

Week of September 11th

DPS Principal Newsletter

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

The first week of school is in the books! It was extremely hot, but everyone stayed positive! The transition back into the school routine went very smooth! It amazes me how quickly the students learn the building and the school routines as well as make new friends. We're ready for next week and our first full week of school!

Each week, you'll receive a newsletter from me broken into sections.

- Highlights of the Week
- Primary Particulars - information for the next week, including activities, breakfast/lunch menu, upcoming events, and birthdays.
- Did You Know - information about the building
- Community News - copies of fliers with information from our Family Resource Center, library, and other community organizations along with student activities

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with questions or concerns. I'm looking forward to watching your children learn and grow during the 2023-2024 school year!!

Melissa



The Golden Spatula

This past week, students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade were introduced to “The Golden Spatula” behavior system in the cafeteria. Miss Padden reviewed with each class “the great 8”. The “Great 8” are the 8 expected lunchroom behaviors at Primary School.

They are:

1. Clean Up Your Mess
2. Throw your garbage in the Trash Can
3. Use Walking feet
4. Sit in your Seat
5. Respect Personal Space (no popping others’ “space bubbles”)
6. Use a “Level 2” Voice Volume (which is a “speaking” voice)
7. Raise a Quiet Hand if You Need Something

8. Follow Directions

When students in 1st and 2nd grade are observed engaging in any of these 8 expected behaviors, staff in the cafeteria will award them with a raffle ticket. At the end of the lunch period, students will write their first name on their tickets. Then the tickets are placed in their grade's jar. On Friday morning, 3 names will be drawn from each jar (3 names from 1st grade and 3 names from 2nd grade.) If their name is called, they will walk down to the office, have their photo taken with the "Golden Spatula", receive a shout-out in Mrs. Goho's weekly newsletter, and then select a prize from Miss Padden's prize box to take home! Winners will have their photo displayed on our cafeteria bulletin board! The more tickets you have in the jar that week, the greater the chances that your name will be called! Each day is a new opportunity to "get caught". Who will win next week?

During our "Golden Spatula" assembly, we even had some winners! The winners from the assembly this week were:

Nova Divens (from Mr. Malone's class)
Nala Burr (from Mrs. Malone's class)
Owen Burley (from Mrs. Sick's class)
Lane Derrenbacher (from Mrs. Halbert's class)

Congratulations to all the winners!

Students in kindergarten are also working on earning the "Golden Spatula", but in a slightly different way. Kindergarten students who are observed engaging in expected behaviors in the cafeteria will be given colorful tickets. Each kindergarten class has been assigned a different color. If you're in Mrs. Blodgett's class, you will be earning purple tickets. If you're in Mrs. Debasitis', class you will be earning blue tickets. Miss Waldon's students are earning red tickets, Mrs. Kowal's students are earning orange tickets, and Mrs. Troll's students are earning yellow tickets! At the end of the lunch period each day, students will place any tickets they have earned in the kindergarten jar. When the jar is filled with 1,000 (yes, one-thousand!) tickets, the entire kindergarten class will earn a special surprise celebration! Our kindergarten jar is already getting full!

Each week, Miss Padden will count the tickets, and share the total for each class and the total number of tickets in kindergarten. Whose class will get the MOST tickets each week? Kindergarten students will be able to see their class's progress with a graph in the cafeteria! And if their class has the most tickets that week, there may even be MORE surprises in store! Kindergarten is working hard to fill that jar! As we get closer and closer to our goal of 1000 tickets (yes, one-thousand!) we will be sure to keep you updated about our first BIG surprise!



Virtual Whole School Morning Meeting

This morning we had a virtual whole school morning meeting to review the playground expectations. Ask your student to share playground expectations that make sure we keep everyone safe and happy. They might name:

- Stay in the teacher's play area
- Wood chips must be left on the ground
- Use kind words and respect others
- Keep hands and feet to yourself
- Watch out for and help other children
- Take turns and share equipment
- Listen to all adults, even those adults who aren't your teacher
- Keep the playground clean
- Chalk can only be used on the sidewalk
- Slides are for sitting and sliding down
- The ladybug is for crawling under and climbing on - no standing at the top, no pulling people's arms and legs
- On the bouncer, sit on the chairs and in the middle, hands and feet must stay on the bars, only four students in the middle
- Spinner chairs are for one child at a time, if someone asks you to stop spinning them you need to stop
- Listen for your teacher's signal and line right up when recess is all done

Primary Particulars

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📣 *Did You Know* 📣

THE 7 HABITS @ DPS
Leader in Me
great leaders start here

Dear Families,

SHARPEN THE SAW
Balance Work and Play

Here at Dansville Primary School, we have 5 common beliefs that shape our school

1. Everyone can be a leader.
2. Everyone has genius.
3. All change starts with me.
4. Empower children to lead their own learning.
5. Develop the whole person.

To help students understand how to attain these beliefs, we use Leader in Me – a program that teaches students how to do their best using the 7 Healthy Habits for Effective Kids, or simply put **The 7 Habits**. We weave these meaningful habits into all that we do at DPS, in fact you may have heard them mentioned at home before.

SYNERGIZE
Together is Better

THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD
Listen Before You Talk

WIN-WIN
We Can Win

AS FIRST
Work First Then Play

BE PROACTIVE
You're In Charge

The 7 Habits

- Habit 1 Be Proactive
- Habit 2 Begin with the End in Mind
- Habit 3 Put First Things First
- Habit 4 Think Win-Win
- Habit 5 Seek First to Understand then to be Understood
- Habit 6 Synergize
- Habit 7 Sharpen the Saw

Throughout the school year, we will be sending home information regarding The 7 Habits and how they shape us into great leaders in any setting, school, home, sports, and community wide!

If you have any questions about The 7 Habits, the Leader in Me program, or wish to be involved in leadership based school events, please reach out to Sarah Gebhard (gebhard@s@dansvillecsd.org) or Brittney Spoor (spoorb@dansvillecsd.org) for more information.

Student Lighthouse Team

The Dansville Primary School needs our STUDENTS help! Our DPS vision is to have the students leading us! Our job as teachers is to help build students' confidence so they feel comfortable reading, speaking and leading in front of a crowd. The leadership skills that students sharpen today will help them become a stronger leader tomorrow!

The Dansville Lighthouse team is looking for mini mustang leaders to lead school wide morning meeting assemblies and help brainstorm how to make DPS even better! If your K-2nd grade child is interested in, please be sure to fill out the application sent home today or in the buttons below. All applications can be returned to Joie Petrillo by September 15th.

The selected students will meet once a month after school from 2:30-3:20 with Ms. Petrillo and other DPS team members.

K Student Lighthouse Application

1st and 2nd Grade Student Lighthouse Application

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Want to get involved at DPS? We are looking for family members to participate in shared-decision making in the following areas:

Leadership
Academics
School Culture

By joining, you will be able to offer input on plans, provide new ideas, and help to celebrate great learning and leadership.

Meetings will take place once a month on Thursday afternoon from 2:30-3:10.



To sign up, please email
Brittney Spoor
spoorb@dansvillecsd.org

Seeking Parent Volunteers

This year DPS is very focused on supporting students behavior and social development and providing teachers with professional development in that area. We are going to have a Behavior Committee that meets once a month during the year to focus on:

- Completing a PBIS Fidelity inventory
- Reviewing developmental milestones and SEL benchmarks for PK-2nd grade
- Developing a t-chart identifying the differences between bully and peer conflict that can be shared with faculty, staff, and parents
- Reading exit tickets from PD to discuss how to provide follow-up and additional support on the topic
- Other topics that arise during conversation



We are very interested in including parents on this committee along with DPS faculty and staff members. The meetings will be from 2:30-3:20 on 9/28, 10/19, 11/13, 12/21, 1/4, 2/15, 3/7, 4/25, and 5/23. If you are interested in joining this committee, please email Melissa Goho at gohom@dansvillecsd.org.

📖 Parent/Student Handbook

Below is a link to the 2023-2024 DPS Parent/Student Handbook. This will serve as an excellent resource to you throughout the school year.

DPS Parent/Student Handbook

🕒 Arrival and Dismissal

Arrival

All **4PK-2nd grade students** will enter at the main entrance of school and must be to school by 8:00.

- Students can be dropped off as early as 7:15.
- Breakfast will be served from 7:30-8:10.
- Buses unload students at 7:40.

All 3PK students will enter at the side door at 9:00 for the AM program or 12:30 for the PM program.

Dismissal

Dismissal changes must be made **before 1:00pm**. Parent pick-up will begin at 2:15pm each day at the following doors based on last name. Please make sure we have the name of the person picking up and that person has a **driver's license for identification**.

- A-C at the ELC doorway on the parking lot side
- D-H at the back playground door
- I-Q at the first door on the left in the driveway between the HS & PS
- R-Z at the second door on the left in the driveway between the HS & PS

All 3PK AM and PM students will exit at the side door at 11:30 for the AM program and 3:00 for the PM program. Our 3PK students are dropped off and picked up in the small Primary Bus Loop during the following times: 8:45-9:00, 11:20-11:35, 12:20-12:30, and 2:50-3:05. Please consider parking in a different location so that you aren't trapped in the loop.

!Tardy Arrival (after 8:00am) Change in Practice !

If your child arrives at school after 8:00am, he/she is considered tardy. Please walk your child into the school main entrance to complete an excuse. Then staff will give your child a tardy pass and he/she can walk to class independently. **Please note this is a change in practice in order to ensure student safety in the parking lot and to keep accurate attendance records.**

Cafeteria

Below are the September lunch menus -

September Breakfast Menu

September Lunch Menu

🍪🍦 Treats

This year students will continue to be able to **PURCHASE** cookies and ice cream treats. These are NOT included with the FREE breakfast and lunch.

📷 School Pictures

Save the date - DPS school pictures will be Thursday, October 5th. The order form is attached for your reference and will be sent home with children in the upcoming weeks. Please note you can pay by check or online at - <https://shop.imagequix.com/g1001032030> (School Code - 23DVP)

School Picture Order Form



Dansville
Family Resource Center

September 2023					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Center Closed On Fridays	2
4 Closed for Labor Day	5  Gravity Painting	6 DROP IN & PLAY	7 DROP IN & PLAY	8	9
11 Center Closed for Staff Development	12 Hand Washing Experiment	13 Painting with Apples 	14 Drop in Play Closing 	15	16
18 DROP IN & PLAY	19 Stormy Sensory Bottles 	20 DROP IN & PLAY	21 Float or Sink 	22	23
25 Lava Lamps	26 DROP IN & PLAY	27 DROP IN & PLAY	28	29 	30

HOURS
DAYS & LOCATIONS
Address:
Dansville Elementary School
280 Main Street
Dansville, NY 14437

Mondays:
9:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

Tuesdays:
9:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

Wednesdays:
@ Cohocton
9:30a.m.-2:30p.m.

Thursdays:
9:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

Fridays:
Closed

Coordinator:
Tawyna Hughes

Phone:
607-684-3823

Assistant:

Email:
hughest@proactioninc.org

Website:
www.proactioninc.org/events

Facebook:
Dansville Family
Resource Center



Experiment with us this September!

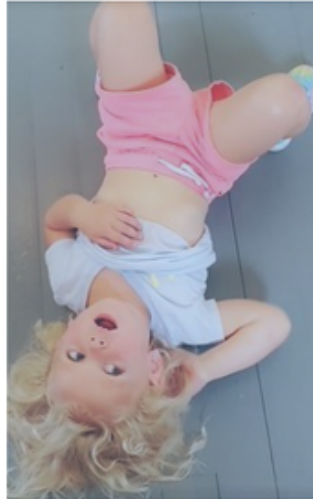


Don't FLIP OUT, use FLIP IT!


Join us on Zoom for 4 sessions
Wednesdays September 20th, 27th & October 4th & 11th.
9am to 11am

We are moving our most popular series to ZOOM!

FLIP IT[®] is a strategy that offers a simple, kind, strength-based, commonsense and effective four step process to address children's day to day challenging behavior. Facilitated by Tawyna Hughes, Certified FLIP IT trainer with one on one, in person coaching available.



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The **4 Steps** 
to building supportive relationships
that encourage emotional awareness and
emotional control in children

FLIP IT[™]

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3mwzrz>

FLIP IT!
Transforming
Challenging Behavior

For questions or more information contact:
Tawyna Hughes 607-684-3923 or
hughest@proactioninc.org



The Boy, Man, and Patriarch

FATHERHOOD CONNECTION Where Men Find Purpose & Identity

Tuesday Evenings, 13 Sessions
Fall Sessions Begin September 12
In person classes to be held at Pro Action
117 E. Steuben St., Bath 6pm -8:00pm
or attend via zoom.

Facilitated by **Bob Lecher & Mary Hassan**
Trained by Reggie Cox, Founder & Director of The Fatherhood Connection.
For questions contact June Crandall 607-684-5916
Email: crandallj@proactioninc.org

All services are free and open to everyone.

PHOTO VIA YOUNG LOVE MEDIA

We are back IN PERSON
using Hybrid!
You Choose to attend in
Person or Zoom

Registration is Required

<https://signup.com/go/owdRFbz>



Topics may include:

- Manhood, The True Meaning
- Parenting & Parentification
- Communication Methods
- Anger Management & Domestic Violence
- Discipline & Punishment
- Healthy Relationships & Blended Families
- Self -Care
- Family Safety



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