to end. I know that I am making an impact and I hope each of the students I have worked with know the impact they have had on me, too!"

One thing all of our tutors have in common is a passion for helping our students succeed. We are so proud of our staff and community volunteers for making extra time to connect with our students!



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The DCHS baseball team raised
\$2,400 with their "Hit Out Cancer"
event for fellow Warrior Cameron Kirk.



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A

bright Danville future



DCHS senior named 2019 Lilly Scholar, awarded full scholarship

Thanks to the Hendricks County Community Foundation, the future just got a little brighter for Danville Community High School senior Michael Oliver. The 2019 Lilly Scholar said that he owes this accomplishment to hard work and the support of his family.

"My family has been super helpful on this journey," Michael said. "My cousin was a Lilly Scholar, so learning from her and the rest of my family about what it means to be a Lilly Scholar has been great support."

Receiving full tuition and a \$900 yearly stipend with this award, Michael said he plans to attend Taylor University and pursue an education in politics, philosophy and economics. He hopes to attend law school and see where the future takes him.

"Winning this scholarship changes your entire life," Michael added. "Seeing the people that have won it, it's a legacy and being a part of that is crazy."

Over 200 students applied for the scholarship this year and two additional county students received the honor. Michael was joined by fellow classmates Jessica McDugle and Logan Walliser as finalists for the scholarship, along with eight other county seniors.

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Our Danville FFA members are currently celebrating the 20th year of their chapter. With 88 members in grades seven to 12, Danville FFA is Warrior strong!

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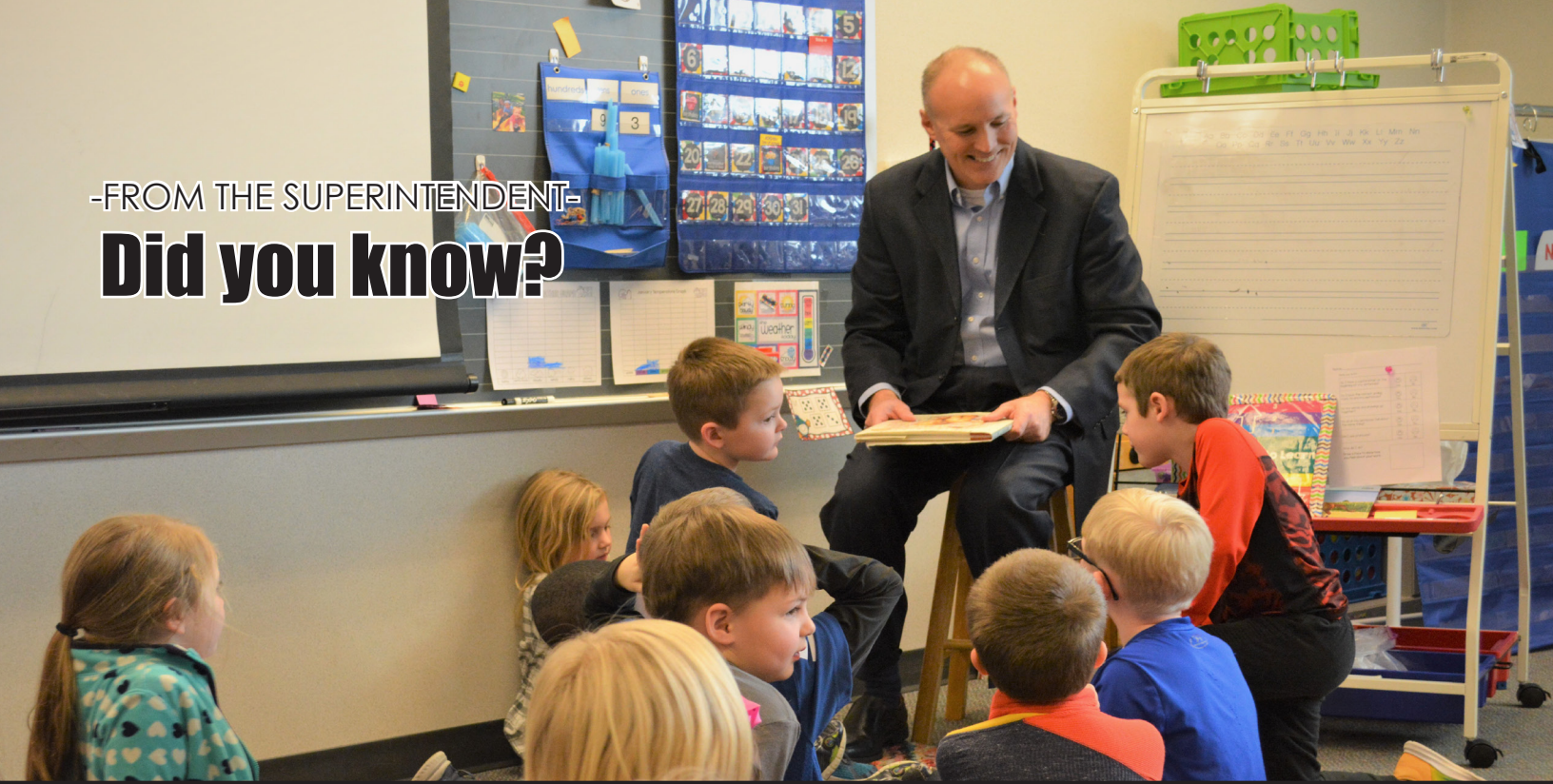


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-FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-

Did you know?



If you want to impress your friends or family around the dinner table, here are a few fun facts about Danville Schools.

Did you know that all of the Danville Schools are "A" rated by the Indiana Department of Education and that our third through eighth grade students' ISTEP scores are in the top 5 percent in the state? Each and every one of our third graders were at or above grade level reading this past year as measured by the state IREAD3 test.

Danville Community High School offers 24 different advanced course options and received the College

Board AP Honor Roll award for the third year in a row. This year, DCHS was one of only 373 schools to receive this award in the U.S. and Canada combined.

But, did you also know that Danville Schools rank in the bottom 12 percent statewide in funding per child we receive from state revenues? Not all schools are funded the same amount per child. This negatively affects our abilities to pay competitive wages to our Danville instructional staff and jeopardizes classroom quality for students compared to other districts.

In 2018, our operational revenue losses due to tax caps "circuit breaker" were

over \$1.1 million which also makes it difficult to buy new buses, pay competitive wages and to make needed facility repairs.

Regardless of the challenges, we wanted you to be aware of the value your schools are returning back to the community. We do so appreciate our community's support and thank you for your patronage of Danville Community Schools.

Dr. Tracey Shafer,
Superintendent

COST CUTTING CORNER

Danville Schools believe in being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. Through competitive bidding of our cash investments, DCSC gained a 73 percent increase in our certificate of deposit rates for 2019. DCSC will also retire \$1.1 million dollars of debt in 2019 and is eligible for an AA++ credit rating, the highest rating attainable by public schools.



A warm Warrior welcome, Mr. McRoberts!

The newest addition to the Danville Community School Corporation's Board of Trustees is no stranger to our hallways. The 1983 Danville graduate was born and raised here, and continues to grow his family in our community.

"Danville has been important in my life, and the schools have been important in my life," Mr. McRoberts said. "I want to make sure that I can be involved and help out wherever I can."

Mr. McRoberts comes to us with an extensive background in education that all began as a teacher at Cascade High School. After working his way up to principal there, he transitioned to Speedway High School administration in 2002. Currently, Mr. McRoberts serves as the associate executive director for the Indiana Association of School Principals.

"Now, I work with principals every day and provide professional development," he explained.

With four children in Danville Schools, ranging from third grade to 11th grade, Mr. McRoberts said serving on the school board will be an honor and he looks forward to the opportunity.



Our new DCSC Board of Trustees: member Tim McRoberts, Secretary Amy Comer Elliott, President Dr. Michael C. Beaty, Vice President Matt Steward and member Cory Mason.

100 days smarter with Danville Schools

Our friends at North Elementary School recently celebrated an important milestone - 100 days at school! Students and teachers alike dressed the part and spent some of their day playing fun, 100-themed educational games that included counting to 100 many, many times.

Preschool students in our Little Warrior Learning Center put on their best "100-year-old" outfits, while first grade celebrated 101 days by dressing up as puppies - complete with a "dog house" doorway to their hall.

Many of our friends in kindergarten wore festive shirts with 100 items glued or painted on, and sported fancy head-wear proudly proclaiming - "I am 100 days smarter!" They shifted from station to station in their classrooms making necklaces, stacking cups and always counting, counting, counting.

Thanks to our dedicated team of teachers, administrators and staff, learning is fun in Danville!





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140 years of Danville Schools

With a little bit of digging at the Danville Public Library, and with a lot of help from its dedicated historians, the history of Danville Schools begins to unfold. Students have been calling our halls home for 140 years now, before beginning their journey and embracing their future.

On May 16, 1879, the very first Danville graduation ceremony was held at the Royal Theater with only one graduate - Belle Kennedy. This year, 190 seniors will walk across the stage to get their diploma.

Our current school buildings are just four in a long line of locations in the last 140 years, with Danville Community Middle School at 10-years-old, South Elementary at a surprising 27-years-old, Danville Community High School at 47-years-old, and North Elementary reaching an impressive 56-years-old.

"It is an honor to be a part of the history of DCHS and to be able to represent such a great class," senior class president Laney Gilbert said, holding a composite of the 1928 class. "It's very humbling to be on the wall with the people who have made my experience at DCHS so impactful."

Thank you for supporting your hometown community schools.

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Over 75 student, staff and community volunteers went to work cleaning up the HAWK Outdoor Lab educational space behind DCMS this spring.

Great work, Warriors!

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Saving the world, one marker at a time

Thanks to North Elementary teacher Mr. Michael Vrabel and his first grade class, trash is becoming useful by enrolling in the Crayola ColorCycle program. Since 2013, ColorCycle has re-purposed more than 70 tons of expended markers and uses advanced conversion technology to make roads, roofs and to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food and power vehicles.



**Katie
Pourcho**

Elementary Teacher of the Year

North Elementary is lucky to have Katie Pourcho teaching our kindergarten, first and second graders a love for art. Her teaching style is nothing less than magical, and her passion easily slips out of her classroom and travels down each hallway.

Katie provides an experience for students that allows for flexibility, problem solving, creativity and the ability to grow from mistakes. She believes people are creators and feels called to cultivate creativeness in all. She teaches the elements of art in an environment that is safe for all students to have the courage to freely express. She is exceptionally patient, and listens from the heart. She observes with a perceptive eye, and modifies her classroom to accommodate the needs of all her students.

Outside of our walls, Katie pursues her own artisanship. She does commissioned work for events and has personal works displayed and sold at a local Danville business.

Thank you for sharing your passion with us, Katie!

Secondary Teacher of the Year

At Danville Community High School, Kelsey Long teaches 10th and 11th grade English. Kelsey's colleagues say she is an immensely positive person and that she makes the culture at the high school better with her smiles, her laughter and her pursuit of excellence.

Kelsey is highly effective at creating relationships with her students, knowing and loving her subject, and knowing how to manage her classroom. She finds a balance between connecting personally with her students and maintaining a well-disciplined group at the same time. Her students know they must behave, but they do it not for fear of their teacher; they do it because she works hard to teach her students rules, procedures and expectations early on.

She can often be found giving her time as a Student Council sponsor and lending a hand to the Warrior Way Support Team to address anything and everything related to school culture, student and staff expectations, social-emotional health, and more.

Thank you for living the Warrior Way each day, Kelsey!



**Kelsey
Long**



**Matthew
Oliphant**

Support Staff Member of the Year

Our School Resource Officer Matthew Oliphant truly is the Danville Difference. He goes above and beyond each day, making school safety a priority while still making connections with students and staff.

Matthew regularly participates in professional development and seeks to improve upon our existing plans and procedures based on what he learns. He is always available when needed and willingly volunteers to serve, even in areas beyond his job description, all in the name of doing what is best for Danville Schools.

With the addition of a second officer this year, Matthew now spends most of his time at North Elementary and DCHS. At North, he can be found stopping to tie a shoe or giving a high-five to almost every kid he passes in the halls. At DCHS, he often stops to ask students how their academics, sports or activities are going. Despite also working with the Danville and Clayton police departments, he invests an incredible amount of time in Danville Schools.

Thank you for going above and beyond, Matthew!



It's been an amazing year at Danville Community School Corporation! We are so proud of all of our students, staff and administrators for their dedication to excellence and for living each day with Warrior Pride. Here is just a brief look at the 2018-2019 school year. Check out the full list on our homepage!

- All Danville Schools were 'A' rated by the Indiana Department of Education.
- Over 200 Danville senior citizens signed up for their Silver Pass, a new program that gives them free access to school events.
- DCHS was listed to the AP District Honor Roll for the third straight year and offered over 20 dual credit, AP and honors classes for our students.
- The Little Warrior Learning Center preschool program launched at North

Elementary this year, and will be adding a third classroom in the fall of 2019.

- Danville Schools placed in the top 5 percent in state testing scores.
- Our safety plan audit and on-site visit resulted in a 100% compliant distinction from the state and a second school resource officer was added to our team.
- We had 19 fall sports student-athletes selected to the All-Sagamore Conference, and 21 fall athletes named to Academic All-State teams in their various sports.
- The DCHS football season ended in the sectional semifinal, becoming the first time the school has had three consecutive winning seasons since 2007.
- The DCHS volleyball team became Conference and Sectional Champions and



reached the Regional Final for the first time since 1990. Visit our homepage for the full list of athletic accomplishments, including those of our spring sport athletes.

- DCHS coach Kaley May celebrated her 100th victory as girls' basketball coach.
- DCHS coach Pat O'Neil was inducted into the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame.
- FFA students donated over 1,500lbs of food to the Shared Blessings Food Pantry.
- This year, our FFA students celebrated the chapter's 20th anniversary. Among the many accomplishments, the Horticulture Team competed and won at the National contest and the Horse Evaluation Team placed first at the state contest. Visit our homepage for the full list of FFA accomplishments from the year.



Danville Schools 2018-2019 Year in Review...

- Of the 96 districts that applied, we are proud to be one of nine recipients of the Indiana Department of Education's High Ability Competitive Grant and one of 48 districts receiving the Indiana Department of Education's Digital Learning Grant.
- The DCHS Theater Department presented their musical "Little Women" at the Fine Arts Festival where art students also had a gallery and soup fundraiser.
- South Elementary students participated in the Battle of the Books during I LOVE TO READ week, with 87 percent of our students voluntarily participating.
- Children's author Troy Cummings visited South Elementary in April. Thanks to community donations, every student received a copy of his book before the visit.



- South Elementary was awarded IDOE Four Star School status for 2017-2018.
- Four DCMS track students broke the school record in the 3200-meter relay.
- Students in the Marching Warriors band competed at the state competition for the fourth year in a row and received gold distinction in effect at ISSMA.
- Veterans were honored for their service at each building in the corporation.
- Students at North Elementary participated in healthy choices week this fall with the annual Pumpkin Run, braving the cold to get moving and have fun outside.
- BPA had several state winners at both the middle and high school levels.
- The Dollens' graciously donated funds to create the C. Russell Kirts Teaching Excellence Award, allowing DCSC teachers to earn their master's degree at no cost to them in a STEM area.

- Through a partnership with Endeavor Communications, students from DCHS hosted their first Future Speed Geeks Community Help Desk events at DCMS.
- DCHS senior Michael Oliver was named a Lilly Endowment Community Scholar and awarded a full scholarship by the Hendricks County Community Foundation.
- DCMS science teacher Brandon Gleason worked with community volunteers to bring science to life with a hot air balloon. Mr. Gleason also climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro this year, using the adventure to teach his students from experience.

View our full list on our homepage at www.danville.k12.in.us!



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Danville Community Schools consistently seeks to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. This summer the middle school will have building repairs, including resealing the joints and windows to protect our investment from water infiltration. This fall, our students will receive new personal computer devices to assist in their education.

This combined investment is nearly \$500,000. This cost will be covered by incremental proceeds (savings) from a bond that was refinanced in 2015 without costing taxpayers additional funds to pay for these expenses.

We value our community members and thank you for the investment in our schools!

-FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-

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As the school year draws to a close, I've had the privilege to attend several academic programs including the band and choir spring concerts, the spring musical, the Top 15 Banquet, the FFA Awards Banquet, and the Senior Awards program.

With each of these I see the difference that great teachers and great schools make in the lives of young people. Furthermore, I'm reminded of how supportive community people make great schools work for the young people who live here.

At the senior awards program alone, nearly \$1.7 million dollars worth of scholarships were awarded to seniors seeking to further their education. Many thanks to our teachers for doing wonderful work with our students, and for the tremendously supportive community members who volunteer in our schools and who support scholarships for our students.

Great schools make great communities and great communities make great schools. Together, we make a difference in the lives of our future.

Dr. Tracey Shafer, Superintendent

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