

See the Difference

DCSC Newsletter Vol. 2, Issue 1

Danville Community School Corporation



August 2019...

Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back! We've had a wonderful first month of learning here at Danville Schools and couldn't be more excited to see what the 2019-20 school year holds for our students, families and staff.

"See the Difference" is your monthly community e-newsletter that gives you an inside look at what our students and staff are up to. Each issue will be filled with highlights from the month, important updates and upcoming events. It's free to get each month and anyone can [sign up!](#)

Students in Miss Crosby's 7th grade agriculture class at Danville Community Middle School (pictured above) have already been utilizing our HAWK Outdoor Lab to compare taproots and

fibrous roots. Students were also shown adventitious roots and then had the opportunity to see if they could find any on their own!

Great schools make a difference - and we couldn't do it without you!



Warm Welcome

North Elementary P.E. teacher Mr. Yoder introduces himself to some of our newest kindergarten Warriors on the first day of school.



On the road again

The tribe at South Elementary is "going places" this year! Principal Noe's fun theme has their destination set for "successville!"



The Crew

Student leaders at Danville Community High School were stepping it up to support new students at Warrior Welcome Day this year.

"See the Difference" our staff is making!



Top 10 Indiana Teacher of the Year...

Congratulations to Miss Katie Pourcho at North Elementary for being named a **top 10 candidate for Indiana Teacher of the Year by the Indiana Department of Education!** Miss Pourcho is our 2018-19 Elementary Teacher of the Year.

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!

Rain, rain, go away...

Our staff at North Elementary made the news last week when a storm hit and WTHR was there filming a segment on our Stop the Bleed kits (see below!). Staff sat on the floor playing games with children to keep them calm while the storm rolled overhead, and then walked each one out to their car.



A few umbrellas were lost in the process!



LAUNCH into a new year...

Many teachers gave up their last day of summer vacation to attend our first LAUNCH technology training. Thanks to the digital learning grant from the Indiana Department of Education and the hard work of our Director of Academic Services Morgan Walker and our Director of Technology Bill Rader, our teachers received a full day of hands-on experience to prepare them for a successful year with increased technology!

The day was full of tech sessions for teachers to choose from, all led by their peers. Sessions included Hot Keys and Hot Tips: A Guide to Computer Shortcuts, #TwitterforTeachers, Google Safety Training (Be Internet Awesome) and Planetarium Exploration!

Wearing red for ALS...

Danville Community High School staff wore red for their "Theme Thursday" last week in honor of Principal Dr. P.J. Hamann's mother and her courageous battle with ALS. #WearRedForALS



To participate in Theme Thursday activities, teachers contribute \$1 which goes towards two student scholarships they award at the end of the year.

Safe schools, safe community



Thanks to the Hendricks County Health Department, Danville Schools and the community are more safe! After providing Stop the Bleed training to almost all DCSC staff members at the end of the last school year, the department recently donated 14 bleeding control kits to the corporation.



Teachers, support staff and administrators all participated in the national Stop the Bleed training program that encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. It focuses on packing wounds and using tourniquets to slow bleeding and ultimately save a life.

"You never know when something traumatic is going to happen," DCSC School Resource Officer Matthew Oliphant said. "With this program, we have 250-plus trained staff members ready to go if something significant occurs."

Hendricks County Health Department Public Health Preparedness Coordinator Jeff Corder said the kits are an extension of the training, which stems from the need to provide care to people that are injured and could potentially save a life.

"Just as with CPR, this is a short training that anyone can do and takes minimal equipment," he explained. "Knowing what to do and when to do it and with the right equipment can be as valuable as anything in a life threatening emergency."

With the value of knowing how to stop a bleed so high, Mr. Corder said he hopes to one day see a bleeding control kit or some form of it in every classroom and public gathering place in the county.

Officer Oliphant agreed.

"I hope that the program will become a standard lifesaving program, just like CPR," Officer Oliphant added. "No matter how fast our emergency responders arrive, our staff members would be first on the scene and can act more quickly to save a life."

The training and donation by the health department was recently covered by WTHR, with North Elementary first grade teacher and Danville Community Middle School cross county coach Mr. Micheal Vrabel weighing in as an educator. You can read their story and watch the aired interview [here](#).

The 14 kits will be added to the current kits at each school building, as well as the administration office, our Alternative Learning Program at Central Normal Campus, and in the transportation and maintenance building.

"We are now more prepared than ever to help in an emergency," South Elementary School and District Lead Nurse Sandy Bumgardner said. "The value of the bleeding control kits are priceless."

Thank you to the Hendricks County Health Department for providing this training and for donating the kits. Stop the Bleed, save a life!



A letter from our Superintendent...

@DanvilleSuper

Dear parents, guardians and community members,

Welcome to another amazing school year with Danville Community Schools! This year promises to be a success with some exciting upgrades.

New Chromebooks greeted our teachers and students in grades K-12 this year as will the opportunity to model use of electronic learning days. The school campus looks great with several improvements to our campus safety including implementation of our "Alertus" mass notification system and paving of several parking lots. Exterior caulking and building envelope sealing is occurring at the middle school, and roof and chiller replacements are occurring at North Elementary. Our housekeeping, maintenance and technology crews deserve a great deal of thanks for getting the buildings ready for us and our students through the summer. We are excited about how these improvements will enhance our school community.

Great people make great schools - our valued team members at Danville Community School Corporation are ready to serve our families with dedication and enthusiasm. Great communities make great schools - we so appreciate the relationships we have with the Danville community and local businesses, these partnerships help our students succeed. Great schools make a difference - thank you for supporting your hometown schools!

We hope that you will see the difference that great schools truly make in a community, and that you will continue your support for our families, teachers and staff.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tracey Shafer, Superintendent

Feeding our community...

The summer feeding program with Danville Community School Corporation served over 7,000 meals this summer to children in the community at three locations. This year we added breakfast at South Elementary to join our lunch offering at DCHS and in Ellis Park.



Community partnerships have also helped our program grow...

Each Wednesday, we were joined by the Sprout Club in partnership with the Danville farmers' market. They hosted a healthy activity for the children to participate in, earning them a \$2 Sprout Buck each week that they participated. On the last Wednesday of June and July, we brought the farmers' market to the lunch program by having produce at the site. The children received all of the Sprout Bucks they had earned and then purchased the produce they would like with their Bucks to take home with them.

The Lunch Bunch joined us each Tuesday with books for children to take home after finishing their meals. The books were all donated and given to the children completely free! The Lunch Bunch also gave children charms for running laps to encourage healthy choices and welcomed special guests to read to children - including some of our own teachers!

This program continues to help our families and we could not be more proud of the community support we receive. Thank you to all involved!



Our tribe fights together...

Danville Community Middle School Principal Mrs. Marsha Webster has been on a leave of absence so far this semester to kick breast cancer to the curb! Here's an update from Mrs. Webster...

"My scars are healing up quite well. The range of motion of my arms is improving. I do have random shooting pains every now and again. I just started the Tamoxifen which is in pill form. So far my only complaint with it is fatigue and achiness, which is actually a big pain. My legs are aching at night for some reason which is making it very hard to sleep well. Emotionally, I am working to make peace with the diagnosis of cancer. It makes you look at everything differently...very scary and causes a lot of self-reflection."

Mrs. Webster said she was incredibly thankful for the support and encouragement she received from her team at DCMS, from other DCSC employees in the district and from the community.

The Danville Difference....

Here is our Danville Difference video "Agriculture."

Opportunity. Leadership. Achievement. Friendship. Community.

The agriculture program at Danville Schools provides a unique opportunity for personal growth and career success through agriculture education, as well as leadership development. Our ag community is extremely supportive of our program and we appreciate all that they do!

Click [here](#) to see our entire video collection and all of our See the Difference community e-newsletters.

DCSC Agriculture



DCSC Staff Spotlight...

'The Warrior Way' helps our staff live the Danville schools customer cores each and every day! In this section of your e-newsletter each month, we will feature one of our outstanding staff members. This section will highlight how they are making a difference and living the Warrior Way.

Our Warrior Way five customer cores are: Professionalize, Empathize, Personalize, Respond to Complaints and Be Exceptional.





DCSC Talk of the Tribe...

Keep an eye out for our quarterly printed newsletter Talk of the Tribe! In this newly designed and reformatted newsletter, you'll see how our staff is making a lasting difference in the lives of our students and get a look at what's new for our Warriors this school year.

You can find it in our school and administration offices, around town and maybe even in your mailbox.

We're hiring...

Looking to make a difference? The Danville Community School Corporation has positions available!

To learn more, check out our Human Resources tab for additional information at

<https://www.danville.k12.in.us/Page/382> or find the full list of

job openings (and apply!) at

<https://www.applitrack.com/danvillek12/onlineapp/>.



Or contact: Sarah Smith for substitute teachers, nurses, food service and housekeeping positions at 317-745-2212 or Dana Parsons at 317-745-6875 for bus drivers and bus aides.



Fair on the Square...

Find our booth at Fair on the Square on Sept. 7, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sept. 8, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to score some free DCSC swag!

Fair on the Square is held on the Courthouse Square in Danville. The newly revamped 2019 fair will feature juried arts and crafts, a Ferris wheel, food, entertainment, vendor booths and more! All money raised from Danville Tri Kappa's Fair on the Square is used for the support of their philanthropic efforts. Tri Kappa awards grants twice a year and high school scholarships in addition to other donations throughout the state of Indiana.

Silver Pass program...

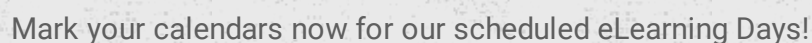
Have you heard about our Silver Pass program? It launched last fall and now over 200 Danville senior citizens are carrying their own pass into all DCSC events - and it never expires!



Introducing
Danville Community School Corporation's

Silver Pass

A free program for community
members 65 and older



More information and instructions for eLearning Days will be coming soon!



Great schools
make a difference!

**Join the Danville Community School Corporation at
6 p.m. for the following informational meetings...**

Aug. 8 • Danville North Elementary

Aug. 21 • New Winchester Christian Church

Sept. 4 • Danville United Methodist Church

Sept. 10 • Danville Community High School

Sept. 12 • Northview Church

Sept. 26 • West Bridge Church

Oct. 8 • Danville South Elementary

Any meeting changes will be posted on the DCSC website and social media pages.

Join us for one or more of our Town Hall meetings to get all the facts on the Danville Schools referendum! Each event begins at 6 p.m., with those held in our school buildings beginning with a tour of the facility.

For more information, visit our website and click on the "[Referendum](#)" tab on the main page.

Upcoming events...

DCSC Town Hall Meeting at Danville United Methodist Church

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Wednesday, Sep. 4th, 6pm

WHERE

Danville United Methodist
Church, 820 W. Mill Street,
Danville, IN 46122

MORE INFORMATION

Danville community members are invited to join us for seven informational Town Hall meetings. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

School Board Meeting - Regular Session

WHEN

Monday, Sep. 9th, 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.

To view the agenda or find out more, click [here](#).

DCSC Town Hall Meeting at Danville Community High School

WHEN

Tuesday, Sep. 10th, 6pm

WHERE

100 Warrior Way
Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

Danville community members are invited to join us for seven informational Town Hall meetings. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

This meeting will begin with a tour of DCHS at 6 p.m. and the informational meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

DCSC Town Hall Meeting at Northview Christian Church

WHEN

Thursday, Sep. 12th, 6pm

WHERE

623 Indiana 39
Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

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2019-2020 Dates

Wondering about our 2019-2020 school dates? Here you go!

Download the PDF on our website [here](#).

DANVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR



BOARD APPROVED 3/12/2018

Administration Office (317) 745-2212
High School (317) 745-6431
Middle School (317) 745-5491
South Elementary (317) 745-2131
North Elementary (317) 745-2610
Special Education Services (317) 745-7487
Transportation (317) 745-6875
Food Services (317) 745-0366

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	Holiday - No School
	Teacher Workday - No Students
	Students First/Last Day
	Break - No School
	Potential Snow Make-up Day

DATE	EVENT or HOLIDAY
July 4, 2019	Independence Day
August 5-6, 2019	Teacher Work Days - No Students
August 7, 2019	Students First Day/1st Semester
September 2, 2019	Labor Day
October 11, 2019	End of 1st 9 weeks
October 14, 2019	Flexible Work Day for P/T Conferences
October 14-18, 2019	Fall Break
November 27-29, 2019	Thanksgiving Break
December 19, 2019	Students Last Day/End of 1st Semester
December 20, 2019	Teacher Work Day - No Students
December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020	Christmas Break
January 1, 2020	New Year's Day
January 6, 2020	Students First Day/2nd Semester
January 20, 2020	MLK, Jr. Day
February 17, 2020	President's Day/Snow Make Up
March 6, 2020	End of 3rd 9 weeks
March 23-27, 2020	Spring Break
May 21, 2020	Students Last Day/End of 2nd Semester
May 22, 2020	Teacher Work Day
May 25, 2020	Memorial Day
May 26-29, 2020	Snow Make Up
May 29, 2020	Graduation



About us...



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@DCSCWarriors

Danville Community School Corporation is comprised of the following schools:

- Danville Community High School (grades 9-12)
- Danville Community Middle School (grades 5-8)
- Danville South Elementary (grades 3-4)
- Danville North Elementary (grades KG-2)

Danville students attend the same school with their grade level classmates regardless of where they live. This gives them the chance to build lifelong friendships and strengthens our community!



200 Warrior Way, Danville, IN ...



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September 2019...

The month of September has gone by fast with learning and fun happening at every school! Fall sports are in full swing, along with activities with our Marching Warriors and Danville FFA teams. Our elementary school friends are enjoying activities that encourage active learning as well as positivity and healthy choices.

In the photo above, Danville Firefighter Andy Hiteshew discusses his radio with a student at South Elementary. Members of the Danville Fire and Danville Metropolitan Police Departments

joined students at South and North Elementary for lunch on Patriot Day, just one part of a full morning of events when first responders were welcomed into all four of our schools to interact with our students. At the middle and high school level, first responders shared their experiences and memories from Sept. 11, 2001 and reflected on the impact the days' events still have today. At South and North, first responders had lunch with students and answered a lot of questions!

Keep reading for more information on Homecoming events and to find out what's "popping" up on the walls at South Elementary...

Great schools make a difference - and we couldn't do it without you!



DCHS

Local first responders spoke to students in three history classes on Patriot Day sharing their experiences and memories from Sept. 11, 2001. Many also spoke on how their jobs have changed since then.



DCMS

All Danville Community Middle School students and staff gathered in the gymnasium on Patriot Day to hear from first responders. Some spoke to the students of their experience on 9/11 as middle school students themselves.



North

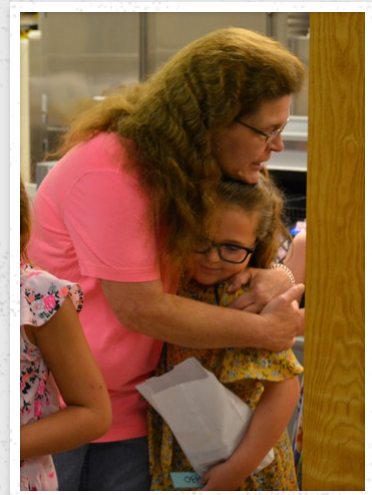
First responders split into two groups, with half having lunch at South and the other at North Elementary. Our North first responders spent a lot of time giving high fives and helping our students open containers.

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

DCSC Staff Spotlight...

'The Warrior Way' helps our staff live the Danville schools customer cores each and every day! Our Warrior Way five customer cores are: Professionalize, Empathize, Personalize, Respond to Complaints and Be Exceptional.

This month our Staff Spotlight is on North Elementary Head Housekeeper Ms. Sandy Brooks! Ms. Sandy is a favorite at North and beyond, with many students in the school corporation familiar with her warm hugs and cheerful nature. Ms. Sandy has been a Danville Schools constant for the last 26 years now and says there's nowhere else she'd rather be!



"When I was coming through school, the janitors were a little mean. I wanted to improve on it," Ms. Sandy explained. "So I smile and talk to people, I try to know the children. It makes me feel like I'm doing something important. Whatever I can do to help make someone's day better makes my day better, too."

Our older students from the middle and high school often stop Ms. Sandy to say hello when they are at North supporting our little Warriors. Ms. Sandy said it's always nice to see former students and that it makes her feel good to know that they remember her.

Even with the changes of staff and students over the last 26 years, North still feels like home to Ms. Sandy. This, she said, is where she belongs.

"You can be having the worst possible day and one will come up and wrap their little arms around your legs and it makes your day bright, it makes you feel good about what you do," Ms. Sandy added. "Not every day is full of rainbows, but you can always find a reason here to know that you're loved and needed."



Shining a light...

Our girls' soccer team recently had the opportunity to show their teachers a little love at Teacher Appreciation Night before their game. Coach Sean Adams said this gives students an opportunity to express their like, respect and appreciation towards their teachers that may not always be visible in class.

"Teacher appreciation at a sporting event shows the importance of BOTH education and athletics, and shines a positive light on what it means to be a true student athlete at Danville," Coach Adams explained.

The girls wrote short speeches about each of their teachers and gave them goodie bags with treats and a handwritten thank you card.

DCHS teacher Mrs. Kelsey Long was among the teachers honored that night and said that she was impressed with the lesson that Coach Adams and his staff were teaching the girls.

"It was a really awesome thing to be a part of, and I loved hearing what the girls had to say about their teachers," she said. "It definitely spoke to our culture of academic based athletics."

Reflecting on the past...

Danville Community High School Principal Dr. P.J. Hamann came over the intercom throughout the morning on Patriot Day noting the timeline of events on Sept. 11, 2001. He noted the time and the event of each major moment that day. Finally, he told students this...

"Ladies and gentlemen, at this time the north tower collapsed. It is important to note that in a little less than one hour and 45 minutes over 3,000 people perished in the attacks on our country. This attack changed the United States forever. And it is our responsibility to never forget."



We hope our students felt the magnitude of the day reliving the moments just as staff and parents did in 2001.

Making words meaningful...



After successfully launching a year-long unit with specials teachers on author Peter H. Reynolds' book "The Dot" last school year, South Elementary Librarian Renee Bowman found additional inspiration in Reynolds' books "Say Something" and "The Word Collector." Now the project has taken over the walls of the elementary school and completely captured the attention of our students!

"Last year our fourth graders were read 'The Word Collector' by Mrs. Noe and this year I read it to our third graders. So they've been really busy collecting words that they think are important

for the world to know about, or words that are important to them, or words that just sound good. Then we modeled how to use our words," Mrs. Bowman explained. "The sequel to 'The Word Collector' is 'Say Something' because Mr. Reynolds feels strongly that kids can be collecting all these words but are also sometimes not given a voice or a place to share them. So the kids were given the task - if you could say something to the world, what would it be?"

Third grade students focused on "The Word Collector" and created a display with all of their favorite words. Fourth grade students focused on "Say Something."

About eight or nine kids from each class wanted to say something to the world and now their words are on giant bubbles throughout the school. Mrs. Bowman took students on a silent field trip taking time to read all of these. After they came back, they discussed what they could learn from their peers and about what they had to say to the world.

"We were blown away by the things they had to say," Mrs. Bowman said. Things like...

I want to meet my brother.

Mistakes are the start of a new beginning.

Believe you can overcome your fears.

Perhaps even more impactful were the things the students told Mrs. Bowman after reading all the bubbles. Things like...

The next time I need to talk to Miss McGee and she's with someone, I will go to the hallways to try to solve my problems.

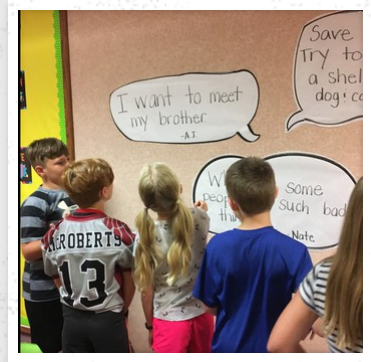
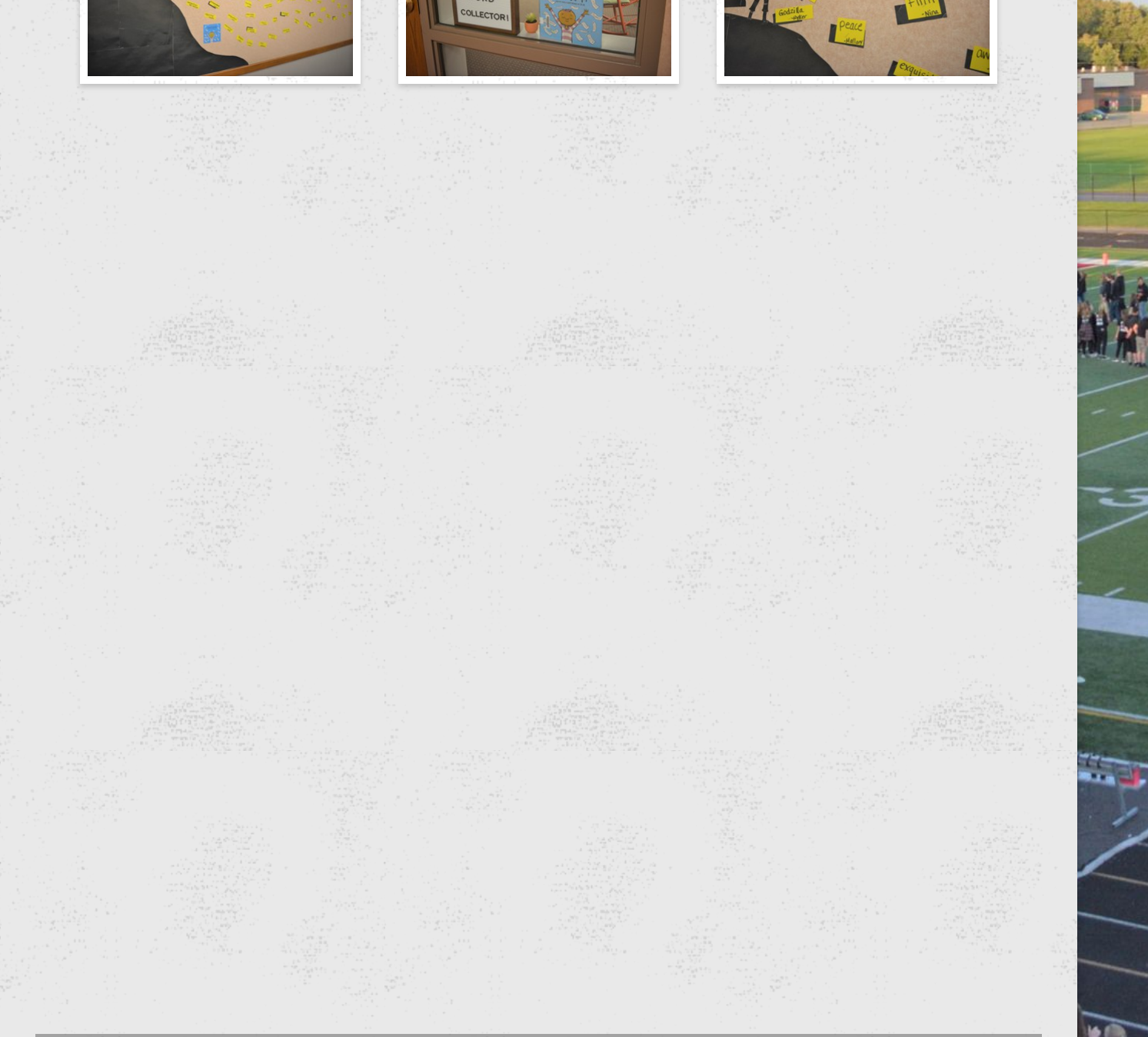
It is a reminder that I've got a friend that has a lot going on that I may not know anything about.

I feel like sometimes if I'm really feeling stuck, I might ask to go to the bathroom but I'll got to the hallway and read these blurbs and then I'll come back to class and try again.

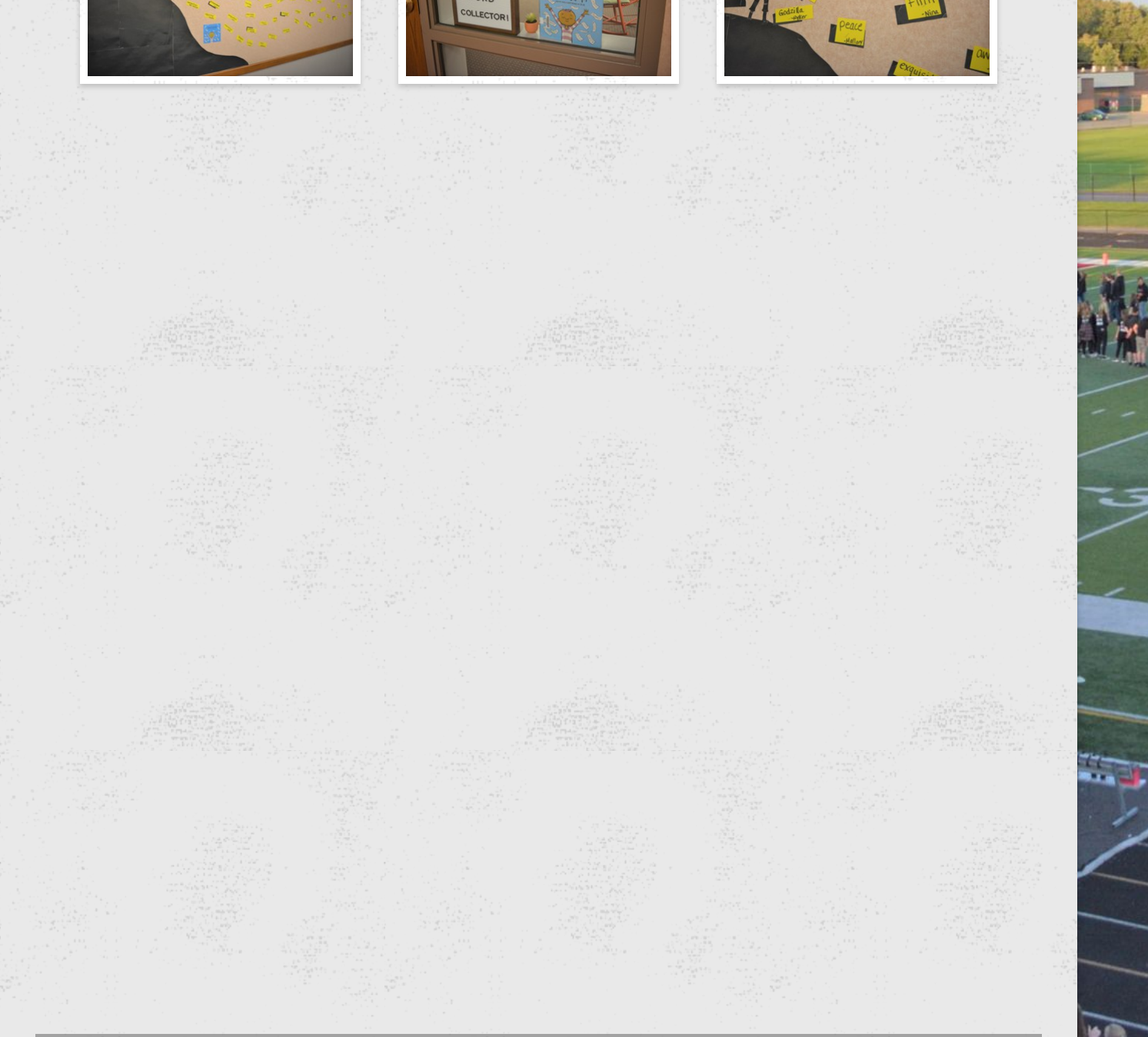
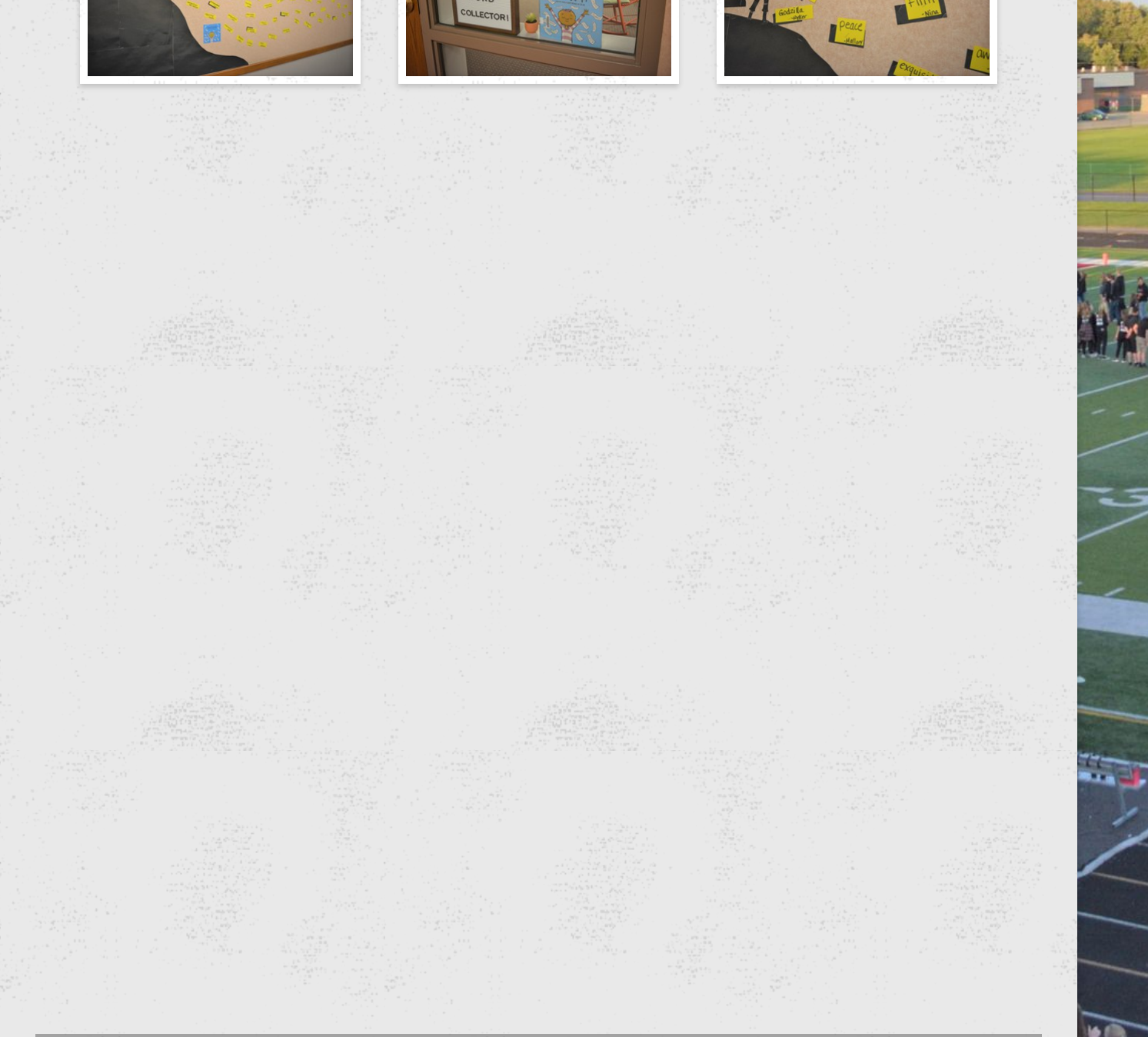
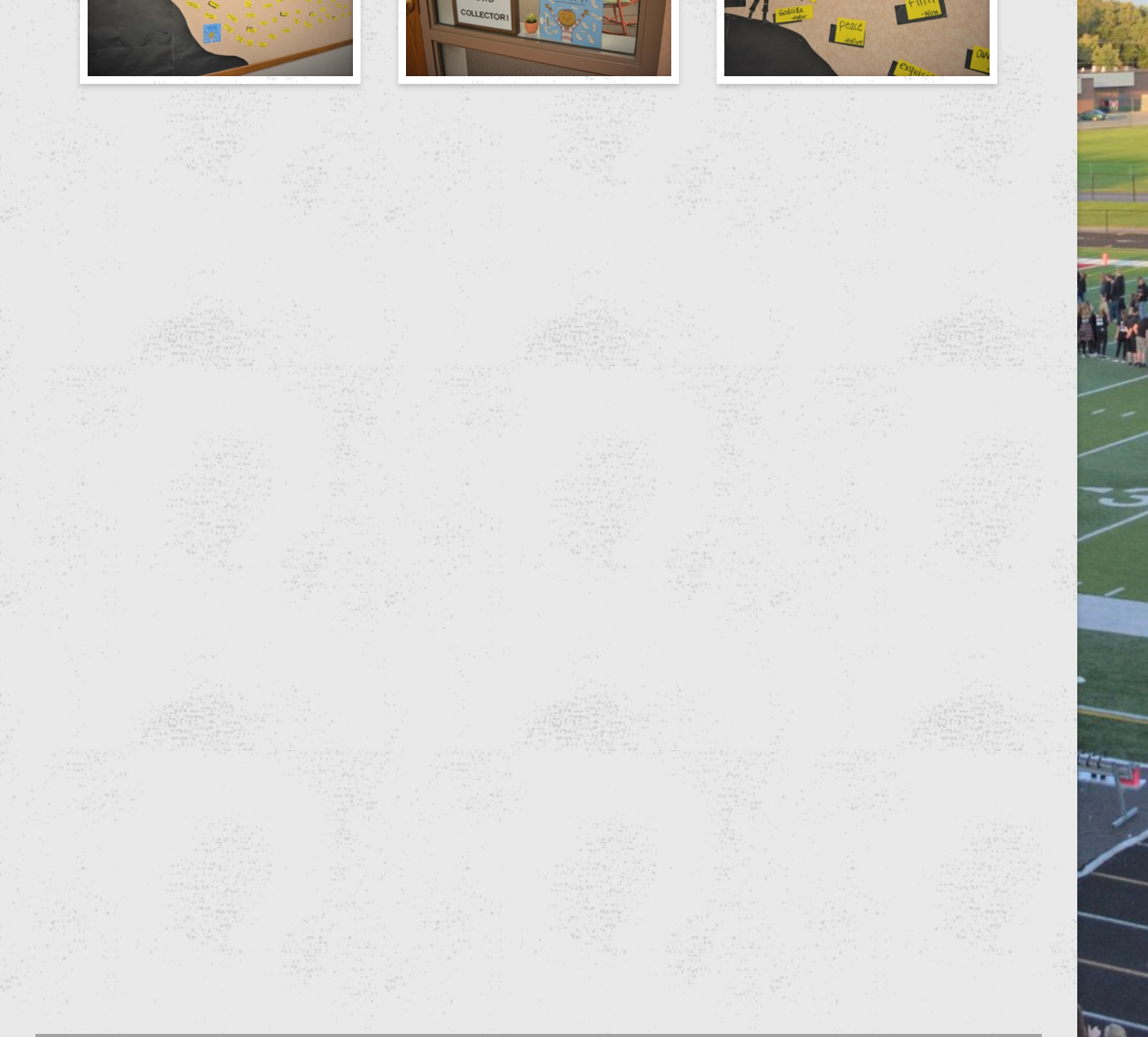
"I think you can make a lot of really cute hall displays," Mrs. Bowman added. "This may not be the cutest display, but it's really practical and it came from the heart. They took all these books and put them together to make something meaningful that they can use."

The display was a team effort, Mrs. Bowman said, with aides helping to create and hang the bubbles and staff adding words of their own. Students will be given another opportunity in December to add new words to the display.

"Say Something"




A collage of four images. The top-left image shows a wall covered in yellow sticky notes. The top-middle image shows a window with a sign that says 'COLLECTOR!' and a drawing of a person. The top-right image shows a wall with yellow sticky notes and a sign that says 'pearl'. The bottom image shows a group of people standing on a football field.





A letter from our Superintendent...

 @DanvilleSuper

Dear parents, guardians and community members,

Fall is finally upon us and with it comes some of our favorite Danville traditions! Homecoming events are being held this week, with the big game on Friday. This is always a great time to connect with our community! The football game attracts alumni and citizens alike. Our parade twists from the Danville square to the high school, finding streets lined with smiling happy faces.

We've had an amazing response at our five town hall meetings so far. We love seeing our community members involved and getting informed about the referendum! If you haven't been able to attend a meeting yet, you've still got two chances left this Thursday on Sept. 26 at West Bridge Church and on Oct. 8 at South - both beginning at 6 p.m.

As always, I'm more than happy to sit down and talk to you, your neighbors, your family and your friends about the referendum and answer any questions you may have. Please reach out any time!

Great schools make a difference. Thank you for your dedication to education in Danville!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tracey Shafer, Superintendent

The Danville Difference....

Over a year in the making! We are proud to share our Danville Difference video "Athletics."

It's more than just winning and losing here at Danville Schools. Education based athletics teaches our students competitiveness, team work, sportsmanship, how to win and how to lose. The things our athletes do on the field are remembered – the success they have here is something that our community will celebrate for years to come!

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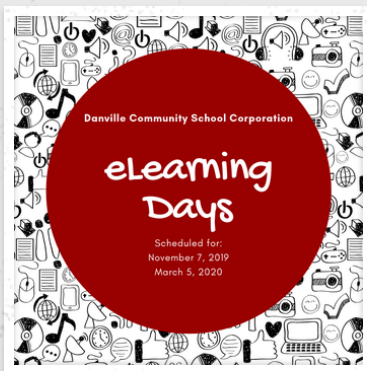
FloCo 2019...

It's Homecoming week at Danville Schools!! Our staff across the district are preparing for the fun with even our little Warriors excited about the festivities. Students, families, community members and alumni are invited to join us for our annual Homecoming Parade on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and for the Homecoming Game at 7 p.m.



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 Southmont at 7 p.m. at Warrior Stadium. We hope you will join us in celebrating our amazing schools and students - great schools make a difference!!



eLearning Days...

Mark your calendars now for our scheduled eLearning Days!

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More information and instructions for eLearning Days will be coming soon!

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Upcoming events...

DCSC Town Hall Meeting at West Bridge Church

WHEN

Thursday, Sep. 26th, 6pm

WHERE

1521 South County Road 75 W
Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

Danville community members are invited to join us for seven informational Town Hall meetings. All meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

DCPS Homecoming parade and game

WHEN

Friday, Sep. 27th, 5:30pm

WHERE

100 Warrior Way
Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

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School Board Meeting - Regular Session

WHEN

Wednesday, Oct. 9th, 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.

To view the agenda or find out more, click [here](#).

****This meeting has been moved from its normal monthly schedule to accommodate fall break that will be held from Oct. 14-18, 2019****

DCSC Town Hall Meeting at South Elementary

WHEN

Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 6pm

WHERE

1375 West Lincoln Street
Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

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This meeting will begin with a tour of South at 6 p.m. and the informational meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.

DCSC Fall Break

WHEN

Monday, Oct. 14th, 7am to Friday,
Oct. 18th, 4pm

WHERE

Danville Community School
Corporation
IN

MORE INFORMATION

Enjoy a safe and relaxing fall break, Warriors!



About us...



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See the Difference

DCSC NEWSLETTER VOL. 2, ISSUE 3

DANVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION



OCTOBER 2019...

Wow - we can't believe October is almost over! This is always an exciting time of year in Danville Schools. Students and staff have their routines down now, and learning is in full swing. Students across the district have recently been participating in school events that encourage healthy choices and eating habits like National School Lunch Week, Healthy Choices Week and Red Ribbon Week.

In case you hadn't heard the news, our magical North Elementary art teacher Miss Katie Pourcho was named the 2020 Indiana Teacher of the Year by the Indiana Department of Education! This is a huge honor, and Miss Pourcho couldn't be more deserving. Above, Miss Pourcho is pictured at a surprise event we hosted for her at North Elementary with State

Superintendent Dr. Jennifer McCormick, many state officials, special guests, our Danville Schools team and Miss Pourcho's "kid artists." Way to go, Miss Pourcho! We're so incredibly proud of you! (Psst! There's more about Miss Pourcho in the e-news below!)

Keep reading for more information on our upcoming Veterans Day events in Danville Schools and get an inside look at how our students, staff and community celebrated Homecoming...

Great schools make a difference - and we couldn't do it without you!



SOUTH

Danville Firefighter Matt Templeton shows South Elementary students a tool he uses to locate people in a fire during a presentation by the fire department at the school.



DCMS

To help promote healthy meal options during National School Lunch Week, Danville Community Middle School Assistant Principal Dave Rector served lunch to students!



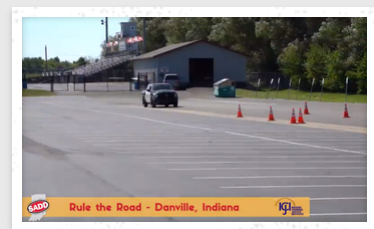
DCHS

Our cheerleaders at Danville Community High School helped to "pep" things up before the big Homecoming game against Southmont at the annual pep session.

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

GETTING OUT OF THE CLASSROOM...

Thanks to the dedication of our School Resource Officer Matthew Oliphant and the volunteer efforts of county law enforcement officers, DCHS students recently participated in an interactive driving program!



The Rule the Road teen driving program returned to DCHS to provide exposure to experiences not generally covered in driver education courses. These experiences include controlling a skidding car on ice, avoiding sudden road hazards through controlled braking, why texting is so dangerous, and the seriousness of impaired driving. Sponsored by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, State Farm Insurance, Indiana SADD, Danville Community High School and the Danville Metropolitan Police Department, this event allowed young drivers to get valuable hands-on driving experience with certified emergency vehicle operators.

Thanks for working so hard to get this program back, Officer Oliphant!



GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND...

Our Director of Maintenance Mr. Richard Land really went above and beyond for Miss Pourcho's big surprise! He took the time to build three large easels to display her artwork in the gymnasium at North Elementary. Normally, these large art installations hang on the walls at North, and we didn't have a way to bring her magic into the gymnasium when staff and special guests gathered for the announcement. Thanks to Mr. Land's dedication, the event was even more special.

You are the Danville Difference, Mr. Land!

ENCOURAGING FALL FITNESS...

Shout out to our North and South Elementary physical education teachers for encouraging fall fitness over the break! Coach Mark Callighan and Coach Kyle Yoder led this awesome group for the North/South Fitness Challenge Hike in Blanton Woods.



Way to keep our families focused on healthy choices even on your break, coaches!

THE ART OF LIFE



Caught completely by surprise, art teacher Miss Katie Pourcho entered the gymnasium at North Elementary on Oct. 10, 2019 to find that her world was about to change. In the world of education, an Indiana Teacher of the Year is something of a celebrity. Now Miss Pourcho joins the ranks of the other phenomenal INTOYs (Indiana Teachers of the Year, that is) as the 2020 Indiana Teacher of the Year.

Miss Pourcho said that this award doesn't belong to just her, however. She credits the North Elementary team and the town of Danville.

"This is a testament to our community," Miss Pourcho said of the award. "Our community is supportive, it unites together for a common purpose. I know so many great teachers that don't have the same type of community we have. I believe in my heart that it's a true testament to Danville."

Explaining further, Miss Pourcho said that every single person in North Elementary works as a team to provide the best learning experience for our students. From our housekeeping staff keeping our school safe and clean, to our food service department providing nutritious meals for our students, to instructional aids that work one on one with kids and make sure that the teacher has everything they need, to our teachers who plan awesome lessons for their students day in and day out.

Outside of our school, there is another level of community support – the Danville Community Education Foundation and our Parent Teacher Organizations providing grants and funding, local businesses making donations and sharing the work of our students and staff, and then there are our dedicated community members and parents.

"The partnership between parents and educators is so vital. Parents help in so many different ways, especially by carrying the education home," Miss Pourcho said. "Parents coming in to volunteer, putting together a book character costume, donating snacks... Nothing is too small or too big – partnership is essential."

It doesn't end there, Miss Pourcho noted.

"We have a very special, tight knit community," she added. "They work creatively to put up scarecrows, host summer festivals, and the homecoming parade – it's the whole community participating! It's not just our students that have school spirit, it's town pride. Because we have great schools, we have a strong sense of town pride."

Miss Pourcho will represent the state of Indiana at a national level, and will travel across the state speaking to educators and inspiring them. She'll be sharing our "Danville Difference" and we couldn't be more proud of her hard work and dedication! Congratulations, Miss Pourcho!



CLASSROOM CREATIVITY

In Miss Pourcho's art class, trying new things and making mistakes is all part of the process!



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jennifer McCormick congratulates Miss Pourcho at the surprise event.



INSPIRATION ABROAD

Miss Pourcho found inspiration abroad at a public garden in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH...

Our September Students of the Month are North Elementary's Fiona Love, South Elementary's Aiden Archer, Danville Community Middle School's Luke Howard and Danville Community High School's Madison McCord.

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





A LETTER FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT...

 @DanvilleSuper

Dear parents, guardians and community members,


We have amazing staff members making an impact in the lives of our students, our families and in our community each and every day. We are so incredibly proud of Miss Katie Pourcho for being named the 2020 Indiana Teacher of the Year! This is a huge accomplishment and we are honored to have her on our team. We know she will represent Indiana well at the national level and will continue to share "The Danville Difference" we all know and love with others.

November 5th will be an impactful day for our community as we all head to the polls to vote. There will be two public questions on the ballot this year from Danville Schools. You can find helpful information about the referenda on our webpage at <https://www.danville.k12.in.us/domain/221>, but please don't hesitate to reach out to the administration office at any time if you have any questions. I'd be happy to meet with you, your neighbors, your small group or just chat with you over the phone. Please be sure to exercise your rights and freedoms by voting on or before November 5th!

Great schools make a difference. Thank you for your dedication to education in Danville!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tracey Shafer, Superintendent

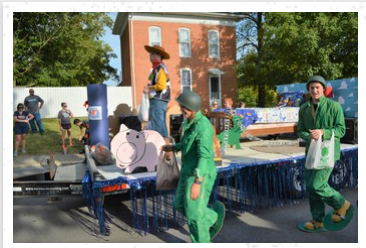
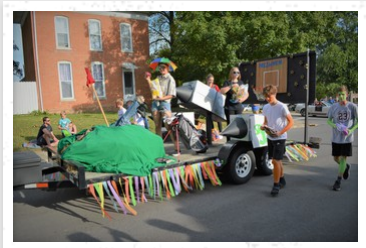
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HOMEcoming 2019

Our students, staff, alumni and community members gathered together at the end of September to celebrate a Danville tradition - the Homecoming parade and football game.

The parade was full of school spirit and community support. The streets were lined with small hopeful faces, waiting to catch armloads of candy. The football stadium was filled to the brim, with spectators crowding at the fence line. Our Warriors took the field and beat Southmont!

Enjoy this photo collection from the Danville Community High School Homecoming!



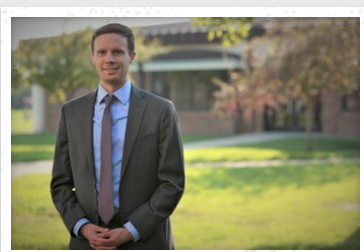


THE DANVILLE DIFFERENCE....

Did you catch our latest Danville Difference video "Good Stewards?"

At Danville Schools, we work very hard to be good stewards of our tax payer dollars! We cut costs where we can to redirect dollars back into the classroom to benefit students and to support the teachers and staff that give of themselves daily to make great schools.

Click [here](#) to see our entire video collection and all of our See the Difference community e-newsletters.



A LETTER FROM OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER...

Dear parents, guardians and community members,

On November 5th, our community will be voting on two referendum questions. The capital referendum, if passed, would fund facility needs at the four school buildings in our district. The operating referendum, if passed, would fund compensation for all non-administrative staff members, including teachers. It would also provide revenue for student transportation, our agriculture and fine arts academic programs, and student safety priorities.

The school corporation has held seven town hall meetings and published a variety of information on our website at <https://www.danville.k12.in.us/domain/221>. I invite you to review the town hall presentation and to visit the tax calculator to see the impact on your property.

If you have questions about the referendum between now and Election Day, please feel free to contact Superintendent Dr. Shafer, members of our school board, or me. We will be happy to meet with you and answer any questions you have.

Sincerely,

Matthew Parkinson, Chief Financial Officer

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VETERANS DAY 2019...

We are preparing for another fun and meaningful Veterans Day here in Danville Schools! While all of our schools have special announcements, activities and studies planned for our students on this special day, South Elementary hosts a unique event each year called "Take a Veteran to School Day."

On this day, South Elementary students are encouraged to invite a family member or a close friend of the family who has served/is serving in our Armed Forces to join us for classroom activities and our nearly-famous "Parade of Heroes." If you haven't experienced it before, it rarely leaves a dry eye in the building!

Thank you to all of our Veterans for their service. You are our heroes!



ELEARNING DAYS...

Our first scheduled eLearning Day is quickly approaching! Be sure you're prepared for our first practice day on Nov. 7, 2019. On November 7th, 2019 all K-12 students will have an eLearning Day and will not physically come to the buildings.

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More information and instructions for eLearning Days should now be in your email. Please verify your contact information in IC if you have not received it yet and contact your child's school for details.

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

ELECTION DAY

WHEN

TUESDAY, NOV. 5TH, 6AM-6PM

WHERE

**355 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET
DANVILLE, IN**

MORE INFORMATION

Get all of your Hendricks County voting information here:

<https://www.co.hendricks.in.us/department/division.php?structureid=43>

You can find more information on the Danville Schools referenda and use the tax calculator to find the most accurate impact here:

<https://www.danville.k12.in.us/domain/221>

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – REGULAR SESSION

WHEN

MONDAY, NOV. 11TH, 6:30PM

WHERE

**1375 WEST LINCOLN STREET
DANVILLE, IN**

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See the Difference

DCSC Newsletter Vol. 2, Issue 4

Danville Community School Corporation



November 2019...

We have so many reasons to be thankful here at Danville Schools! From an amazing team of teachers, staff and administrators that give of themselves each day to make a difference in the lives of our students, to our parents and guardians that show endless support, to our students that are demonstrating kindness, dedication and respect in all the things that they do - we are thankful for YOU!

In the photo above, our Danville FFA officers display the items they collected at Danville Community High School's annual FFA Thanksgiving Food Drive! The three day competition was held among 4th period classrooms at the high school where they could bring in canned or boxed food items and/or

donate money. The winning class was Mr. Blocher's class - scoring an all you can eat pizza and ice cream brownie sundae luncheon hosted by the Danville FFA officers.

The entire food drive brought in \$527.20 and 664 food items. The FFA will use the food and money to assemble 75 full Thanksgiving meals with a turkey to hand out on November 23 at the Shared Blessings Food Pantry. The Hendricks County Farm Bureau and the Danville American Legion work in partnership with the Danville FFA and Shared Blessings Food Pantry to help supply all of the turkeys.

Keep reading for more information on our Veterans Day programs and "See the Difference" our staff is making...

Great schools make a difference - and we couldn't do it without you!



North

Teachers at North Elementary cheer kindergarten students on during the annual Pumpkin Run.



South

South Elementary students enjoy the sunshine during outdoor recess - even in November!



DCMS

Sixth grade students at Danville Community Middle School celebrate Thanksgiving with their annual group lunch.

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

Detailed displays by educator inspire students in Danville



Paying it forward...

North Elementary paraprofessional Mrs. Elizabeth Stiers was recently featured on Fox59's Pay It Forward special feature! Fox59's Alexa Green came by to speak to Mrs. Stiers about the beautiful bulletin boards she creates for the North Elementary halls. She spends about 30 to 60 hours on these boards each month in her free time and they are breathtaking!

You can view the feature here:

https://fox59.com/2019/11/18/detailed-displays-inspiring-students-in-danville/?fbclid=IwAR0M_UUvpFdd9hV-LaYaaKA5jPdgb0k3SB3B5Ie2EnvU6Xe2t_U87k7Vu0

Danville Community Educator of the Year...

Congratulations to Danville Community High School's Ms. Jocelyn Shook for being named Educator of the Year by the Danville Chamber of Commerce at their annual Community Awards ceremony! Not

only does Ms. Shook teach Spanish at DCHS, she is also a freshman class sponsor and a student council sponsor. She coordinates freshman orientation (the Crew) and Mr. Warrior, and she is the foreign language department head. Additionally, she can usually be found attending a variety of our students' extracurricular events, everything from Spell Bowl to conference wrestling meets.

Great work, Ms. Shook! Thank you for being the Danville Difference!



Honoring Our Heroes



Honoring our hometown Veterans has been a tradition in Danville Schools for quite some time now, because we know the importance they play in our community. We want our students to carry on this tradition, so we invite our heroes to join us on Veterans Day and plan activities for our students.

At Danville Community Middle School and Danville Community High School, our students are mature enough to understand the importance of the role Veterans play in our lives. Our teachers at these

schools planned lessons to discuss Veterans Day and our administration had special announcements during the day. At DCHS, members of our band even played Taps.

Students at North Elementary have a different understanding of our Veterans, and our team there worked hard to plan age-appropriate activities to help them learn. Students rotated throughout the morning to different classrooms featuring different activities including writing a letter to a Veteran, creating a paper poppy to create a class wreath or poster, and creating a book about Veterans Day. The books featured military characters that students could color along with information about the role each branch plays. The books for our kindergarten friends had statements like, "I am free to go to school" with a final thanks for our Veterans for being the reason they are free. Many Veterans joined in the fun at North, too!

South Elementary continued its tradition of Bring a Veteran to School Day and the Parade of Heroes.

Several Veterans joined students in their classroom to engage in many different activities. Some Veterans brought in memorabilia or photos from their service, some played patriotic themed games or made crafts together. Afterwards, our Veterans were given a fond farewell with our annual Parade of Heroes! For this our students and staff line the hallways with flags waving and music playing as our Veterans walk the building giving high-fives.

Thank you again to all of our Veterans for your service! You're our heroes!



Kindergarten

Kindergarten students in Mrs. Whitaker's class made books highlighting all the ways they are free thanks to our Veterans.



First grade

Students in Mrs. Ziegler's first grade class write a letter to a Veteran in Mr. Vrabel's class.



Second grade

A second grade student in Mrs. Blair's class got some help making a poppy from her own Veteran.



Third grade

Third grade students in Mrs. Russell's class got to learn more about where this Veteran served.



Parade of Heroes

Our third and fourth grade students lined the hallways at South for their annual Parade of Heroes!



Fourth grade

Students in Mrs. Wilson's fourth grade class worked with their Veteran to put patriotic song lyrics in order.

October Students of the Month...

Our October Students of the Month are North Elementary's Colton Mitchell, South Elementary's Victoria Camloh, Danville Community Middle School's Noah Romanetz and Danville Community High School's Katie Kern.

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



School weather delays and cancellations: how do we decide?



Making the decision to delay or cancel school due to weather conditions is not something we take lightly at Danville Community Schools. It not only impacts the schedules of our staff, parents and guardians, it involves our number one priority: student safety.

Weather delays and cancellations can be attributed to fog, ice, snow and even temperature. During the colder months when we are most affected by low temperatures, ice and snow, our Superintendent Dr. Tracey Shafer and our Director of Transportation Mrs. Dana Parsons are up around 4 a.m. to personally drive district roads and check our school buses in the transportation lot. After consulting with Mrs. Parsons on the conditions of our fleet, Dr. Shafer also confers with our Director of Maintenance Mr. Richard Land on the conditions of school parking lots and sidewalks. Our maintenance department does the early morning treatment of our lots to provide safe travel and

walkways for the start of school. Additionally, Dr. Shafer will discuss the situation with neighboring school corporation superintendents before making a decision.

If fog, ice or snow are impacting travel conditions even in our most rural areas of the school district, we may decide to delay so fog may lift, ice may be salted or snow may be plowed. If we think these conditions won't improve in two hours, we may decide to cancel school or use an eLearning Day.

Since we don't have indoor storage for our school bus fleet, ice and temperature can have an impact on our buses. Sometimes the temperatures are so low, it causes mechanical issues and we have trouble getting our buses to start. Sometimes the doors are frozen shut or the temperature inside the bus isn't safe for our students or staff. When temperatures reach -5F, we start to see mechanical issues with our buses. Around -10F, temperatures can prevent our school buses from functioning.

We also take into consideration the amount of time our students will be standing outside waiting on the bus. We pay close attention to the wind chill and consult a chart provided by the National Weather Service. The chart notes the wind speed and temperature along with exposure times for frostbite. When students are at risk of frostbite for a 20 to 30 minute exposure, we consider delays or cancellation. Delays, however, are only two hours long and temperature may not change drastically in such a short amount of time. In these instances, a cancellation may be more appropriate. We always encourage parents and guardians to make sure their children are properly clothed while waiting for the bus with coats, hats and gloves.

We try to make a decision on school delays or cancellations by 5:30 a.m. Once Dr. Shafer makes the decision, our Communications Coordinator Mrs. Ashton Brellenthin begins getting the message out. She first shares it via text and email through Infinite Campus (IC) to staff, parents and guardians with an emergency message. Keeping your contact information up to date in IC will ensure that you receive these alerts first. Next, Mrs. Brellenthin will update the school website and the DCSC Facebook and Twitter accounts. Finally, she contacts local media stations to list our delay or closure on their broadcast and website.

With the addition of eLearning Days this year, changes may be coming to our cancellation procedure. For the 2019-20 school year, we have one built in snow day on President's Day, Feb. 17, 2020. Should we need to cancel school, we will first use this built in make-up day. After the first built in day is used, we may consider utilizing an eLearning Day so our students don't have to add days on to the end of the year. Parents and guardians will receive this information in the cancellation email should the decision be made to utilize eLearning. On eLearning Days, assignments should be posted by 9 a.m. in Schoology. As a reminder, students will have five school days to complete eLearning Day assignments. Please contact your child's teacher during their office hours of 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on eLearning Days if you have any questions.

Other special considerations for delays and cancellations are in our Little Warrior Learning Center Preschool and our PACE before and after school care program. These two programs are ONLY closed when a county or state emergency has been issued and roads are closed to everyone except emergency personnel. Even if North Elementary, South Elementary, Danville Community Middle School and Danville Community High School are all delayed or closed, Little Warrior Learning Center Preschool and PACE will open at the normally scheduled time UNLESS there is a county or state emergency issued. The a.m. developmental preschool at North Elementary, however, is a program separate from the Little Warrior Learning Center Preschool and DOES NOT open during a delay or cancellation.

School delays and cancellations are never convenient for anyone, but the safety of our students always comes first. We also understand, especially in some of the more rural parts of our district, that road conditions on personal property might vary. As a parent or guardian, you ultimately have the final decision on sending your child to school if we do not delay or cancel in these situations. If you have

any questions about school delays or closures, please contact the Administration Office at 317-745-2212.



A letter from our Superintendent...

 @DanvilleSuper

Dear parents, guardians and community members,


The month of November always gives us a reason to remember the many things we have to be thankful for, and this year I'm especially reminded of how thankful I am to be surrounded by amazing educators. We have a team of dedicated teachers, staff and administrators that truly are making a difference in the life of a child each and every day.

While you are surrounded by your family and friends over the Thanksgiving holiday, I would encourage you to make time to reach out to someone you know that is an educator and thank them for the many ways they pour themselves into education. It would mean more to them than you will ever know!

Best wishes on a wonderful and thankful fall season!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tracey Shafer, Superintendent

 317-745-2212



A letter from our Chief Financial Officer...

Dear parents, guardians and community members,

Fall is an important time in school finance. On September 13, we turned in our student count to the Department of Education. We have 2,494 students enrolled in K-12 this fall. Student count is the primary component in the state funding formula, so it is something we monitor very closely. As student count goes up and down, state tuition support follows.

While our overall count is down compared to the 2018/2019 school year, we are up slightly since the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 school years. Our demographic study shows that we can expect a small decrease in head count over the next couple years based on large graduating classes. The study then forecasts gradual growth through 2030.

If you are interested in learning more about how our schools are funded, we would love to share more. Please feel free to contact me any time.

Sincerely,

Matthew Parkinson, Chief Financial Officer

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The Danville Difference....

In case you missed it, here's our last video in the "Danville Difference" collection...

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Help South Singers win \$1,500...

Congratulations to Danville South Elementary's *South Singers* choir for earning a spot as a finalist for B105.7's Christmas Choir Competition! VOTE NOW and VOTE DAILY! Public voting is now open and will close December 5 at 12 p.m. Click [here](#) to access the voting site.



Five finalists have been chosen for each division and now it's YOUR turn to decide who will be the winning choir for each one! Public voting closes December 5th at 12 p.m. You can vote once per day—but make sure you share this link with your family, friends and schoolmates so they can too!

The finalists' songs are divided by Division. Listen to them in their specified player, then scroll down to the voting ballot below to cast your vote! Make sure you enter your name & email then click VOTE for it to count!

**If the form isn't loading, please try clearing your Cache/Cookies. Visiting so often from the same web browser/computer/phone may cause this.*

A special thanks to Mrs. Abbie Hunter, the *South Singers* choir director!

Upcoming events...

DCSC Thanksgiving Break

When

Wednesday, Nov. 27th, 7am to Friday, Nov. 29th,
3pm

Where

Danville Community School Corporation

More information

Enjoy a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving break, Warriors!

School Board Meeting - Regular Session

When

Monday, Dec. 9th, 6:30pm

Where

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Danville Community School Corporation



• December 2019...

December is a magical time of year here in Danville Schools! The halls and classrooms are decked with cheerful decorations, and many of our students are bursting with excitement for the holiday season. We've had an amazing first semester and can't wait to see what 2020 will hold!

In the photo above, our Director of Technology Mr. Bill Rader helps a kindergarten student find gifts for his family during the Danville PTO's annual Santa Shop fundraiser. Students at North and South Elementary have the opportunity to shop one-on-one with a parent or staff volunteer at Santa Shop. With a huge selection of gifts to choose from, students fill their baskets with \$2 goodies. Half of those proceeds go back into the PTO, which funds teacher grants and supports our students. While many parents and guardians send money for their students to use in Santa Shop, not all of our friends can afford it. But our PTO makes sure that EVERY child has the opportunity to participate with Santa

Bucks. (A lot of parents send extra money to donate to the Santa Bucks fund, too!!) Shopping with our littlest Warriors is such a fun time - their hearts are so generous and filled with love!

Keep reading for more information on South Elementary's choir, meet our new school resource officer, and "See the Difference" our staff is making...

Great schools make a difference - and we couldn't do it without you!



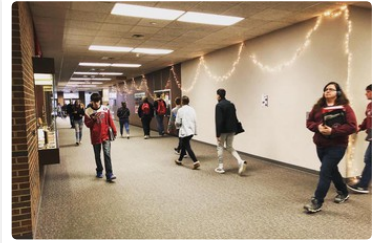
South

Students in Miss Amor's third grade class used directive drawing to create reindeer art during their countdown to winter break. They thought it was festive and fun!



DCMS

Danville Community Middle School students in Miss Maxwell's fifth grade math class mix learning with holiday fun! They used mixed number adding and subtracting to solve the "Missing Present Mystery."



DCHS

Like all of our schools, staff at Danville Community High School decked the halls with holiday spirit! The front office boasted a tree and sign, and the hallway twinkled with lights.

• Welcome back, Officer Wodtke! •



Join us in welcoming School Resource Officer Derek Wodtke back to the Danville Schools family!

The 2007 Danville Community High School graduate began his career with the Danville Metropolitan Police Department in March. Prior to joining the DMPD, he worked with the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department where he was a jail, transport and courthouse deputy. SRO Wodtke served in the U.S. Navy after graduating from DCHS where he served with VFA-81, attached to the USS Carl Vinson from 2008-2012. He did three deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and New Dawn.

Although he spent kindergarten through 8th grade in Avon, SRO Wodtke's family moved to Danville for his high school years. He said he immediately loved it here.

"I call Danville my adopted hometown," he explained. "Danville has that small town feel, yet it's close enough to anything you want. The town just has that charm that you look for in a community you want your children to grow up in. Everyone here is super friendly and supportive of each other. I am happy to be a part of it and doing what I can to have a positive impact on the kids of this town."

SRO Wodtke joined SRO Matthew Oliphant, replacing our temporary SRO Travis Wilson, here at Danville Schools about a month ago and spends most of his time between South Elementary and Danville Community Middle School. Affectionately known at Officer Baked Potato by some of the students at South Elementary, he can often be found out on the playground throwing a ball with students or chatting with them about their day.

"I'm enjoying the day to day interactions with the kids the most," SRO Wodtke said. "They are a blast to be around and make it super easy to develop relationships with them as their school resource officer."

While his daily activities and duties change a lot depending on the day, SRO Wodtke said he tries to be seen as much as possible by the students and talks with them any chance he gets. He will walk the halls of the schools and talk to the students during passing periods as well as go to different lunches to speak with the students. Additionally, SRO Wodtke helps with traffic control around our schools before and after school.

Officer Wodtke lives in Danville with his wife Jamie and their three-year-old son Lincoln. We're so happy to have you with us, Officer Wodtke!

Officer Derek Wodtke

Danville Metropolitan Police Department

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Office: Danville Community Middle School



• November Students of the Month...

Our November Students of the Month are North Elementary's Rue McDonald, South Elementary's Reeva Litvan, Danville Community Middle School's Miles Hudson and Danville Community High School's Samuel Karras.

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



• South Singers shine •



The sound of little voices fills the music room and drifts down the hallway at South Elementary every day. This year, those little voices were heard far and wide in B105.7's Christmas Choir Competition. South Singers, the school's choir, placed as a top five finalist in their division!

Music teacher Mrs. Abbie Hunter leads the choir. She said this is the fourth year that the school has had a music club, but it's the first year that it has been choir focused and called South Singers.

"I grew up singing in the Indianapolis Children's Choir, which is what inspired me to be a music teacher in the first place," Mrs. Hunter explained. "I wanted to offer a children's choir opportunity to the students at South."

With 32 third and fourth grade students participating, the club meets every Wednesday after school. Mrs. Hunter works with them each week on lyrics, pitch and volume to prepare them for performances. Their attitudes, she said, have changed drastically in just once semester.

"I have seen a big shift in the attitude that the children have towards singing," she said. "They have really come out of their shells and are having fun singing with their friends, which is all I could ever

hope for."

The South Singers had a special performance at South Elementary's annual Veterans Day event - Bring a Veteran to School Day. They also entered into the radio competition with B105.7 and although they did not win, placing in the top five is an amazing accomplishment!

Gia Wilson, a third grade student at South, said being a part of South Singers has been a lot of fun, and she really enjoyed performing on Veterans Day.

"I like to sing," Gia said with a smile. "I want to sing when I grow up."

Just as Mrs. Hunter was inspired to become a music teacher because of her time in the children's choir, a new generation of music lovers is being cultivated at Danville Schools.

"I am hoping that more students will become interested in joining the group in the years to come," Mrs. Hunter added. "Ultimately, I hope that this group can show the students that singing can be fun and enjoyable for everyone and that every child's voice is special."

The next performance for the South Singers will be their spring concert on March 11, 2020.





• A letter from our Superintendent...

 @DanvilleSuper

Dear parents, guardians and community members,


It may be hard to believe, but the semester has already come to an end. We've had a great first half for the 2019-20 school year, and I know our students and staff are going to finish strong! Reflecting back on the semester, we have many things to be grateful for.

In October, we were honored to have North Elementary's Miss Katie Pourcho recognized by the Indiana Department of Education as the 2020 Indiana Teacher of the Year. Our fall athletes have proven once again how hard they work both on and off the field, with many student athletes recognized as Academic All-State players. Our music programs hosted several winter concerts across the district and FFA students have been blazing the trail to state competitions. Our little Warriors are growing and learning every day, all while showing their generous hearts by helping each other and their community.

Thank you for supporting your community schools. Happy holidays - from our Warrior family to yours!

Sincerely,

Dr. Tracey Shafer, Superintendent

 317-745-2212

• The Danville Difference....

Our team goes above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of our students every day. We are so proud of our teachers! [#TheDanvilleDifference](#)

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- A letter from our Chief Financial Officer...

Dear parents, guardians and community members,

A few weeks ago, we had the privilege of distributing Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) dollars to qualifying teachers. After some discussion that the teacher appreciation grant may be eliminated, the General Assembly in 2019 instead appropriated \$37.5 million to the grant. Danville's share is \$91,730.67.

To be eligible for TAG funding, a teacher must have worked for the school corporation in the prior academic year, received an effective or highly effective performance rating, and be employed on December 1 of the current school year. Our eligible teachers who earned an effective performance rating received \$518.91. Eligible teachers who earned a highly effective rating received \$648.64.

Our school district faces many financial challenges, but during this time of year, it is important that we pause to appreciate our blessings. Our hard-working teachers deserve the best, and we are thankful TAG funding was available this year. I hope you have a great holiday season.

Sincerely,

Matthew Parkinson, Chief Financial Officer

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• Duke Energy winter assistance...

Duke Energy has increased its winter assistance funding for qualifying Indiana customers who may struggle to pay their winter energy bills.

The company is contributing \$650,000 for low-income customer energy assistance through its Helping Hand program this year. In addition, Duke Energy Indiana customers and employees have contributed more than \$96,000 through November, and more is expected in December, raising this year's total energy assistance to approximately \$750,000. A portion of the company's funding is the result of an agreement with the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor.

Find out more at:

<https://news.duke-energy.com/releases/duke-energy-indiana-winter-assistance-funds-increase-to-750-000>





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- Upcoming events •

DCSC Winter Break

When

Friday, Dec. 20th, 7am to Friday, Jan. 3rd 2020 at 3pm

Where

Danville Community School Corporation

More information

Enjoy a safe and relaxing winter break, Warriors! Students will end their semester on December 19th. Classes will resume for both students and staff on January 6th, 2020.

School Board Meeting - Regular Session

When

Monday, Jan. 13th 2020 at 6:30pm

Where

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• January 2020...

It may be cold outside, but things are really heating up here in Danville Schools! Our staff and students are ignited with a love for learning and each day they are accomplishing amazing things. We know the spring semester is going to be a busy time for families, but we hope you will take the time to enjoy our monthly e-newsletters and "See the Difference" our staff is making!

In the photo above, Danville Community Middle School students listen to former San Francisco 49er Otis Amey during Air1's Dare to Dream convocation. They heard an inspiring message about following their passions, making good choices and being kind to one another. Mr. Amey told the students, "Don't dream to be someone. Dream because you are someone!"

Keep scrolling to see photos from the Wrap Our Town in Love event, get a peak inside the Little Warrior Learning Center Preschool and to visit the stars with the Danville Community High School

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North

Puppies took over the 1st grade hallway when students celebrated their 101st day of school with paw-some outfits and fun activities!



South

South Elementary students in Mrs. Rawley's fourth grade class work in groups to decompose fractions with the help of colorful pie-shaped cutouts.



DCHS

DCHS juniors and seniors in Mrs. Henry's psychology class create collages to help them remember the functions of various parts of the brain.

• Wrap Our Town in Love...

On January 25th, the Danville community gathered at North Elementary to participate in the Wrap Our Town in Love event. Dreamed up by our own 2020 Indiana Teacher of the Year and North art teacher Miss Katie Pourcho, the event aimed to create town unity and togetherness. During the event, we worked together to create banners to hang downtown and to prepare the student-painted wrapping paper for distribution. We hope that displaying this student and community artwork throughout the month of February will help bring our town and school communities together.

It takes a village to raise a Warrior - and together we are the Danville Difference!

Enjoy this photo collection from the DCSC Wrap Our Town in Love event! Read more about our event in our quarterly printed newsletter, Talk of the Tribe. It will be available in February in our school offices and around Danville.

A special thank you to everyone that volunteered, donated or came by on Saturday. ♥





• Shoot for the stars •



Students are taking education to new heights in Danville Community High School's recently updated planetarium! DCHS science teacher Mr. Mike Burdsall said it's all thanks to team work and a passion for science.

"One day I got lucky and a Digitalis employee was in the area. He wanted to come in and do a demonstration in our dome," Mr. Burdsall explained. "It was amazing how good the place looked and my passion for the planetarium was re-energized."

Original to the 1970's building, the planetarium projector was only projecting stars and it was not very bright. This made it difficult to do lessons other than constellation shows. The space was also in need of repairs. Over time, the unused space became a catch-all for storage.

Then came grants and funding from the Danville Rotary Club and the Danville Kiwanis Club. Along with support from DCSC Superintendent Dr. Tracey Shafer and DCHS Principal Dr. P.J. Hamann, a Digitalis Planetarium Projector was acquired.

"I sat down with Dr. Hamann and he got right to action on getting the space updated. Our maintenance staff did an awesome job updating and renovating the room. They painted the walls and worked on the dome to get it looking great," Mr. Burdsall said. "Mrs. Heather Jackson and I were able to go to special training in Fort Worth, Texas. She has been great support for this project."

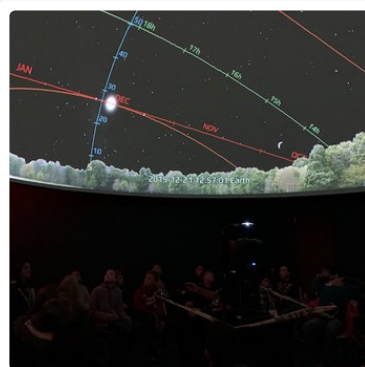
With the updates completed last spring, Mr. Burdsall said the space has already been utilized by many students - and not just those at DCHS. Having spent his prep time learning the system and developing lessons for all grade levels, Mr. Burdsall plans to have each grade level in the planetarium for an adventure in learning.

"I have had high school honors English and environmental science classes in already this year. The honors English class did a story with constellation mythology. Dr. Jamie Calhoun used the planetarium to have her students make up their own constellation and mythology," he said. "We have plans for Ms. Lorie Dilanchian to bring the choir in and sing 'Fly me to the Moon.' I will be flying them to the moon while they sing this song!"

Additionally, Danville Community Middle School students in fifth grade science classes have been to the planetarium for a lesson on biomes of the Earth (to which Mr. Burdsall received quite a bit of applause!) and the Danville Public Library's summer reading program came in for a program on the 50th anniversary of the first moon walk.

The planetarium isn't just for Danville students, however. Mr. Burdsall said he plans to have a community open house this spring, as well as a special show for the Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club since they helped secure funding.

"We can fly to anywhere in our solar system and take a look around," Mr. Burdsall added. "You cannot do that in a regular classroom."



• December Students of the Month...

Our December Students of the Month are North Elementary's Owen Dugger, South Elementary's Saul Cuatlacuatl-Ramirez, Danville Community Middle School's Penny Nichols and Danville Community High School's Shelby Simpson.

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• A letter from our Superintendent...

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Dear parents, guardians and community members,


The new year got off to a great start and momentum is still growing at Danville Schools! With over 100 school days under their belt for the 2019-20 school year, our students and staff are gearing up for an amazing spring semester. We can't wait to see what our Warriors accomplish!

I hope you had the opportunity to join us at North Elementary for the Wrap Our Town in Love event or that your business, organization or community space is sharing the love during the month of February by displaying the student-created art. We hope that you are reminded of Danville town unity each time you see the Wrap Our Town in Love artwork, just as we are. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our children.

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DCSC Little Warrior Learning Center



• Little Warrior Learning Center Preschool 2020-2021...

Our Little Warrior Learning Center (LWLC) Preschool will open enrollment for the 2020-2021 year soon! LWLC is continuing to grow, and our preschoolers and staff are accomplishing amazing things every day. This school year has brought many exciting changes for LWLC. We have grown and added an additional classroom, expanded our program options to include part time preschool, and incorporated additional curriculum to help prepare our kiddos for future success.



With our preschool housed in North Elementary, your preschooler has an excellent opportunity to prepare for future success as they enter their elementary education career. Unique experiences like in house field trips, visits to our related arts classes (library, art, music, PE), participation in events with North Elementary, reading with second graders and even eating lunch in the cafeteria prepare preschoolers for a smooth transition to kindergarten.

Our program has expanded to include two half day, three full day and five full day options. Spots will fill up quickly, so don't delay! For more information, visit the [LWLC webpage](#).

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- DCHS 2020 Alumni Hall of Fame nominations...

Danville Community High School is seeking nominations for its Alumni Hall of Fame! The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2020. To view the complete list of requirements, please see [the news release](#).



- Upcoming events •

School Board Meeting - Regular Session

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Monday, Feb. 10th, 6:30pm

Where

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Presidents' Day (possible snow make-up day)

When

Monday, Feb. 17th, 7am-3pm

Where

Danville Community School Corporation

More information

As of January 29th, Presidents' Day has not been needed for a snow make-up day. If no snow day is used before February 17th, there will be no school on Presidents' Day. Should a snow day be used before February 17th, school will be in session on Presidents' Day to make up for the used snow day.



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•February 2020...

We've had a fun-filled month here at Danville Schools focused on kindness, community and love! Our students and staff have been reaching for their goals and finding the perfect balance of learning, growing and enjoying life.

In the photo above, fourth grade students at South Elementary compete in the annual Battle of the Books! Each third and fourth grade classroom had a team compete, getting down to the final competition where they tested their knowledge on selected books. The battle wrapped up a week-long celebration of "We Love to Read Week" where students participate in activities like book swaps, read-aloud time, buddy reading and DEAR - Drop Everything And Read!

Keep scrolling to learn more about our Zen Den at North Elementary and how it helps our little Warriors unwind and reset. You'll also get all of your DCSC news and "See the Difference" our staff is making...



North

Our kindergarten friends at North Elementary celebrated Valentine's Day with parties that featured fun games and learning!



DCMS

Danville Community Middle School's 7/8 math teacher Mr. Inman works with his 8th grade students in pre-algebra to perform rotations on a coordinate plan.



DCHS

Student-Athlete Advisory Council members from Danville Community High School made time to read to our students at South.

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

•Along for the adventure...

Our magical Miss Katie Pourcho set off on her first Indiana Teacher of the Year trip with a student painted handbag in tow! The Indiana landscape was painted on the bag by a commissioned second grade student in Miss Pourcho's art class. She plans to take the bag to national Teacher of the Year conferences and state programs throughout the year, showcasing all of the amazing things our kid artists can do!



We are so incredibly proud to have her representing our community and state this year. She's showing the nation [#TheDanvilleDifference!](#)



•Building connections...

DCSC Speech and Language Pathologist Mrs. Taryn Boberg works with a Lifeskills student at Danville Community Middle School on a LAMP augmentative and alternative communication device.

LAMP (or Language Acquisition through Motor Planning) addresses the language development and communication needs of children. By selecting prompts on the screen, students can better communicate with staff. But that smile sure is communicating a lot!

•Finding a little zen•



As adults, we understand the importance of taking a moment to breath and reset when we're feeling angry or emotional. If we don't, we can do or say things we will later regret. Our littlest Warriors are still learning these skills at North Elementary, but this year our front office staff established a new space to help them accomplish it - the Zen Den.

With soft lighting and a "Ready to Reset" wall, the space provides our students with different tools to regulate their mind and body.

"After working in the office last year, I knew I wanted to create a reset zone for students to use when needed," North Elementary Assistant Principal and Little Warrior Learning Center Preschool Director Mrs. Ceara Jackson explained. "Many times, our students at North need a way to reset their mind after becoming frustrated, upset or feeling sad."

When North Elementary Counselor Mrs. Michelle Kidd joined the team this year, Mrs. Jackson shared her ideas about creating a space to help students calm their mind and body. Together, they worked to create the Zen Den.

The Ready to Reset wall counts down from five:

5: Deep Breaths

Students trace three shapes and follow the instructions to regulate their breathing.

4: Bear Hugs

Students follow the example of front office staff and hug themselves or a stuffed bear.

3: Wall Pushes

Students place their hands on the printed spaces and say "I am respectful," "I am responsible" and "I am ready to learn" while pushing.

2: Yoga Poses

Students can choose from eight yoga poses like half moon, tree or child's pose.

1: Big Smile

Students give us a big smile and repeat one of the positive statements like "I won't give up until I'm proud!" or "That was challenging, but I never gave up."

While this space isn't used to fix student behavior, we hope that it is giving them helpful tools to be successful at school, at home and in life.



Bear Hugs



Wall Pushes



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•A scholar among us...

We are so incredibly excited to share the news - Danville Community High School Senior Toby Kult has been named a Lilly Endowment Community Scholar by the Hendricks County Community Foundation!

Toby will receive full tuition to an accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in Indiana and a \$900 yearly stipend for required books and equipment. She was awarded this prestigious scholarship based on significant community service, outstanding academic achievement and leadership skills.

Way to go, Toby! We're so proud of you! [#TheDanvilleDifference](#)
[#WarriorPride](#)

•National finalist...

The DCHS 2019-2020 yearbook has been nominated for a Varsity Brands yearbook award and is now in the top 8 as a national finalist! Named for their scholastic and journalistic representation of our

school and our community, this year's book bridges the spirit of being a Warrior to being a part of a great community and state.

The book highlights the characteristics of a Warrior - demonstrated through our students' involvement, service, academic achievement, sportsmanship, and unique individual stories.

This year's book also highlights a sense of community - through our town, our roots, our alumni, parents, teachers, and staff who give the students the most support.



From their nomination (professional partners Kim Minnich and Nicole Laughery) -

"This year, their yearbook is a spirit-oriented book, though one could argue that every volume of the Tom Tom is spirit-oriented. In addition to the expected school coverage, they also are striving to cover community happenings and items of interest, like a local school referendum, notable alumni, and statewide issues that can be localized to their own audience."

The staff has been invited to attend the national Varsity conference at Disney in Orlando, Florida, where winners will be announced in May.



•Community support...

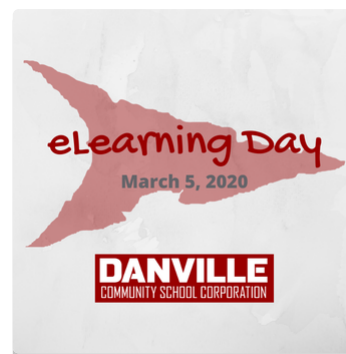
Danville Community Education Foundation President Christina Ward recently stopped by South Elementary to present Librarian Renee Bowman with a very generous \$2,500 anonymous donation for the South Elementary library.

We ♥ our community and the work of the Danville Community Education Foundation - together, we are doing amazing things for our students! [#TheDanvilleDifference](#)

•eLearning Day

Our second scheduled eLearning Day is quickly approaching! On March 5th all K-12 students will have an eLearning Day and will not physically come to the buildings.

More information and instructions for eLearning Days should now be delivered to parent/guardian email. Please verify your contact information in IC if you have not received it yet and contact your child's school for details.



•The Danville Difference....

Our student athletes take Warrior Pride to the next level! Take a look back on our fantastic 2019 spring season and dream of warmer days to come...

[#TheDanvilleDifference](#)

Click [here](#) to see our entire video collection and all of our See the Difference community e-newsletters.

DCSC Spring Sports



•PACE at DCMS...

Great news from our before and after school program PACE - our 5th and 6th grade students who attend PACE after school are now staying at the middle school! These students enjoy an afternoon snack, get time outside when the weather allows, or play games inside. They also get homework time, with staff available to help if needed! These students can stay with PACE staff until 6 p.m. after school.

If you are interested in having your child attend our fun (and convenient!) PACE program, please contact our PACE Director Mitzi Dennison at 317-745-2131 ext 4007 or mdennison@danville.k12.in.us. Thank you!



•Kindergarten registration...

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[Information and sign up links can be found here.](#)

•DCEF BINGO! fundraiser...

The Danville Community Education Foundation is gearing up for its annual BINGO! fundraiser from 2 to 5 p.m. on March 15th at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds! Proceeds from the event benefit DCEF teacher grants and student scholarships right here in Danville Schools.

DCEF is seeking donations for gift baskets items to be raffled at the event. There will be bins in each school office for donation collections. Here are the themes for each school...

North/South: Family fun night/gift cards
DCMS: Colts/Pacers/Warriors/gift cards
DCHS: Purdue/IU/gift cards

The attached event flyer has more information and a list of locations to purchase advance tickets. Thank you for supporting the Danville Community Education Foundation in its efforts to provide teacher grants and student scholarships for Danville Schools!



•SafeSchools Alert - Anonymous Reporting...

Our district is now using *SafeSchools Alert*, a tip reporting service that allows students, staff, and parents to anonymously and securely submit safety tips regarding bullying, harassment, mental health, threats of violence and safety concerns to our administration team 24/7.

Tips can be submitted utilizing the following methods of communication:

1. **Cell Phone App:** Search for "SafeSchools Alert" in the App Store to download for free.
2. **Phone:** (317) 742-6206
3. **Text:** Text your tip to (317) 742-6206
4. **Email:** 1906@alert1.us
5. **Web:** <http://1906.alert1.us>

Together, using SafeSchools Alert, we can make our district a safer place to work and learn!

•Little Warrior Learning Center Preschool 2020-2021...

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DANVILLE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

PLANETARIUM OPEN HOUSE

Visit our newly updated learning space!

**MARCH 11, 2020
7 TO 8 P.M.
ENTER AT DOOR 1**

With support from our community, the DCHS Planetarium recently received a much needed update! As a thank you, we are hosting an Open House event so you can learn more about the space and preview a show.



March 6, 7, 13 & 14
Danville High School Auditorium • 7:00 PM

Disney
The Biz Academy
of Musical Theatre production of
FROZEN JR

\$12 | Adults

\$10 | Seniors (65+)

\$8 | Youth (5-17)

Children 4 & Under FREE

Tickets available NOW at
thebiz-academy.com or at the door

Music & Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez
& Robert Lopez

Book by
Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee
and directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

Disney's Frozen JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

www.mtishows.com



•Upcoming events•

eLearning Day

When

Thursday, March 5th, 7am-3pm

Where

DCSC Schools

More information

Students will not attend school for this second scheduled eLearning Day. Parents and guardians should have received emailed instructions about eLearning Day. If you have questions, please contact your child's school office or Director of Academic Services Mrs. Morgan Walker at mwalker@danville.k12.in.us.

School Board Meeting - Regular Session

When

Monday, March 9th, 6:30pm

Where

1425 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. This public meeting is held in the Danville Community Middle School training room. To locate the training room, please enter through door 1 at DCMS and take either the stairs on the right or the elevator down the hall to the left. From the stairs, turn left and the training room will be on the right in the center of the building. The elevator will open across from the training room on the second floor. Signs will be placed to assist you.

For more information and to view the meeting agenda once it becomes available, please visit www.danville.k12.in.us.

DCHS Planetarium Open House

When

Wednesday, March 11th, 7-8pm

Where

100 Warrior Way Danville, IN

More information

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DCSC Spring Break

When

Monday, March 23rd, 7am to Friday,
March 27th, 3pm

Where

Danville Schools

More information

Danville Schools will be closed for Spring Break from March 23rd to March 27th. Classes will resume on Monday, March 30th. Enjoy a nice break, Warriors!



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Danville Community School Corporation



•March 2020...

Things sure changed quickly for us over here in Danville Schools! It's been a tumultuous month and after only two weeks, our staff is missing their students. We want to thank our families, our team and our community for being flexible as we all work together to slow the spread of COVID-19 and make plans to continue educating our students the best that we can. *Great schools make a difference - and we couldn't do it without you!*

In the photo above, North Elementary students perform their spring music program before our school closure. Our students and staff worked so hard to put on this amazing program that showcased them reciting a story, singing, dancing and playing instruments!

With the current travel restriction in place by Governor Holcomb, our school offices and the Administration Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning March 30 and continuing until further notice. Staff will be incredibly limited, so please be patient with us as we work to assist you.

Keep scrolling for more COVID-19 updates and news for the 2020-2021 school year!



eLearning fun

Thanks to the launch of our 1:1 technology program this year, eLearning can continue during our school closure.



Warriors Read

Our little Warriors are keeping up on their reading during the school closure.



Art time

Learning at home still includes time to perfect their watercolor painting for some of our Warriors!

February Students of the Month...

Our February Students of the Month are North Elementary's Molly Horner, South Elementary's Kielee Springman, Danville Community Middle School's Olivia Stierwalt and Danville Community High School's Charity Oliver.

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



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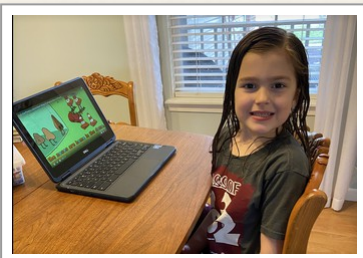
COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

CLOSED

Please respect our efforts to flatten the curve of the spread of COVID-19. Our playgrounds, courts, tracks and fields are temporarily closed to staff, students and the community. We appreciate everyone who is doing their part!

•COVID-19 Updates...

Feel like you missed something? All of our COVID-19 updates are posted to our website at www.danville.k12.in.us/Page/694.



•eLearning Schedule...

The weekly eLearning schedule beginning March 30th will be as follows:

- Monday - eLearning
- Tuesday - eLearning
- Wednesday - waiver day, no school
- Thursday - eLearning
- Friday - eLearning with guidance lessons

On Fridays, our guidance counselors will provide eLearning instruction for all students in their building. This will be a lightened load for students and parents, and will allow our

teachers a day to plan, complete grading and respond to student questions.

North and South Elementary students are still responsible for their related-arts classes (art, PE, music, computer, library) that occur on Wednesdays and Fridays.

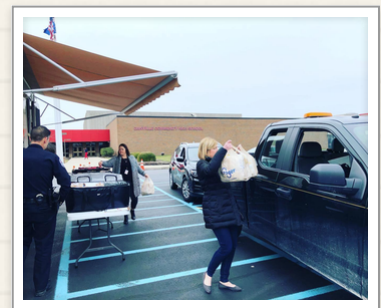
This eLearning schedule will continue for the foreseeable future. We know that eLearning is not a perfect substitute for face-to-face instruction and that it can be stressful for families. Please know that we are here to help any way that we can. Do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, counselor or principal if you need support.

•Food distribution...

In an effort to provide hot meals for children, we have made changes to our meal distribution plan. Beginning Monday, March 30, and continuing until further notice, please note:

- Meal distribution will continue to be drive-thru style with grab-and-go foods. Distribution will continue to take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Danville Community High School.
- On Mondays, the following meals will be distributed: Monday breakfast and Monday hot lunch; Tuesday breakfast and cold lunch; and Wednesday breakfast. On Wednesdays, the following meals will be distributed: Wednesday hot lunch; Thursday breakfast and cold lunch; and Friday breakfast. On Fridays, only a hot lunch for that day will be distributed.
- **To follow state requirements, parents/guardians or siblings are ONLY allowed to pick up meals for children in their family. The child's name and grade/age will be recorded at pick-up for accountability under the federal lunch program. To follow requirements and provide meals for as many children as we can, we ask that families DO NOT pick up duplicate meals for their children during the week.**
- To pick-up packages with five breakfast meals and five cold lunch meals for the entire week at one time, parents/guardians must call ahead to request them and pick them up by appointment only through the Danville Community High School office at 317- 745-6431. Requests for these packages must be submitted by 10 a.m. daily for pick-up on the requested day between noon and 1 p.m.

For a list of Hendricks County food pantries and their hours of operation, [click here](#). Please don't hesitate to reach out to our Administration Office if you have any questions.





•Additional Home Support...

Our Autism and Behavior Interventionist Mrs. Lisa Peterson has prepared two e-newsletters so far that are full of helpful information for children of all learning levels. If you're having trouble setting a routine, or if your child is experiencing anxiety or worry over COVID-19, these e-newsletters have information you might find useful.

- www.smores.com/76euq
- www.smores.com/hfyppn

•A message from Cummins Behavioral Health...



Cummins Behavioral Health wants to ensure that the needs of our students and their families continue to be addressed as we navigate this time of uncertainty. Therapists and Skills

Specialists are working remotely and can still meet with you and your children through video applications or by phone in accordance with your schedule and availability. We know things are stressful at this time and we're here to help you through it! If you're not sure how to get in touch with your Cummins providers, please call 1-888-714-1927 x. 2040 or 2104 to speak with School-Based Team Leads McKenzie Skirvin or Elizabeth LeMay. You can also send an email to mskirvin@cumminsbhs.org or elemay@cumminsbhs.org. We are also accepting new referrals at this time. We look forward to connecting with you!

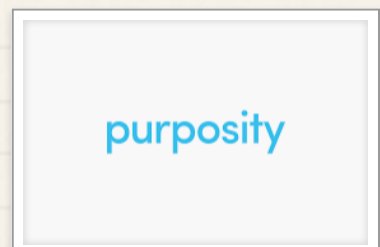


•DCSC 2020-2021 Transportation Updates...

Danville Community School Corporation administrators have been working on transportation changes for the 2020-2021 school year. The updated transportation model is designed to reduce costs and protect critical funding for use in our classrooms, all while ensuring students can safely reach campus and their homes. Parents and guardians should keep an eye on their email over the coming weeks as we provide more details on the 2020-2021 transportation updates.

•DCSC Purposity launching...

In our mission to support the Danville community, we are always looking to join forces with partners and organizations that will help us make a bigger impact in the lives of the students we serve. With this in mind, we are excited to introduce our newest partner, Purposity! While this idea was



already in the works way before COVID-19 was affecting schools in any way, it will be even more important now for our families that may be in hard times to know that we will do whatever we can to support them.

The idea of this app is simple: If a member of our community knew a kid down the street had a simple need – say she needed sneakers for school – chances are they would help, right? But, it's hard to know the needs of real people here in Danville because there's never been a way to connect the people who could really use help with the people who want to offer it.

Enter our new app partnership: Purposity. Its name comes from purpose + generosity, and it allows those in the community that want to help an opportunity to quickly and easily lend a hand to our students. (For a quick intro video, click [here](#).)

By signing up, you're sent one weekly notification with specific needs: it might be a winter jacket for a student in one of our schools or household essentials for a family that lost its home in a fire. These needs will be posted by one designated staff member in each building. (Parents and community members cannot list things on their own.) Our community members decide if they want to help and meet a need in just a few clicks, right from their phone and items are delivered to the schools so we can ensure they get to families in need. It's the simplest way to make an impact locally.

To get our Purposity account up and running, we need 200 followers. Until we have 200 people sign up, we cannot start posting needs. We will be posting information on our social media pages and we invite you to share this information with friends and family outside of our district you think may have an interest.

To be a part of our Purposity movement, download the app in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#), and follow DANVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION.



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·Upcoming events·

School Board Meeting - Regular Session

WHEN

Monday, April 13th, 6:30pm

WHERE

1425 West Lincoln Street
Danville, IN

MORE INFORMATION

Details on this public meeting are still being planned. We respect our community's right to attend the meeting, but still want to follow state restrictions on public gatherings. Please check back for additional details on this meeting on our website and on our social media pages.

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● APRIL 2020...

With a month of eLearning under our belt, the Danville Warrior team continues to miss (y)our kids! We know this time may be a struggle for many of our families. We are here to help and our team is already planning ahead for next year. Thank you to our staff, students, families and community for being AMAZING during this unprecedented situation - you are all making a difference!

In the photo above, two of our seniors pose with yard signs that our staff at Danville Community High School planted in their front yard as a surprise last week. We love our 2020 Seniors!

With the current travel restriction in place by Governor Holcomb, our office hours have been altered. The front offices at North Elementary, South Elementary, Danville Community Middle School and Danville Community High School are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on eLearning days and are closed on waiver days. The Administration Office, however, continues to be open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Staff continues to be incredibly limited, so please be patient with us as we work to assist you.

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•DCSC ELEARNING CLASSROOMS•

Check out some of these fun and engaging ways our team is working with students during our COVID-19 school closure!

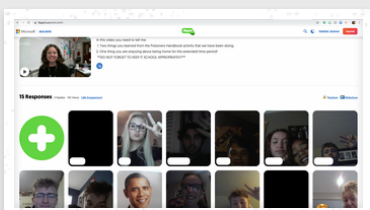
•VIRTUAL TREE MEASURING LAB...

Our DCHS agriculture teacher Mr. Huge created a virtual tree measuring lab for his Natural Resource class! Mr. Huge filmed a four part video series for the class's forestry unit to help them study the measuring and harvesting of trees.



His class would have normally completed this lab in the HAWK Outdoor Lab and nature center at the middle school if we were in school. Fortunately, Mr. Huge owns 55 acres of Classified Forest land on his farm, so it only made sense to transform the lab they were missing into a virtual lab format!

The four part video virtual lab consisted of an introduction to measuring trees, measuring tree diameter, measuring tree height and calculating standing board feet in trees. Check out his videos at www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dnIKTW-s_w



•CHEMISTRY FLIPGRID RESPONSES...

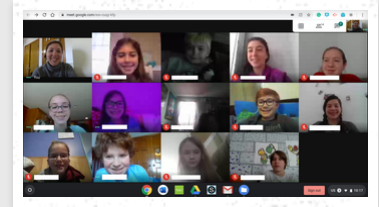
Our DCHS science teacher Mrs. Jackson uses a platform called Flipgrid to have her chemistry students record a video based on a prompt. With this platform, they can all view each other's responses just like they would in class.

For this assignment, Mrs. Jackson had her students view the PBS video "The Poisoner's Handbook" on the history of

science and how chemistry and forensic science got its start in the courtroom. The video shows the effects of poisons and the tests that scientists were able to develop to detect those poisons. Along with the video is an interactive simulation where the students do lab simulations on different poisons. When they were done, her students went to Flipgrid and recorded a video detailing what they learned!

●READING GROUP GOOGLE MEETS...

DCMS 5th grade English and social studies teacher Mrs. Cunigan hosts virtual class meetings with her 5th grade reading classes every week through the Google Meet platform. During the meetings, students get to see each other and connect. They usually have three questions to go over that relate to current topics in class and then they have a socializing time where students get to talk about something they did in the past week.



In the meeting this week, Mrs. Cunigan and her students talked about the novel Holes. They discussed their likes and dislikes, characters and setting, and what to expect for this upcoming week.



•A LETTER FROM OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER...

Dear parents, guardians and community members,

Our school board and administration are carefully tracking information from the state and local authorities about tax revenue. While health is rightly everyone's first concern, we are planning ahead for funding reductions that may follow the economic slowdown. In anticipation, we are working diligently to lower expenses. Here are a few examples:

- On low temperature days, we have lowered our building temperatures to reduce the use of natural gas, which typically costs around \$20,000 per month this time of year.
- We expect to see our electric bills, which average \$57,000 per month, lowered while students are away.
- We are saving around \$3,000 per week on diesel fuel.
- We have worked with our auto insurer on a premium refund of around \$6,000 while buses are not in use.

Nobody knows exactly what funding changes are in store, and there's little doubt they may be difficult. Our hope is that cost savings now can make a difference in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Matthew Parkinson, Chief Financial Officer

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•COVID-19 CLOSURE NEWS & REMINDERS•



•COVID-19 CLOSURE UPDATES...

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•APRIL AND MAY SCHOOL CALENDAR...

Here is the latest update for our remaining 2019-20 school calendar! The last day for seniors is May 14th, and the last day for all other students is May 15th. This latest version was

released April 14th with additional waiver days added in to finish earlier.

Last updated April 14, 2020
This schedule is subject to change. Please stay alert for updates.
Students are not to be present at the school during the distribution of meals.
Meals are available for all children 18 years and younger.
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DANVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
April - May 2020
Meal Schedule

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Download the app, search, and follow "DANVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION" to help us reach our goal. Once it is reached, we can post essential needs of our students like food and clothing items!

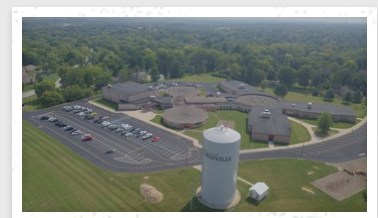
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•2020-2021 NEWS & INFORMATION•



•NORTH ELEMENTARY RENOVATION PROJECT...

DCSC will be making a series of upgrades to North Elementary, which houses the district's kindergarten through second grade students, along with students from the Little Warrior Learning Center and students in the developmental preschool program. Corporation and building leadership have been developing plans for the project over the last two to three years.



The project's scope includes window replacement, LED lighting, ceiling grids, playground equipment, carpet, wall coverings, and mechanical systems upgrades, among other items. Importantly, the project will also include the installation of a secure vestibule and the addition of a multipurpose room to be used for childcare, group instruction, cafeteria overflow, and staff training.

The estimated cost for the project is \$5.35 million. Because the corporation is paying off several general obligation bonds this fall, the North Elementary project will be funded without increasing the debt service property tax rate above what taxpayers are paying in 2020. Property taxes supporting this project will first be paid in spring 2021.

Get all the details under the "Our Future" tab and the [North Elementary Renovation Project](#) page.



•DCSC 2020-2021 TRANSPORTATION UPDATES...

Danville Community School Corporation administrators have been working on transportation changes for the 2020-2021 school year. The updated transportation model is designed to reduce costs and protect critical funding for use in our classrooms, all while ensuring students can safely reach campus and their homes. Parents and guardians received an email earlier this week providing more details on the 2020-2021 transportation updates. Those updates may also be viewed on our website [on the transportation page](#).

•KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION...

We are always excited about meeting our newest friends for the first time! If you have a child who will be 5 years-old on or before August 1st, 2020, it's time to sign them up for kindergarten.

[Information and sign up links can be found here.](#)



•LITTLE WARRIOR LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL 2020-2021...

Our Little Warrior Learning Center (LWLC) Preschool enrollment for the 2020-2021 year is now open! Our program has expanded to include two half day, three full day and five full

day options. Spots will fill up quickly, so don't delay! For more information, visit the [LWLC webpage](#).

•PACE REGISTRATION OPENING SOON...

PACE is excited to announce that the 2020-2021 registration will open on May 1st! PACE is our before and after school care for grades K-6. PACE provides a safe and fun environment for your children at North Elementary, South Elementary, and Danville Community Middle School.

The PACE packet and registration forms can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact our PACE Director Mitzi Dennison at mdennison@danville.k12.in.us.



•UPCOMING EVENTS•

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

WHEN

MONDAY, MAY 11TH, 6:30PM

WHERE

1425 WEST LINCOLN STREET
DANVILLE, IN

MORE INFORMATION

Please check for additional details on this meeting on our website and on our social media pages. For more information and to view the meeting agenda once it becomes available, please visit

www.danville.k12.in.us/Page/233.




•ABOUT US...

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Danville Community School Corporation is comprised of the following schools:

- Danville Community High School (grades 9-12)
- Danville Community Middle School (grades 5-8)
- Danville South Elementary (grades 3-4)
- Danville North Elementary (grades KG-2)

Danville students attend the same school with their grade level classmates regardless of where they live. This gives them the chance to build lifelong friendships and strengthens our community!

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Know someone that would like to receive our 'See the Difference' monthly newsletter? Anyone can sign up! Click [here](#) to learn more or sign up.