See the Difference

DCSC Newsletter Vol. 1, Issue 1



Welcome back!

The smell of school supplies, the excitement of new experiences ahead...it must be back to school time! 'See the Difference' is our monthly newsletter where families and community members can learn more about Danville Schools, and how we strive to go above and beyond every day to be #TheDanvilleDifference.

We'll also keep you updated on important news and dates, and give you an inside look at each of our schools!

Danville Community School Corporation







Everyone, Every Day

High Standards

High Achievement



"See the Difference" our teachers make...

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!



A warm 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!"









feeding our community...

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!

A look inside...

...our new preschool - the Little Warrior Learning Center!



Our Little Warrior Learning Center (LWLC) preschool program is now open!

Housed inside North, the mission of LWLC is to provide educational and play-based opportunities that enable children to develop new skills while building peer relations and growing into individual learners.

Preschool Director Ceara Jackson said LWLC is a great addition to the DCSC family!

"Our play-based program is a hands-on educational opportunity that will connect learning with community involvement, enabling a rich learning experience," Jackson explained.

LWLC is an all-day preschool program for 3- and 4-year-old children. Tuition covers instructional time as well as childcare from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and two snacks a day. The preschool will be in session on teacher workdays, and offers a discount to staff and families with siblings.

To learn more about LWLC, contact Jackson at 317-745-2610.









A message from our Superintendent...

@DanvilleSuper

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.

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







Upcoming Events...

North Elementary Parent Night (1st and 2nd)

WHEN

Tuesday, Aug. 21st, 5:30-7:15pm

WHERE

398 Urьan Street Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

Our Parent Night gives you an opportunity to hear from your child's teacher. First grade begins at 5:30 p.m., and second grade begins at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to be in the classroom by the time listed and plan to stay for 30 to 40 minutes. During this time, your child's teacher will go through the daily routine, expectations, curriculum, and how you can support your child throughout the school year.

This event is for parents only, and children should not attend.

DCHS Back to School Night

WHEN

Wednesday, Aug. 22nd, 6:30-8pm

WHERE

100 Warrior Way Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

Our Back to School Night gives parents an opportunity to hear from their child's teacher.

This event is for parents only, and students should not attend.

South Elementary Parent Night

WHEN

Thursday, Aug. 23rd, 5:45-7:45pm

WHERE

1375 West Lincoln Street Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

Our Parent Night gives you an opportunity to hear from your child's teacher. Parent Night for 3rd grade begins at 5:45 p.m. and 4th grade begins at 6:45 p.m.

At the event, your child's teacher will go through the daily routine and expectations. She/he will share with parents what to expect as far as homework, tests, assignments, how to help their child, etc.

This event is for parents only, and children should not attend.

North Elementary Parent Night (kindergarten)

WHEN

Tuesday, Aug. 28th, 5:30-7:15pm

WHERE

398 Urьan Street Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

Our Parent Night gives you an opportunity to hear from your child's teacher. Team A (Mrs. Pritchett, Miss Rader, Mrs. Whitaker and Mrs. Ziegler) will meet at 5:30 p.m. Team B (Mrs. Harvey, Miss James, Mrs. Roberts and Miss Toole) will meet at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to be in the classroom by the time listed and plan to stay for 30 to 40 minutes. During this time your child's teacher will go through the daily routine, expectations, curriculum, and how you can support your child throughout the school year.

This event is for parents only, and children should not attend.

Labor Day - no school

WHEN

Monday, Sep. 3rd, 7am

WHERE

Danville Community School Corporation, IN, USA

School Board Meeting - Regular Session

WHFN

Monday, Sep. 10th, 6:30pm

WHFRF

1375 West Lincoln Street Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

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About us...





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- Danville South Elementary (grades 3-4)
- Danville North Elementary (grades KG-2)

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"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." -Nelson Mandela



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September 2018

We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit, how 'bout you?!

The fall semester is well underway and our Warrior Pride is spreading like wild fire! From our early learners in our Little Warrior Learning Center preschool to our high school "Mob" student section - we are proud of our students, our teachers and our staff for supporting each other, and grateful for the Danville community for being so involved in our schools.

It's easy to see #TheDanvilleDifference here!

Danville Community School Corporation



Everyone, Every Day

Varsity cheerleaders were full of pep despite the rainy weather.



Fligh Standards

Our varsity Warriors were ready to run at the Crawfordsville game!



High Achievement

The rain may have kept the full band in, but members of our brass opened the game.

"See the difference" our staff is making...

We're so proud of our team members for being named "Best Of" in *The Hendricks County Flyer*!



For Best Educator in Hendricks County: 1st place - Jenny Wilson, 4th grade teacher at South Elementary! 3rd place - Anna Hopkins, athletic director at Danville Community Middle School!

For Best Principal in Hendricks County: 1st place - Tine Noe, principal at South Elementary!

They make the Danville Difference every day! #WarriorPride

Warriors Helping Warriors...



For families that have spent a few years in our district, it should come as no surprise how supportive the "Warrior Family" is when others are in need. Community service abounds in our small town, but the way our Warriors help one another really goes above and beyond!

Cameron Kirk, a fifth grader at Danville Community Middle School, was diagnosed with Leukemia earlier this year. Cameron is often shown support by his classmates and the entire district, but recently the varsity volleyball team hosted a "Warriors helping a Warrior" charity game against Covenant Christian High School.

The two teams came together to host a serving contest, a bake sale, a silent auction and a raffle to support the Kirk family. The event was supported by the students, teachers, coaches, parents, friends and local businesses.

Cameron's family said, "For a few hours, as Cameron helped 'coach' and cheer on the team, he was able to focus on something else and forget about all that he is going through."

The continued encouragement of Cameron was joined by support for Danville Community High School senior Kyley Kline, who was in an automobile accident in August. Within just two days, her fellow classmates changed their theme for the student section at the high school football game to tie-dye to show their support of Kyley and her recovery.

The Warrior Family compassion grew and spread not only across the district, but the region. Teacher and students at each school wore tie-dye to school Friday. Lebanon High School students soon changed their theme to tie-dye and both student sections came together to show their support at the football game that night.

It didn't stop there, however, and students in Mike Neilson's economics class began crafting a plan.

"The students proposed an idea to me and we discussed the details. The class then organized into different groups ranging from students project managers to sales, to promotions," Neilson explained.

His period 5 economics class has created a trifecta of treats for the Warrior Nation. These students have designed lanyards, t-shirts and card holders for phones to raise money for both Cameron Kirk and Kyley Kline. His period 6 economics class created customized bracelets in Kyley's favorite colors. They also offer water bottles that are customized with an added bracelet as an added incentive support Kyley.

"Both classes are learning hands on lessons about marketing, management, supply, demand, sales, promotions and customer service," Neilson added. "I'm excited to see the students embrace these projects, and take full ownership of the running and management of these opportunities to help give back to our community."

We are #WarriorStrong and we love our Warrior Family!







Team Effort

Teams unite to help a fellow Warrior!

Flard Flitter

Cameron Kirk takes a turn at the Warriors Helping a Warrior charity game against Covenant Christian High School.

Circle of Support

Danville Warriors are #CamStrong!



Card Creators

Students in Susan Vrabel's 3rd grade class at Danville South Elementary wrote letters of support to Senior Kyley Kline!



Totally Rad

Staff at the high school wore their tie-dye best to support Kyley, too!



Small Supporters

Students across the district wore tie-dye for Kyley, including these students at South Elementary.



Making time...

South Elementary Principal Tina Noe reads to students in every classroom each month throughout the school year!

This month, she read "I walk with Vanessa" with students to share a special message about empathy for others.

#TheDanvilleDifference

Setting the Threshold...

Our Danville Community Middle School teachers are practicing a Teach Like a Champion technique called Threshold with their students by greeting them and shaking their hands at the door.

When students cross the threshold into the classroom, this reminds them of the expectations: establish rapport, set the tone and reinforce the first steps in a routine that makes excellence habitual.



A look inside North Elementary School...



Danville's North Elementary School is home to kindergarten, first and second grade, as well as our new Little Warrior Learning Center preschool and our developmental preschool. Our early learners are experiencing new things every day and getting the hang of the school buses, going through the lunch lines and much more.

"We know that this is the entry into education for all of our kids. This is where it starts," North Principal Karen Perkins said. "We want to do everything that we can to build that foundation to make parents feel comfortable and to help our kids have a good start in our district."

With about 600 children total, North Elementary is home to an amazing team of teachers, administrators, support staff, special education staff and instructional aids. The North team strives to be nurturing and educational, as our smallest friends often need a different type of experience than students at our high school.

Mrs. Perkins said they keep learning fun for students by keeping them engaged and rotating activities to keep each day fresh.

"We don't want to be in our seats," she said. "There are times when working at your desk is appropriate, but as often as we can we're going to go to the carpet, we're going to work in small groups and engage with our friends. We're going to do as many hands-on activities as we can throughout the day to have constant change and engagement."

This is often achieved by meeting our early learners where they are and setting them up for success.

Our "specials" teachers - physical education, music, art, library and computer – give students the opportunity to show they are learning and growing in different ways, and allows them to expand their creativity.

Art, for example, has students creating, helps them connect creativity with education. Physical education provides students with a great opportunity to release a bit of energy and prepare to focus on learning.

"All of my specials teachers work with the grade levels to make sure what they are doing in their classrooms and supporting what's going on in the grade level at the time," Mrs. Perkins added.

With a large team of caring individuals, Danville's North Elementary School is a great place to learn, grow and make life-long friendships!



School Spirit

Kindergarten teacher Elizabeth Whitaker and a friend wear tiedye to support senior Kyley Kline at North!



SRO Connection

Our SRO Matt Oliphant works hard to connect with all of our students, all the way down to our early learners in the preschool.



Specials Squad

Our <u>#SpecialsSquad</u> at North Elementary gets little learners excited about physical education, music, art, library and computer!



A message from our Superintendent...

@DanvilleSuper

Fall is a time for homecoming and displays of school spirit. As we usher in the fall season this weekend, let's pause to reflect on what a wonderfully supportive community we have to support our youth.

From the painted store fronts, to the rows of player names alongside our streets, to the Mob under the Friday night lights, Danville is blessed in rich traditions supporting our students. When you see 'Go Band!' 'Go Warriors!' or the homecoming parade turning the corner, consider how fortunate we are to live in a vibrant town with successful student scholars and student athletes.

Whether you are a student, parent, or loyal Danville community fan, join us in celebrating our schools and encouraging our students through displays of school spirit. It makes a difference!

Dr. Tracey Shafer, Superintendent

Upcoming Events...

Homecoming Parade and Game

WHEN

Friday, Sep. 28th, 5:30pm

WHERE

100 Warrior Way Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

The parade will begin at the Government Center and head north to West Marion Street via Washington Street. The parade will continue onto Kentucky Street, south to Mill Street, and west to Mackey Road. It will then travel south to Lincoln Street and enter the high school's south entrance where it will conclude.

The Warriors take on Frankfort at 7 p.m.

School Board Meeting -Regular Session

WHEN

Monday, Oct. 8th, 6:30pm

WHERE

1375 West Lincoln Street Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

Parents, students, staff and members of the community are invited to attend the meetings of the Danville Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees. Meetings are held in the cafeteria at South Elementary.

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Meet the Candidates Night

WHEN

Tuesday, Oct. 9th, 7pm

WHERE

100 Warrior Way Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

Come out and meet the candidates for many of the contested fall races. Candidates from local, state and federal races have been invited.

Fall Break

WHFN

Monday, Oct. 15th, 7am to Friday, Oct. 19th, 3:30pm

WHERE

DCSC schools



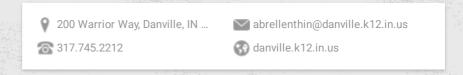




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"Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school." **Albert Einstein**



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OCTOBER 2018

We hope you had a relaxing and rejuvenating fall break! Cooler weather is finally here and our teachers are ready to finish the semester strong.

In this issue of See the Difference, you'll get an inside look at South Elementary School, learn more about our Silver Pass program and see how our staff is making #TheDanvilleDifference every day!

DANVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION



EVERYONE, EVERY DAY

The Homecoming parade was a success with participation from the entire community!



HIGH STANDARDS

Seniors celebrate their last HoCo in the student section with a little flair!



HIGH ACHIEVEMENT

Our 2018 HoCo King and Queen during halftime. Warrior Royalty!

"SEE THE DIFFERENCE" OUR STAFF IS MAKING...

Our Academic Director Morgan Walker, 2nd grade teacher Jordan Wheeler and kindergarten teacher Kristi Pritchett have completed graduate courses at Ball State University during the spring and summer and passed a state exam to add High Ability to their current teaching/administrative licenses!



This process involves many hours of additional masters level classwork and ensures we have a greater number of staff members in the district with additional training to meet the needs of high ability students. This work is done on their own time in addition to their normal duties.

We are so proud of their dedication to the students in this district! #WarriorPride



SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH...

Our September Students of the Month are DCHS's Shaye Noe, North Elementary's Colton Dixon, South Elementary's Lucian Taylor and DCMS's Luke Messinger.

Great job, Warriors!

A LOOK INSIDE SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...



South Elementary is home to almost 400 of our third and fourth grade friends. Its mission? To achieve maximum student growth while creating positive and lasting memories!

"We get feedback consistently that we are a warm and caring environment, and when you walk into this building you feel it," South Principal Tina Noe said. "People say that it feels like home, and that's something we're very proud of."

Staff does this by making connections and building relationships with South families. While they often wish they had their students in the building for more than just two years, they make the most of the time they do have.

"It's a way of life for us," Principal Noe added. "We want people to feel cared for and loved when they come into our building."

With 14 classroom teachers, five instructional assistants and 11 additional certified support specialists or specials teachers, many of which South shares with either the middle school or high school, the South team loves to help our friends grow and learn.

Every month, Principal Noe makes the extra effort to visit each and every classroom to share a book with them and impart an important lesson.

"That's new this year, in an effort to interact with the kids and not just be in the classrooms to observe teachers," she explained. "There's an important message behind each book. We talk about being kind to others, empathy, embracing our differences, and being unique."

With all the love and support they can give, our South team shows our third and fourth grade friends The Danville Difference!



BOOK FAIR FUN

Our friends got to do a little shopping at the book fair last week.



PROBLEM SOLVING

Fourth grade teacher Jenny Wilson works with her students on a math problem.



SHARING TABLE

Students are using the Sharing Table to share food they don't want with their friends!



KICK IT

Students enjoy the early fall sunshine during recess.



BOOK BREAK

Students enjoy a variety of activities during recess, even getting a few more pages in!



BIG SMILES

Third grade students love the camera!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT...

@DanvilleSuper

Our Danville Schools value excellence and seek to provide it in our community engagement. This fall we are taking intentional strides to improve our engagement and input from the community.

Throughout the school year, our Community Advisory Council will meet with me on a monthly basis to act as a sounding board. This diverse group of community members will provide feedback and receive direct information on school initiatives. Likewise, this year will kick off the Superintendent's Symposium which will be similar feedback based meetings with both high school and middle school students. This will provide valuable feedback directly from our students to help improve our ability to be responsive to the needs of school children in our district.

Thank you to our students and community members who take the time to make a difference through your ideas and input.

Dr. Tracey Shafer, Superintendent

SERVING IT UP...

Did you know we make our own meals here at DCSC? Our food service team works hard to provide a wide selection of healthy choices for our students.



At Danville Community Middle School, students can choose from a large rotating menu that always includes fresh fruit and veggies. Students can dine from the sandwich bar, an Asian bar and so much more. Our most popular menu item? Chicken and noodles!



HIT OUT CANCER...

The DCHS baseball team recently hosted a "Hit Out Cancer" fundraising event to support our very own Cameron Kirk who is battling Leukemia. With continued community support, the team was able to raise over \$2,200 to help the Kirk family with medical expenses.

We are so proud of our Warriors and how they support each other!

A DAY AT THE ORCHARD...

Our first grade friends at North Elementary finally got to take their field trip to Beasley's Orchard after the weather delayed their plans. The students were able to participate in many activities at the orchard, including a visit to the pumpkin patch and a behind the scenes look at how the cider is made!



SILVER PASS PROGRAM LAUNCHES...

Have you heard about our new Silver Pass program? It's a free card for Danville citizens that are 65-years and older. The pass gives them free access to all DCSC events, including sporting events and band, choir and theater performances.

The card is only valid for DCSC events, and may not be used at county or state tournaments. Interested participants should come by the administration office during business hours to fill out an information form and have their photo taken. The card is printed while they wait!

It's just another way we are making <u>#TheDanvilleDifference</u> for our community!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

DCHS SAFE TRICK-OR-TREAT

WHEN
TUESDAY, OCT. 30TH, 6-8PM

WHERE 100 WARRIOR WAY DANVILLE, IN

MORE INFORMATION

Join us in the Danville Community High School auxiliary gym for safe trick-or-treating and games!

LITERACY BINGO NIGHT

WHEN FRIDAY, NOV. 9TH, 5:15-9PM

WHERE
1425 WEST LINCOLN STREET
DANVILLE, IN

MORE INFORMATION

Danville Kiwanis and Danville K Kids Club are hosting a Literacy Bingo Night.

Doors open at 5:15 p.m. for a chili dinner to purchase. The menu will have chili, hot dogs, chips, desserts, apple slushies, water and coffee to purchase. Dinner will be served throughout the night until we run out of food.

Bingo will start at 6:30 p.m. This is a family friendly event, so bring the whole family. Bingo is free to play but we do ask you bring a food item to donate to the Danville Nutrition Club (backpack program).

Family friendly prizes will be awarded to the winners of the bingo games and K Kids will offer Literacy facts throughout the night.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

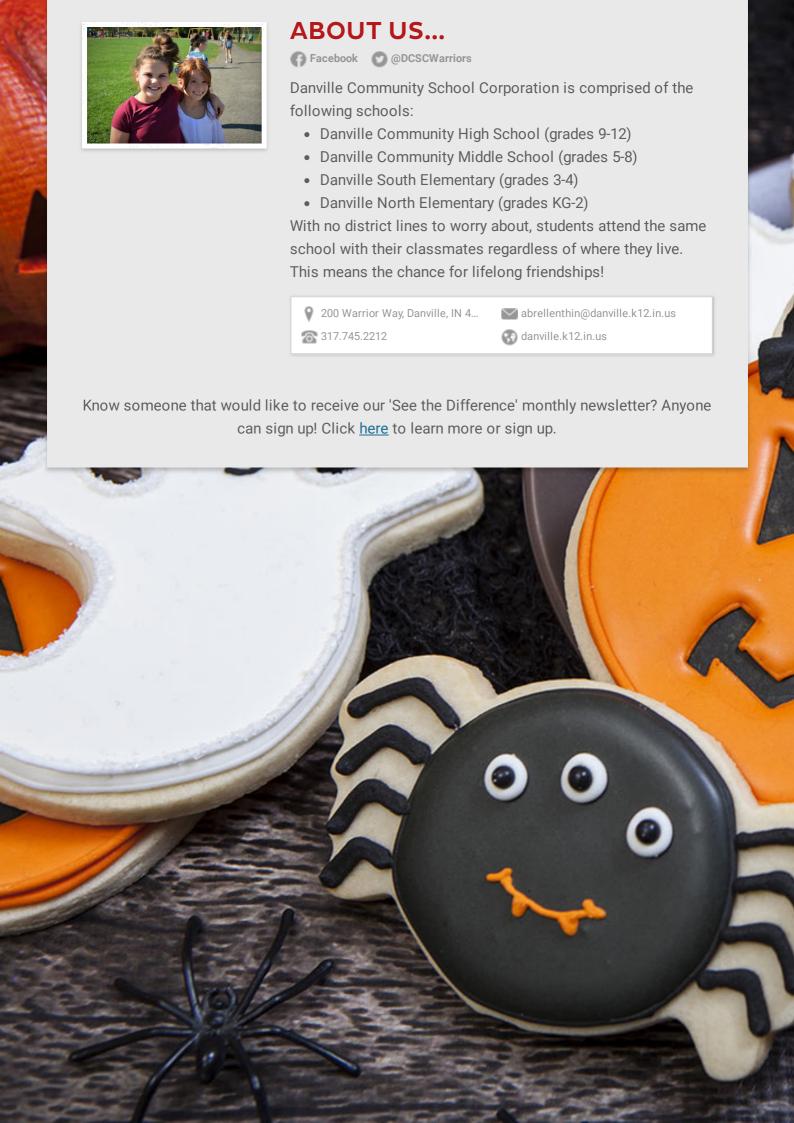
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WHERE
1375 WEST LINCOLN STREET
DANVILLE, IN

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Danville Community School Corporation



November 2018

What is it that you are thankful for this fall season? Our answer is easy here at Danville Schools, because we're thankful for *YOU!* Our families and our community are two of the most important things at Danville Schools, and we strive to build better connections each and every day. Thank you for all of your support of our students, our staff and education in Danville.

In this issue of See the Difference, you'll get an inside look at Danville Community Middle School, learn more about how we are connecting with our community and see how our staff is making #TheDanvilleDifference every day!



Connecting with our community...

The month of November is special here at Danville Schools, because we get to host some of our favorite community members!

Our second grade friends welcomed their grandparents for Grandparents Day at North Elementary. The day begins by showcasing what they have been learning in their music class, and is followed by a classroom tour and donuts. This is a special event for our second graders and they love showing off for their grandparents!

At South Elementary, our annual Bring a Veteran to School Day continues to grow! Students invite a veteran in their life to stop by the classroom and share with students. Veterans often bring photos and mementos, and students are encouraged to ask questions. The day often ends in wet eyes after the Parade of Heroes - an event where all of our students and staff line the halls and cheer for our veterans as they walk by.

We love our veterans and our senior citizens! Thank you for making time to be in our schools - it means the world to our students!







Read Along

Each classroom participates in separate activities on Bring a Veteran to School Day, including reading a story.

Say Cheese

Grandparents Day at North Elementary provides our 2nd grade friends with an opportunity to show off their work!

Warm Welcome

Some Veterans share photos and stories from their time in service, and students often ask questions.

"See the difference" our staff is making...

Danville Community High School's Heather Jackson and Danville Community Middle School's Brandon Gleason recently had the opportunity to meet with Ron and Susie Dollens at Purdue University.



The Dollens' donated the funds needed to create the C. Russell Kirts Teaching Excellence Award, which allows DCSC teachers to earn their masters degree at no cost in a STEM area. Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Gleason are the first two Danville recipients of this generous award!

It is because of people like Ron and Susie Dollens that dreams can continue. They truly are #TheDanvilleDifference!

We are so proud of Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Gleason's dedication to the students in this district! #WarriorPride





October Students of the Month...

Our October Students of the Month are North Elementary's Katelyn Shepard, South Elementary's Kinley Wittke, Danville Community Middle School's Gabriella Pigecella and Danville Community High School's Gabrielle Riggs.

Great job, Warriors!

A look inside Danville Community Middle School...



Danville Community Middle School is home to almost 750 students and about 45 staff members. Opened in 2008, DCMS is our newest school in the Danville Community School Corporation.

Principal Marsha Webster said there isn't just one thing that makes DCMS super, but if she had to pick one place to start...it's her hard working and dedicated staff.

"Middle school kids are really unique and they are at that age where they are testing out who they want to be," Mrs. Webster explained. "You really have to love this age, and I think our teachers do. I look to them to be that person that supports them through this time, and I think they do a great job at that."

With a lot of patience, laughter and listening, Mrs. Webster said her staff is just special. They strive to make connections with their students every day.

New this year at DCMS is the PBIS Rewards incentive program - an electronic system where students earn electronic "wampums" to spend in the Wampum Store.

"Students can earn wampums for being responsible, respectful, ready to learn and safe," Mrs. Webster said. "Teachers scan their badge to give students reward points and they can redeem those points at our Wampum Store."

The store is filled with a wide selection of goodies for our middle school students, including spirit wear, earbuds, school supplies and so much more. Mrs. Webster said it has been a success so far, and she hopes to continue the program.

Little things like this and the other special events at DCMS really set it a part from other schools, Mrs. Webster added.

"Things like our turkey bowling and the student vs. staff games that go to charity, are all really special things that we do," she said. "The kids love it, and you see the adults and kids having fun together."



Healthy Choices

Students at DCMS have so many choices for lunch!
Chicken and noodles continues to be a crowd favorite.



In the Lab

Mr. Gleason's students get hands on in the lab, working together to complete a project.



Wampum Store

At the Wampum store, students can purchase fun and useful items with "wampums" earned for good behavior.



A message from our Superintendent...

@DanvilleSuper

As the full splendor of the fall season fully sets in and November is upon us, it provides an opportunity to be thankful that our school and community are connected in so many wonderful ways.

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.

Once again this winter you will see the Chamber and educators coming together as Winter Wonderland brings community people from all around to witness the spectacle of lights and holiday cheer in Danville.

We are truly thankful for the Danville 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, Superintendent

Little Warriors learning...

Is your child old enough for preschool now? Our Little Warrior Learning Center enrolls all year long! Our High Scopes curriculum focuses on preparing our Little Warriors for kindergarten with play-based programs and hands-on learning.

Call North Elementary at 317-745-2610 for more information on enrolling your preschooler today!





Warrior Pride...

Our student athletes are simply amazing. Twenty-three of our fall sports athletes achieved Academic All State status this year!

We are so proud of our Warriors and how hard they work! #WarriorPride



Looking to make a difference? The Danville Community School Corporation has positions available in the schools as substitute teachers, nurses and instructional assistants. We also have positions in housekeeping and in transportation as a half route bus driver, substitute bus drivers and bus aides.

To learn more, check out our Human Resources tab for additional information at https://www.danville.k12.in.us/Page/382.

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Upcoming events...

Thanksgiving Break

WHEN

Wednesday, Nov. 21st, 7am to Friday, Nov. 23rd, 4pm

WHERE

DCSC Schools

MORE INFORMATION

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!

School Board Meeting - Regular Session

WHEN

Monday, Dec. 10th, 6:30pm

WHERE

1375 West Lincoln Street Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

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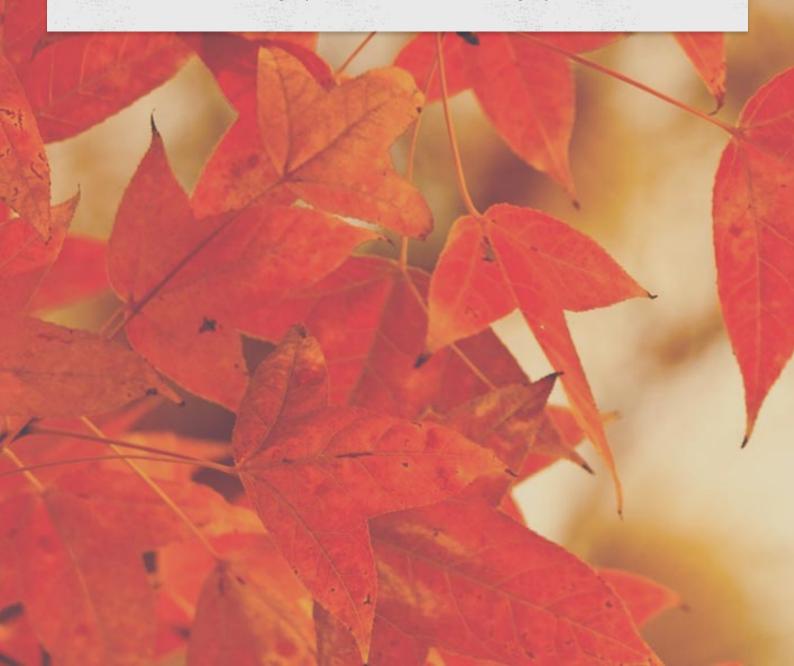


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DCSC Newsletter Vol. 1, Issue 5

Danville Community School Corporation



December 2018...

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Our schools are buzzing with the excitement of the season and our students might be counting down the days until the end of the semester, but our staff is dedicated to finishing strong.

In this issue of See the Difference, you'll get an inside look at Danville Community High School, learn more about the nine13sports program and see how our staff is making #TheDanvilleDifference every day!



Fitness fun for all...

With the generous support of Hendricks Regional Health, nine13 sports visited South Elementary for the first time in November. Our third and fourth grade students had the opportunity to participate in the Kids Riding Bikes program to get moving and active on stationary bicycle simulators as part of their physical education class.

South Elementary's physical education teacher Mark Callighan said the program is a great way to introduce his students to exercise.

"The kids really like it because it's got a big screen like a video game," Mr. Callighan explained. "They're exercising, but they get to see their little bike going across the screen. So it's neat for the kids to see that."

With three different courses ranging in difficulty, students are broken down into small groups to participate in the program. Nine13sports coaches encourage the students throughout the simulation, and talk to them about bicycle safety.

Thanks to the partnership with Hendricks Regional Health, nine13sports aims to visit every Hendricks County school to encourage healthy habits and fun.







Hand stamped with love...

DCMS special education students in the Life Skills class have been hard at work creating fingerprint holiday cards this year to raise money for classroom supplies and field trips.



Instructional Assistant Micheal Smither said almost all of the Life Skills students participated with over 400 cards sold this year. Aside from the fun of getting ink on their fingers, Mr. Smither said the students learn a lot from the experience.

"It teaches them craftsmanship, work ethic, and completing a task for a reward. When they sell the cards, the money goes back to the kids. So when we are out doing things that this funded, we can point out to them their hard work paying off," Mr. Smither said. "We're happy we had the opportunity to do it again this year."

Selling at just \$1 a card, the Life Skills students have made over \$340 for trips outside the classroom that will help them learn everyday tasks like ordering food from a restaurant and interacting with others.

This isn't the first year the class has made the cards, but Mr. Smither said he and the Life Skills teachers hope to continue the tradition next year.



"See the difference" our staff is making...

DCHS's Kaley May is on a roll this semester! Not only did she snag the Educator of the Year award from the Danville Chamber of Commerce in November, she celebrated her 100th victory with the Lady Warriors basketball team!

Danville is home to so many amazing teachers! North Elementary's Kyle Yoder and DCHS's Laura Baldwin were recognized as finalists at the 2018 Indiana Teacher of the Year banquet in November.

#TheDanvilleDifference





November Students of the Month...

Our November Students of the Month are North Elementary's Isaac Tucker, South Elementary's Riggs Caldwell (not pictured), Danville Community Middle School's Grady Strouth and Danville Community High School's Austin Kasmer.

Great job, Warriors!

A look inside Danville Community High School...



Construction began on the current Danville Community High School in 1971, with doors opening to students in the fall of 1973. Some renovations were completed in 2001, and the student population has continued to grow. DCHS now welcomes 802 students and over 60 staff members each day.

Principal Dr. P.J. Hamann said it can be difficult to compare DCHS to our county neighbors, since Danville is such a unique school.

"I think our size is just about right," Dr. Hamann explained. "We are big enough to offer some things that smaller schools can't offer, but we're small enough that our teachers and staff can really connect with our students."

In addition to our distinct agriculture program, Dr. Hamann said DCHS students get the opportunity to participate in sports and extracurricular activities when they aren't lost in a large student population.

Most beneficial, however, is how our teachers and staff invest in their students and connect the learning back to their interests.

"The people that work here see it as important to really and truly get to know their kids," Dr. Hamann added. "You'll see that here. Teachers will make a comment about the student's interests and that's what makes the teaching great - that connectivity between student and staff."

While additional renovations are needed in the aging building, Dr. Hamann said DCHS staff strive to care for what they currently have to provide the best for our students and keep them safe.



Real talk

"I lost my family. I lost my business. I lost my life."

Guest speakers shared their stories of substance abuse and recovery with freshman and sophomores in health class at DCHS.



Helping hand

DCHS students take an elective lifeguard course to work towards their American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification.
Our friends over at the Danville Fire Department work with our students each semester and they do a great job!



Pop pop

"It's like magic!"

Things were "popping" at DCHS when students participated in the popular cell membrane bubble lab with Mr. Burdsall.

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Upcoming events...

Winter Break

When

Friday, Dec. 21st, 7am to Friday, Jan. 4th 2019 at 3pm

Where

DCSC Schools

More information

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Second semester begins

When

Monday, Jan. 7th 2019 at 7am

Where

DCSC Schools

More information

Welcome 2019!

School Board Meeting - Regular Session

When

Monday, Jan. 14th 2019 at 6:30pm

Where

1375 West Lincoln Street Danville, IN

More information

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

When

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Where

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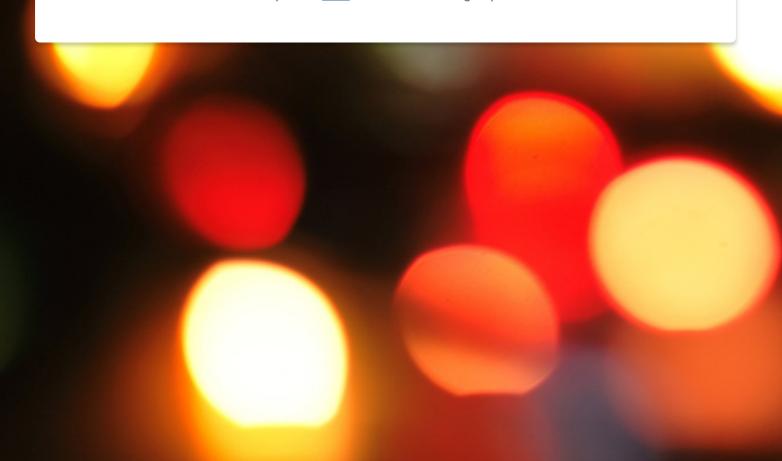


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Danville Community School Corporation



January 2019...

Education is coming to life in Danville Schools! We kicked off the new semester with a bang and we're excited to finish the year off strong.

In this issue of See the Difference, you'll get a look inside a DCMS science class, learn more about our new School Resource Officer and see how our staff is making #TheDanvilleDifference every day!



Taking education to new heights...

Danville Community Middle School 7th and 8th grade students in Mr. Gleason's science classes got a larger than life lesson in chemistry and physics thanks to Mr. Burger and his crew of volunteers. Students observed Mr. Burger's hot air balloon "X Marks the Spot" inflating and asked questions afterwards.

"In middle school, students are very curious about how things work and are also very impressionable, so by instilling an interest at a young age to the disciplines of science and math it could lead to a career in these fields or to a life changing innovation for many," Mr. Gleason explained. "I want to bring experiences to students that may never have this chance again."

Through open communication with parents and students about classroom topics, Mr. Gleason said Mr. Burger reached out to him about this educational visit. Mr. Burger and his crew generously volunteered their time to share their passions with our students!

Seventh grade students applied this visit to Newton's Laws - they used those three laws in lecture and related it to the hot air balloon. They were able to see all the forces acting on the balloon.

"We talked about the balloon being at rest, in constant motion, force to move the balloon, equal and opposite forces, and so on," Mr. Gleason said.

Eighth grade students are learning about atoms, molecules, compounds and the periodic table.

"We talked about how the balloon was first inflated with air and then after so much air was in the balloon, the crew blasts the burner flame in," Mr. Gleason said. "We talked about how gases spread out, how heat rises and falls, and so on."

"Things like this help students to improve science literacy, which is always a goal of mine," Mr. Gleason added. "I want to build a strong STEM program. By doing so, I can ensure that students are exposed to

science, technology, engineering, and math throughout their schooling."

In addition, Mr. Gleason said he wants to provide students with a hands on learning approach that nourishes their curiosity and expands on their creative side, while at the same time allowing students to investigate and build foundations to learning across all disciplines and to do this while being outside (in nature).

What a great day to be a DCMS Warrior!





Full of hot air

Students got an up close view of the hot air balloon and learned how it works.



Happy teacher

DCMS science teacher Mr. Gleason enjoyed the visit almost as much as the students!



Q and A

Students had the opportunity to ask Mr.
Burger questions during the visit.



"See the difference" our staff is making...

Our teachers do more than just teach their subject! They build a positive atmosphere at school and encourage kiddos to try their best.

These 4th grade students from Mrs. Wilson's class had body percussion fun in Mrs. Hunter's music class at South Elementary. While leading the class, Mrs. Hunter made a mistake and used that to build her students up!

"See? I never expect you guys to be perfect, because I'm not perfect," Mrs. Hunter told her students. "I just expect you to try your best!"

December Students of the Month...

Our December Students of the Month are North Elementary's Lane Miller, South Elementary's Kale Quick, Danville Community Middle School's Sarah Bristow and Danville Community High School's Jackson Douglas.



Also pictured here is Riggs Caldwell, South Elementary's Student of the Month for November.

Great job, Warriors!

A warm Warrior welcome...



The month of January welcomed more than just students back for a semester full of learning! Our new School Resource Officer (SRO) Travis Wilson received a warm Warrior welcome during his first week at Danville Schools.

The Danville Metropolitan Police Department officer is taking a break from his duties on the street and walking the halls of Danville Schools while a permanent SRO is selected. The change was welcomed, he said, right when colder weather arrived.

"Take away the obvious benefits of being in an office while it's cold outside, and it's really just been interesting to meet more people and connect these kids with people I already know," Officer Wilson said. "It's a different pace for sure, but talking to the kids in nice."

An Avon native and graduate of Avon High School, Officer Wilson began his service with the DMPD in May 2018. He will primarily be patrolling Danville Community Middle School and South Elementary while helping current Danville Schools SRO Matt Oliphant.

"I feel like my short time here is especially important," Officer Wilson noted. "Since they are not going to get to know me for long, I feel like whatever impact I can have in the short term will be important. I want to leave a good impression with them."

DCSC staff and administrators are also excited to welcome Officer Wilson to the Danville Difference team as we continue to make student safety a priority!







Walk and talk

Officer Wilson talks with a DCMS student on the way back to class after lunch.

Hop on in

Officer Wilson joined in the hot air balloon fun during a DCMS science lesson.

A hallway hello

Officer Wilson waves hello to students at South Elementary on their way to lunch.

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Upcoming events...

LWLC Open House

When

Tuesday, Jan. 29th, 6:30pm

Where

398 Urban Street Danville, IN

More information

Our Little Warrior Learning Center preschool at North Elementary will be hosting an open house and pre-registration event for families interested in learning more.

To learn more about LWLC, visit its page on our website here.

School Board Meeting - Regular Session

When

Monday, Feb. 11th, 6:30pm

Where

1375 West Lincoln Street Danville, IN

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Snow Make-up Day

When

Monday, Feb. 18th, 7am

Where

DCSC Schools

More information

Snow Make-Up Day will be utilized from school closure on November 15 due to road conditions.



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Danuille Community School Corporation



February 2019...

We've had a busy and fun filled semester so far! Our friends at North Elementary celebrated 100 days of school, and South Elementary students finished up their Battle of the Books reading competition during I LOVE TO READ week.

FFA students at Danville Community Middle School and Danville Community High School celebrated 20 years of the local chapter during National FFA Week. Did you know we have 88 members in grades seven to 12? We ♥ our FFA Warriors!

In this issue of See the Difference, you'll get a look inside our Transportation department with our latest Danville Difference video, meet the newest member on our Board of Trustees and see how our staff is making #TheDanvilleDifference every day!



100 days smarter

First grade friends at North Elementary celebrated their 101st day of school dressed as puppies.



20 years of FFA

DCMS ag teacher Laura Crosby visits with middle and high school Danville FFA students at the annual breakfast.



14 teams Battle

South Elementary's annual reading competition Battle of the Books culminated during I LOVE TO READ week.



"See the difference" our staff is making...

Danville Community High School has been named to the 9th Annual AP District Honor Roll for expanding opportunity and improving performance for Advanced Placement students by the AP College Board. This is the third year in a row DCHS has received this honor!

"Advanced Placement teachers at Danville Community High School have been specifically trained to deliver content at a collegiate level," Director of Academic Services Morgan Walker said. "Their meticulous preparation and advanced content knowledge ensure that our students are prepared for the exam given to all students each spring."

DCHS currently offers AP courses in statistics, calculus, physics, world history and U.S. history. A special thanks to our AP teachers Jamie Young, Jenny Quandt, Jim Glen, Michelle Henry and Tina Campbell for working hard to make a difference in the lives of our high school students!

January Students of the Month...

Our January Students of the Month are North Elementary's Brantley Lawson, South Elementary's Jeanie Harris, Danville Community Middle School's Abigail Byrer and Danville Community High School's Dillon Ware.



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.



From left to right, 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.

The Danuille Difference....

Below is our latest Danville Difference video - "Transportation." It takes a team of dedicated and passionate people to care for our Warriors! Take a look behind the scenes of transportation with our own Rick Adkins.

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WHEN

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WHERE

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Danuille Community Education Foundation's Bingo Fundraiser

WHEN

Sunday, March 17th, 1pm

WHERE

1245 East Main Street Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

Proceeds from the event benefit teacher classroom grants and senior scholarships at DCSC!

For more information, visit <u>www.danville.k12.in.us/dcef</u> or find DCEF on <u>Facebook</u>.

Spring Break

WHEN

Monday, March 25th, 7am to Friday, March 29th, 4pm

WHERE

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MORE INFORMATION

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DCSC NEWSLETTER VOL. 1, ISSUE 8

DANVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION



MARCH 2019...

It's finally spring - and if you're anything like us, you were ready for it!

Our teachers, staff and administrators have been braving the cold bugs all winter long to prepare our Warriors for testing. Spring Break will be a great reset for us all next week, coming back April 1 ready to finish the semester strong.

It's been a fun March so far! First grade friends at North Elementary were treated to the bagpipes with community member Mr. Troy Clements, and South Elementary welcomed children's author Mr. Troy Cummings for a day of fun and creativity. Our DCMS Warriors hosted their Staff vs. Students basketball game to benefit Relay for Life - staff teams (including teachers, coaches and staff from throughout the district) competed against the 8th grade

girls/boys teams. Students at DCHS are busy preparing for spring sports, concerts, musicals, prom and graduation, and pausing to give back to their community.

Pssst! Don't miss our upcoming events at the bottom of the newsletter, with a few "save the date" events for May and June.







AUTHOR UISIT

Children's book author Mr. Troy Cummings interacts with students during the assembly. Students were engaged and excited all day!

STAFF US. STUDENTS

DCSC staff joined in the DCMS Staff vs. Student basketball game for Relay for Life. The event was hosted by the DCMS Student Council.

GIVING BACK

The DCHS Baseball team volunteered their time to pick up trash. Waste Management donated \$1,500 to the program!



"SEE THE DIFFERENCE" OUR STAFF IS MAKING...

Before author Troy Cummings came to visit, South Elementary Librarian Mrs. Renee Bowman and DCSC Human Resources and Benefits Specialist Mrs. Sarah Smith took it upon themselves to make sure each and every child at South Elementary had their very own copy of one of his books. Mrs. Smith reached out to local businesses and found sponsors that were happy to purchase the 400 new books for our kids!

Thanks to **Justin Dorsey Plumbing** and **North Salem State Bank**, "Notebook of Doom" books were given to every South
Elementary student!

This full-day assembly with Troy Cummings is thanks to a grant from the **Danville Community Education Foundation** and a mini-grant from the **Danville Elementary PTO**. **Pizza Hut** also donated the pizza for the "Lunch with Troy Cummings" contest winners, and **Lifetouch** donated a beautiful full-color banner to welcome Mr. Cummings.

We love how our teachers, staff and community work together to do something truly special for our students! #TheDanvilleDifference

Congratulations!



High Ability Competitive Grant

Danville Community School Corporation is one of only nine Indiana districts to receive a High Ability Competitive Grant from the IDOE! Our vision is to provide a more appropriately rigorous and engaging curriculum for our high ability students. Great work, Warriors!



Danville Community School Corporation has been awarded the Indiana Department of Education's Digital Learning Grant!
With 110 districts applying, DCSC was one of 48 districts awarded.
This grant will provide new devices and technology training opportunities for staff.

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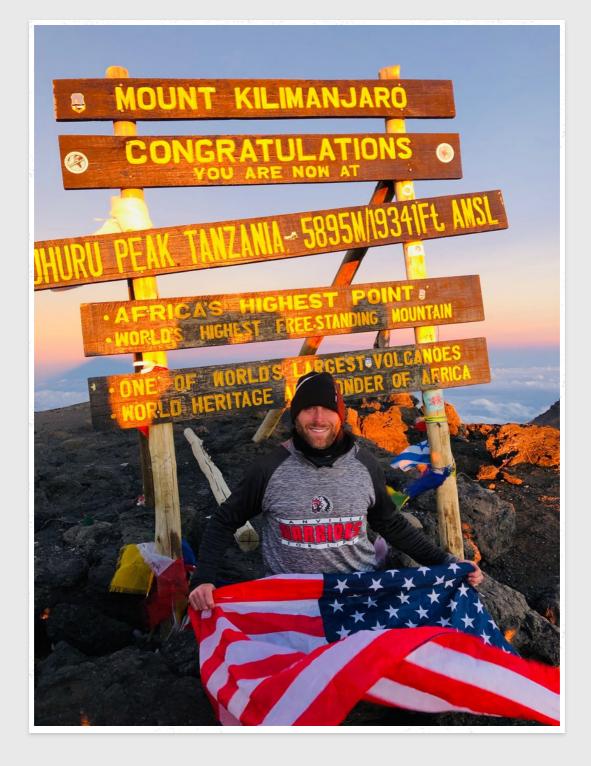
FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH...

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Great job, Warriors!

WARRIORS CLIMB MOUNTAINS



Our Danville Community Middle School 7th and 8th grade science teacher Mr. Brandon Gleason has a long list of titles...Science Department Head, Science Academic Team Coach, Science Club Sponsor, 7/8 Student Council Sponsor, Assistant Cross Country Coach...and now, he can add Mountain Climber to the list.

"I never liked being told I cannot accomplish something, and someone said that I wouldn't be able to climb as I have never climbed before and didn't know the mental side of it....little did they know," Mr. Gleason said. "I constantly tell my students to always push themselves, and to break goals and limits they set for themselves. I always want to be fit mentally and physically so I have the opportunity to handle everything and if I live what I say, my students hopefully will practice it."

Mr. Gleason was living it this semester when he climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, the worlds highest freestanding mountain in Africa. He experienced an epic journey to Uhuru Peak on one of

National Geographic's Top 10 Climbs, traveling through five different climate zones to reach 10,000 year old glaciers on the summit that may disappear in the next 15 years.

Living his motto "F.E.A.R. - Face Everything and Rise," Mr. Gleason has used this experience to relate several science standards with his students.

Standards covered during his trek for 8th grade included researching global temperatures, explaining water cycles, observing human impact and examining traits of species. For 7th grade, Mr. Gleason covered rock classification, lithospheric plates and continental drift theory, glaciation, the structure of the Earth, energy resources and body systems.

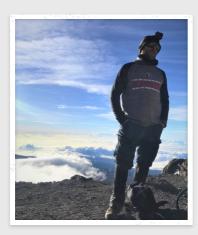
But that wasn't all...

"More than the scientific inquiry part, I learned that when given different environments or problems, you can still come out victorious and I can relate this to teaching by no matter what situation you are in, you can still come out on top of the world," Mr. Gleason explained. "Serious climbs require diligent training, planning, teamwork, and a step-by-step discipline that can be usefully applied to other parts of personal and professional life."

Mr. Gleason said he thinks it's important to ALWAYS have a mountain or two on your horizon. Because as soon as you don't, there's nothing left to figure out other than who will win *Dancing* with the Stars.

"You can travel farther and accomplish more than you think," Mr. Gleason added. "Just give yourself a chance and remember to always question and always wonder."

Climb mountains, Warriors!









A LETTER FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT...

@DanvilleSuper

If you are prone to following the work of the Indiana General Assembly, you are likely aware that the legislature is now past the mid-point of this long budget session. Successful bills in the House and Senate have now been moved to the opposite branch for further consideration. This is also the time when the Senate can make changes to the approved House bills and vice versa.

One bill to keep a close eye on is HB 1021 known as the Circuit Breaker Waiver extension bill. The Senate has proposed changes to this House approved bill which, if passed as now amended, would severely hurt Danville Schools' ability to provide busing to our students beginning in the 2020 school year. Danville Schools lose about one million dollars a year to circuit breaker losses. If this Senate amended bill were to pass, much of that loss would now have to be made up from our operations fund which is our source for paying bus drivers, purchasing and operating buses. Many of our buses are already 17 years old and we cannot afford to let them age further for safety reasons.

Please speak with your elected representatives about your concerns if you support continued busing for students in the Danville Community Schools district.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tracey Shafer, Superintendent

THE DANUILLE DIFFERENCE....

Below is our latest Danville Difference video - "Food Services." Did you know that our food service department serves over 1,500 lunches and 500 breakfasts per day? That's a lot to plan and serve, and our food service department is rocking it!

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DCSC NEWSLETTER VOL. 1, ISSUE 9

DANVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION



APRIL 2019...

April practically flew by here at Danville Schools! We have had a fun-filled month, and the best is yet to come. With testing now underway, making time to get moving and enjoy learning is a top priority.

Our teachers at Danville Community Middle School have been finding new ways to engage students, including incorporating LEGOs in their lesson like Mrs. Birkey pictured above. Students in her pre-algebra class were working to apply their knowledge of volume and surface area to a constructed figure.

Keep reading to get your monthly highlights and see how our team is making The Danville Difference!







GROUP WORK

DCHS students in Mrs.
Williams' 10th grade honors
English class work in literature
circles to discuss non-fiction in
small groups.

READUP LOVE

Our ReadUP program at South wrapped up this month, with our volunteers and students celebrating a great year together reading, writing and learning!

ON THE HUNT

DCHS student council members took time out of their day to hide and hunt eggs with students at North Elementary this month.



"SEE THE DIFFERENCE" OUR STAFF IS MAKING...

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators
Association (NIAAA) recently announced that Assistant
Athletic Director Kyle Yoder has been recognized as a Certified
Athletic Administrator! Kyle is one of an elite group of
interscholastic athletic administrators nationwide to attain this
level of professionalism.

To earn this distinction, Kyle has demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of the candidate's educational background, experience and professional contributions, as well as a rigorous, comprehensive written examination.

Way to go, Mr. Yoder!

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH...

Our March Students of the Month are North Elementary's Maya Martinez, South Elementary's Logan Thompson, Danville Community Middle School's Lucas Berger and Danville Community High School's Elijah Devlin.



They were recognized at the April school board meeting. Great job, Warriors!

WHERE PASSION AND DEDICATION MEET...



If you've been lucky enough to walk the halls at North Elementary, then you've probably been stopped in your tracks by a beautiful and intricate bulletin board with bright colors, engaging themes and imaginative designs. The creator of these magnificent pieces of art is our own paraprofessional educator Mrs. Elizabeth Stiers.

Having been a part of the North family for 11 years now, Mrs. Stiers works with 1st and 2nd graders in reading and math groups. She creates these masterpieces, however, in her volunteer time to the school.

"I love my job. I think I have the best job in the world," she said. "I think sometimes, adults forget what it's like to have these daunting tasks like learning to read, learning to write or being a mathematician. So I like to try and remind myself of what that feels like when I'm working with them."

Mrs. Stiers started her journey at North as a volunteer parent when her family moved to the area. When she started employment with North in 2008, she said she didn't see a reason why

she needed to stop her volunteer time at the school.

In the beginning, her inspiration came from the students and the characters they were interested in. It has evolved over the years, and with the help of a colleague – grown into something magical.

"I get to attend a lot of specials classes and I was in art with Miss Pourcho once a week for the entire year," Mrs. Stiers explained. "The wonderful thing about her classroom, is that you can be a kindergartner or you can be an adult and still learn in her room. She helped me realize that I could step out of my box and I didn't have to just do kid characters - that they would still like it. So I tried something different."

Now, she spends about 30 to 60 hours working on a board that changes monthly with the 1st grade hallway theme. Each board is made up of individual pieces of cut paper that are glued together. Sometimes she uses a template for the characters, but it's often from scratch.

Mrs. Stiers said that throughout it all, it's become a learning process. While she may get frustrated with a new design and need to take a break, it helps her as an educator.

"I think it goes back to how I can connect with the kids," she added. "It helps me understand that it's ok to say that I'm frustrated, but not to say that I can't do it. It helps me fit into their shoes."









A LETTER FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT...

@DanvilleSuper

What is the value of your child's Danville education? In many ways that is an immeasurable number. In other ways, it is very easy to determine.

School districts receive a certain amount of revenue for each child enrolled in the district, but the amount of funding per child varies considerably from district to district across the state. For example, in fiscal year 2018 Danville Schools received \$5,598.94 of state funding for each school child enrolled. By contrast, if any one of our same students had enrolled at Timothy L. Johnson Academy, a public charter school, that school would have received \$7,703.23 for the same student. Others examples include Kokomo Schools at \$6,615.70 per child, Wayne Township at \$6,422.11, Plainfield Schools at \$5,615.58 and Avon Schools at \$5,525.68.

In fact, Danville Schools are funded in the bottom 12% of all schools including public and charter schools. If our schools were to receive even the average of all schools state-wide for FY 2019 that would result in \$1,984,704.21 per year of additional educational revenue to educate our children. This disparity in funding creates many challenges in competing with other schools to attract and retain the highest quality of professional teachers and staff who work with our Danville students every day.

For more school funding information visit: https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/finance/tuition-support-report-092318-final.pdf

Sincerely,

Dr. Tracey Shafer, Superintendent

TESTING TIPS

Last week, students in grades 3-8 and at the high school began taking our state's standardized assessment, ILEARN. This test is one piece of information we use as we look at the overall academic picture of each student and is used to track school performance at the state and national level.



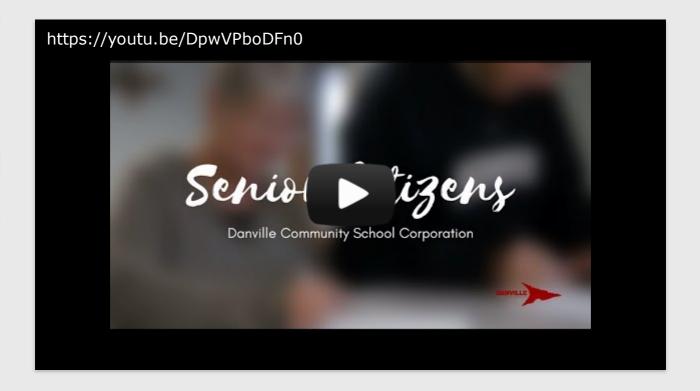
By working together, we can make your child's test experience positive and successful. Here are some ways you can help your child prepare:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's rest.
- Have your child eat a healthy breakfast at home or in the cafeteria at school. Avoid high sugar breakfast items that sometimes make children hyper or unfocused.
- Be at school on time. Many of our tests will begin first thing in the morning and a child cannot enter a testing session late.
- Try to ensure each morning is calm and positive.
- Ensure your child comes to school if they are able, but keep them home if they really
 aren't feeling well. A child not feeling their best will have a hard time concentrating on the
 test.
- Encourage your child to do their best! Simple reminders such as taking the time to read each question carefully, going back to check their work when finished, and skipping over questions to come back if they get stuck can have a large impact during the test!
- Most importantly, reassure your child that we see much more to them than their score on this one test (and so do you!). We have learned a lot about each child's strengths throughout the school year and are already proud of the growth we have seen in each and every student!

THE DANVILLE DIFFERENCE....

Here is our Danville Difference video - "Senior Citizens." At DCSC, our goal is to bridge the gap between senior citizens and our schools by offering them opportunities to be in our buildings interacting with our students. The Silver Pass program, a new addition, is just one more way these valuable community members can stay involved!

Click <u>here</u> to see our entire video collection and all of our See the Difference community enewsletters.



Wondering how to get your Silver Pass? It's easy! Danville residents 65 and older simply need to come by the DCSC Administration Office during business hours to sign up. After gathering a little information and taking your photo, your Silver Pass is made while you wait.

DCSC Administration Office 200 Warrior Way Danville, IN 46122

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Danville Community School Corporation



May 2019...

Can you believe the school year has come to an end already? We've had a fantastic year at Danville Schools! Our students, teachers, administrators and staff impress us each day living with Warrior Pride and striving for excellence.

Students, staff and community members are shown above volunteering their time to clean up the HAWK Outdoor Lab so the space can be utilized to learn, explore and grow. The HAWK Outdoor Lab is located beside DCMS and includes trails, a shelter house, garden and reflection areas, and certified wetlands fed naturally by an underground aquifer. There is also an observation point, the highest point on the trail that overlooks the wetlands. Thank you to everyone involved for their hard work and dedication! You are #TheDanvilleDifference!

Warriors across all four of our schools really stepped it into high gear this month. It was packed with fun events, big laughs and learning! We hope you have enjoyed "seeing the difference" our hometown schools are making in the lives of students, families and the community this year. *Great schools make a difference - and we couldn't do it without you!*

See the Difference will be back in August! Need to take a look back on the year? All of our e-newsletters are archived on our website here.





Warrior Way

This awesome North
Elementary student held an
umbrella over a classmate all
the way from the bus to the
door - that's the Warrior Way!

Under the Sea

DCHS held its "Enchantment Under the Sea" themed prom at the Dallara IndyCar Factory in Speedway. The junior and senior court was all smiles!

Learning Birds

South students in Mr. Doub's fourth grade class had a hands-on Scientific Process lesson, recreating the game Angry Birds with everyday materials.

"See the Difference" our staff is making!

Samuel F. Hulbert Outstanding Teacher - Mrs. Bowman

Our very own South Elementary Librarian Mrs. Renee Bowman was honored this month with the Samuel F. Hulbert Outstanding Teacher Award at the annual Rose-Hulman Honors and Awards Ceremony. This event gives Rose students an opportunity to recognize people who have had a positive impact on their professional careers.



Mrs. Bowman was nominated for this award by a DCHS graduate Cassie Utley, who had Mrs. Bowman as her fifth grade teacher. In her nomination letter, Cassie spoke very highly of Mrs. Bowman's commitment and dedication to fostering a love for literacy.

"Cassie is the one that deserves to be highlighted," Mrs. Bowman said. "We reconnected when she was in the high school peer tutor class and she spent a semester in the library helping me. She's a super hard worker who is juggling a heavy load and playing basketball at Rose-Hulman."

In Mrs. Bowman's acceptance speech at the ceremony, she noted the importance of connecting with her students...

"In a world where many times teachers are deemed effective based on standardized test scores, attendance and graduation rates, I believe none of those things matter unless you're building solid

relationships first."

Way to go, Mrs. Bowman!



Elementary Teacher of the Year - Miss Pourcho

We are SO excited to finally share our 2018-2019 Elementary Teacher of the Year - Miss Katie Pourcho!

North Elementary is lucky to have Miss 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.

Thank you for sharing your passion with us, Katie!

Secondary Teacher of the Year - Mrs. Long

We are SO excited to finally share our 2018-2019 Secondary Teacher of the Year - Mrs. Kelsey Long!



At Danville Community High School, Mrs. Long teaches 10th and 11th grade English. Her 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.

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



Support Staff Member of the Year - Officer Oliphant

In addition to honoring our elementary and secondary teachers of the year, we are also happy to highlight our Support Staff Member of the Year - Officer Matthew Oliphant!

Officer Oliphant is the DCSC School Resource Officer, primarily based at North Elementary and DCHS. He 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.

Thank you for being the difference, Matthew!

Taking it to the field...



It wasn't the best weather for the fifth annual North and South Field Day, but our staff, students and volunteers sure did have a blast!

Organized by our physical education teachers Mr. Mark Callighan and Mr. Kyle Yoder, the one-day event found students from North Elementary and South Elementary flooding Warrior Stadium for tug-of-war after spending the morning at South playing fun games like scooter rally, bowling, cooperative carry and so much more.

Mr. Callighan and Mr. Yoder said they started this combined North and South event five years ago after talking to a friend and physical education teacher in northern Indiana.

"His school did a combined field day and we liked the idea," they said. "We wanted to build a sense of community and have the older students help the younger students to showcase teamwork, cooperation, trust, problem solving and an overall sense of sportsmanship."

The event also allows our teachers from both buildings to network and make important connections, the duo said.

"We are not two separate schools, but one unified team," they added.

North and South Field Day greatly utilizes parent volunteers, Mr. Callighan and Mr. Yoder said. Some of these parents have children in both buildings and a combined event allows them to see all of their students participate in the field day activities.

South Elementary Principal Mrs. Tina Noe was calm and collected as almost 1,000 students gathered on her campus with teachers, staff and parents also joining in. She said the efforts of Mr. Callighan and Mr. Yoder to make Field Day a success were greatly appreciated by all.

"The amount of work that goes into this - the volunteers, the lunches, the activities, coordinating with transportation - it's a lot. They make sure we have volunteers for each station and in the classrooms,"

Mrs. Noe explained. "They have it all organized down to sunscreen and contingency plans."

Mr. Callighan and Mr. Yoder said they want to make this event one that students will remember for years to come and even talk about it as one of their favorite memories from their elementary years.

"For us, the best part of this day is to see everybody together having fun, the challenge of organizing a huge event and seeing it all come to fruition," Mr. Callighan and Mr. Yoder added. "Having almost 1,000 kids on Warrior stadium, quietly watching the flag during the National Anthem is a great sight to see!"

Mr. Callighan and Mr. Yoder said this fun and memorable day could not happen without the support of our parent volunteers, aides, nurses, principals, teachers, PTO and community businesses. Thank you to all that participated!







April Students of the Month...

Our April Students of the Month are North Elementary's Asa Heller, South Elementary's Kendall Bourne, Danville Community Middle School's Sylvie Thomas and Danville Community High School's Mallory Delamarter.

They were recognized at the May school board meeting. Great job, Warriors!





A letter from our Superintendent...

@DanvilleSuper

Dear parents, quardians and community members,

As the 2018-19 school year ends and we close another chapter in the academic experiences of our students, I want to thank you for allowing the employees at Danville Community Schools to educate your children. In today's competitive educational arena, we understand that families have educational choices for their children and we are grateful that you have chosen our hometown schools for the education of yours.

Danville Community Schools strive to continually improve our service to your family and we work to provide an excellent education for your children. The 2018-19 school year has been another incredibly successful year for our students academically, extracurricularly and socially. We are so glad that you have been part of this success.

Please join me in congratulating the 2019 senior graduates of the 140th graduating class of Danville Schools, who again exemplify that great schools make a difference in the lives of young people. Thank you for your partnership and support as we look forward with excitement for the future!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tracey Shafer, Superintendent

DCSC *FREE* Summer Meals Program...

All children eat for free - all summer long! Our Summer Meal Program is offered May 29th to August 1st, with no meals being served on July 4th and 5th for the holiday. **New this year: we've added**breakfast at South Elementary from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m.

Check out our Summer Meal Program flyer for complete information. Our May/June breakfast and lunch menus are also included!

July menus will be posted on our website and on our social media pages near the end of June.







June Breakfast Menu

Program Flyer

June Lunch Menu

The Danville Difference....

Here is our Danville Difference video - "Special Services." When it comes to special services at Danville Schools, classroom inclusion is a top priority. Inclusion benefits all students - those with and without disabilities! Check out our latest Danville Difference video to find out how...

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DCSC Quarterly Newsletter...

Keep an eye out for our quarterly printed newsletter for Spring 2019! This newsletter has fresh, new content featuring our Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year and Support Staff Member of the Year highlights, as well as our (partial) 2018-2019 year in review. Our students and staff had such an AMAZING year that we couldn't fit it all on one page! The full year in review will be on our website soon under "Latest News" on our homepage.

You'll also learn more about the history of Danville Schools - going back 140 years! You can find it at DCHS graduation, in our administration office, around town and maybe even in your mailbox.

Evenings in Ellis...

Be sure to stop by our booth this summer at the Danville Chamber of Commerce's Evenings in Ellis event series. You can win some free DCSC swag and some fun summer treats!

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Upcoming events...

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When

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Where

100 Warrior Way Danville, IN

More information

Danville Community High School Commencement of the 140th graduating class will take place at the school in the gymnasium.

Congratulations to all of our 2019 graduates!

School Board Meeting - Public Hearing

When

Monday, June 3rd, 6:30pm

Where

1375 West Lincoln Street Danville, IN

More information

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Monday, July 15th, 6:30pm

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More information

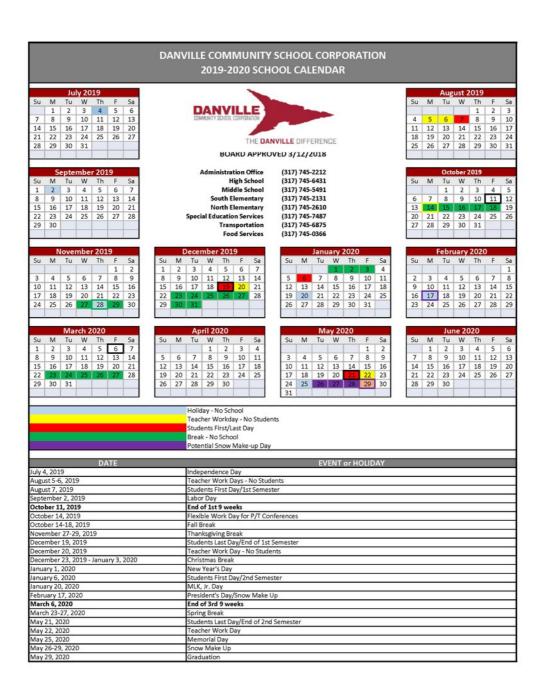
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