

Week of March 6th

Dansville Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Healthy Heart Challenge

On Wednesday, DPS had our Healthy Heart Challenge event. Our student and adult jump the snake competitors did an excellent job. Congrats to all of our winners!



Congratulations to the top winners of 4PK & Kindergarten!



Congratulations to the top winners of 1st & 2nd Grade!



Congratulations to the top fundraisers for Healthy Heart!



Mo Willems

See the note below Mrs. Rinker sent to Mo Willems about our week celebrating him. And then see the note she got back from him! It's super exciting to get a letter from a famous author and illustrator!

Hi Mo!

Happy Birthday! I am the librarian at the Dansville Primary School (DPS). We have students in grades 3PK-2nd grade in our building. We love you and your book SO much! We were so excited about your birthday that we decided to celebrate YOU with a whole week of fun! Attached was our schedule of fun for the week and also a birthday banner that we made for you! We wanted to send it to you but noticed you do not accept physical mail so we hope you can see from the pics okay! (I tried sending a video of the banner but the email would not go through because it exceeded size limits!)

We hope you have a great birthday and we would LOVE to hear back from you!

Your Friends,
Janelle Rinker & students at DPS

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

mo willems

WITH YOUR DPS FAMILY!

CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR MO WILLEMS HAS A BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 11. LET'S CELEBRATE ONE OF OUR FAVORITES WITH A WEEK OF FUN!

Monday Feb 6 <i>Can I Play Too?</i>	Make a new friend today! Sit by someone new at lunch or include someone new at playtime!
Tuesday Feb 7 <i>Knufflebunny</i>	Bring your favorite stuffed animal to school and listen to the knufflebunny read aloud on scholastic bookflix!
Weds Feb 8 <i>Happy Pig Day!</i> and <i>Pigeon Wants a Puppy!</i>	Celebrate our favorite piggle by wearing PINK today or that pesky pigeon by wearing BLUE!
Thursday Feb 9 <i>I Am Invited to a Party!</i>	Find the ABC cupcakes and the sight word balloons hidden around school! Stop by the library hallway for a picture at our party zone!
Friday Feb 10 <i>Should I Share My Ice Cream?</i>	Enjoy an ice cream treat in your classroom today!

ALL THIS AND MORE. YOU WILL ALSO GET A CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR OWN BOOK DURING LIBRARY CLASS AND PARTICIPATE IN OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK: HAPPY BIRTHDAY MO WILLEMS!



YAY!

from the desk of:

Mo Willems 

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DPS KIDS! 

WOW! THANK YOU
FOR ALL THE BIRTH-
DAY LOVE! I HAD
A GREAT WEEK
DRAWING, READING,
+ SEEING ART AT
MUSEUMS. I HOPE
YOU CAN HAVE A
B'DAY THIS YEAR
THEY'RE FUN!

www.mowillems.com



Future Teachers from SUNY Geneseo

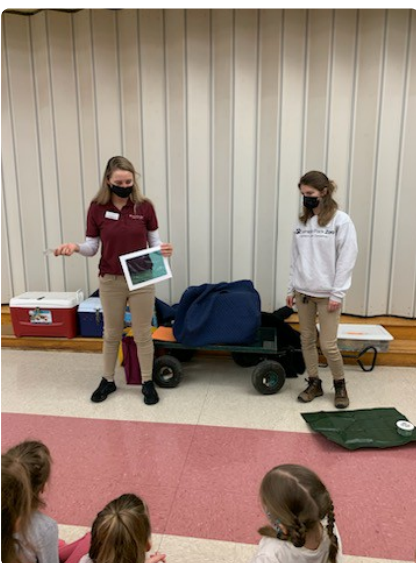
Some of our students are getting the opportunity to learn with future teachers from SUNY Geneseo who come to our school on Wednesday afternoons. This provides our students with 1:1 or small group learning opportunities and the SUNY Geneseo students a great experience teaching and learning from our students. Here are some pictures from their 2nd visit that happened this week!





4PK Zoomobile Visit

4PK students enjoyed a visit from the Zoomobile on Friday. They got to see animals that use their senses in ways that are different from us, such as a turtle, rat, and snake.





From the Counselors

Hello DPS Families!

This month in Pre-K, we learned the steps to playing a game! Step 1: Know the rules. Step 2: Decide who is going to go first. Step 3: Take your turn OR watch, wait, and listen to the person taking their turn. Then we had the opportunity to practice these steps with three different games!

Engage your child by asking:

- What are the 3 steps to playing a game?
- What can you say to yourself if you don't go first? ("That's okay", "I will still get a turn, even if I don't go first")
- Practice these steps with your child at home! Games like CandyLand and Chutes and Ladders are great options!

In kindergarten, we learned about solving problems. We learned about different choices we can make when solving a problem, practiced with real life scenarios, and solved one of our own problems. We learned that there are four steps we can take to help us:

1. Decide what the problem is and say it
2. Think of our choices
3. Make a plan
4. Do it

Engage your child by asking:

- What are the four steps you can take to solve a problem?
- Why is it important to say what the problem is?

In first grade, we learned about the size of our problem. We learned that small problems can be solved by ourselves. For medium sized problems, we might need help from a friend or an adult. For big problems, we need help from an adult right away. We also talked about how the size of our reaction needs to match the size of the problem. Then, working in pairs, we sorted scenarios into the correct size of the problem.

Engage your child by asking:

- How can you solve a small problem? (fixing it by myself, walking away, saying "please stop" or saying your feeling)
- How can you solve a medium sized problem? (try to yourself first, then ask a friend or grown up for help)
- How can you solve a big problem? (get help right away)

In second grade, we learned about coping strategies to help us calm down when we are having big feelings. We learned about and practiced journaling, 5-4-3-2-1 grounding, and talking to our peers and/or adults.

Engage your child by asking:

- What are coping strategies and when do you use them?
- What is your favorite coping strategy you learned?

- Do you prefer another coping strategy that you learned before?

If you have any questions, please reach out to us by phone or email.

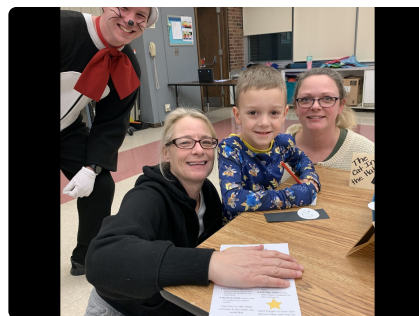
Sarah: 585-335-4040 ext. 2013, or gebhards@dansvillecsd.org

Dani: 585-335-4040 ext. 2114 or mahanyd@dansvillecsd.org

Sarah Gebhard and Dani Mahany

Kindergarten Teacher Tuck In

On Thursday night, the K students had an opportunity to come back to school for the teacher tuck in. Activities included the cozy corner, bookmark making, snap word walk, bedtime stories, bedtime snack, and read alouds by classroom teachers. Great fun was had by all!



Oh the Places You'll Go!

This year at DPS, we have talked A LOT about how being a great leader can help us achieve great things and take us great places. Where exactly could we go? ANYWHERE! To show our DPS leaders that the possibilities are endless, we are asking for help from our school community. Please ask any friends or relatives to send postcards to our school. We will welcome postcards from any country, state, town, or just from Dansville. Have them create a story that they have seen a mini-mustang being a leader!

What does a great leader look like? Being a leader at DPS means doing the right thing, even when no one is watching, and working to make our community a better place! See trash? Pick it up! Does your family need help at home? Pull up a chair and help wash the dishes! Be proactive, think win-win, share with siblings, **the options are endless!**

Does email work better than a physical postcard? No problem! We can print it and hang it up. We will display all of the postcards in our school along with a QR code, so that students can learn a little bit more about the locations that the postcards come from.

Additionally, you will find your own "mini-mustang" below. Our school has two vacations between now and the end of the year – take them with you to snap a picture of a mini-mustang in a cool place. Whether it be the trampoline park, Disney World, or Babcock Park, we can be leaders anywhere! Bring it back to school and we will showcase it alongside our postcard collection.

If you have any questions or an email submission please send it to Brittney Spoor (spoorb@dansvillecsd.org).

Mail can be sent to:
Janelle Rinker
% Dansville Primary School
284 Main Street
Dansville, New York 14437



Primary Particulars

Activities, Breakfast & Lunch Menu, Birthdays, and Upcoming Events

DPS Bus Procedures

How to Change Your Child's Bus

When to Keep Your Child Home from School

What to Do When Your Child is Sick

COVID-19 Guidelines

2022-2023 Parent/Student Handbook

📢 *Did You Know* 📢

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are around the corner on the 13th and 14th! Please remember:

- We offer one conference per student because of scheduling limitations. Only one teacher and so many students.
- If possible, it's best if your student and other children do not attend the parent conference unless the teacher has specifically requested it for a child led conference. We do understand if due to circumstances you need to bring your child(ren).

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 2:20pm 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.

Primary Bus Loop

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Come Visit Your Child for Lunch!

If you're interested in coming to have lunch with your child, here are a few reminders -

- Sign in at the main office - you must present a driver's license to be scanned in our Raptor safety system
 - Go right to cafeteria and after lunch sign right out at the office
 - Please keep your cell phone away (no talking, texting, taking pictures)
 - Model appropriate language and behavior choices (such as Level 2 inside voice)
 - The cafeteria needs to be a safe eating space for all (such as no sharing food with others and some parts of tables may be restricted from tree nuts/peanuts)
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WANTED VOLUNTEER READERS

FOR THE DPS LIBRARY



GUILTY OF WANTING TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH BUDDING
READERS ONE DAY A WEEK IN THE LIBRARY

GRAB A VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FROM
THE MAIN OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

GUEST READERS
★ **ALWAYS WELCOME** ★

 **Community News** 

Kid's Book Club



2nd Wednesday

4:15 - 5:15 PM

October 2022 - March 2023

Sign-up at Dansville Libcal



Dansville Public Library

200 Main Street, Dansville NY 14437

585-335-6720



March 2023

Our services are free of charge and every family is welcome!

Mon	Tue	Wed(@Cohocton)	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Drop-In & Listen to a story, Get a free Book! <i>Storytime</i>	2 Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Come listen to a story and get a free book!	3 Center is closed on Fridays	4
6 Gross Motor Popping Rainbow Letters	7 Hidden Color Experiment	8 Making Sprout Houses	9 Drop in & Play	10 FLIP IT CLASS @ Hornell FRC 10am-11:30am	11
13 Open 9a-11:30a Drop in & Play	14 Drop-In & Listen to a story, Get a free Book! <i>Storytime</i>	15 Fizzy Science	16 Shamrock Suncatchers	17 FLIP IT CLASS @ Hornell FRC 10am-11:30am Happy St. Patrick's Day	18
20 Spring CENTER CLOSED Professional Development	21 Drop-In & Play	22 Drop-In & Play	23 Sensory Play	24 FLIP IT CLASS @ Hornell FRC 10am-11:30am Father Fun Day @	25
27 Drop-In & Play	28 Magic letter Painting	29 Hop On Pop Large Motor	30 Play Doh Fun	31	

HOURS
DAYS & LOCATIONS

Address:
Dansville Elementary School
280 Main Street
Dansville, NY 14437

Mondays:
9:00a.m.-1:30p.m.

Tuesdays:
9:00a.m.-1:30p.m.

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

Thursdays:
9:00a.m.-1:30p.m.

Fridays:
Closed
Coordinator:
Cassandra Gunderson

Assistant:

Sam Piper

Phone:

607-329-2556

Email:

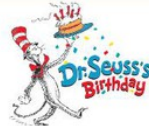
gundersonc@proactioninc.org

Website:

www.proactioninc.org/events

Facebook:

Dansville Family Resource Center



Dr. Seuss's Birthday is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2 — Dr. Seuss's birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books, and you can too!



Find out how
you can be a . . .

-A 12 Session Group -

 **24:7 DAD®** **Thursdays**
Get the fathering skills you need! **March 23rd -June 15th**
6pm to 8pm via Zoom.

**National
Fatherhood
Initiative®**

24/7 Dad® is a nationally recognized program designed for any dad who wants to improve his knowledge and skills to help him raise healthy children.

Facilitated by Bob Lecher, Mary Hassan, & Tawyna Hughes

Have you been a dad today?



The CHARACTERISTICS OF A 24/7 DAD

- Knows His Strengths & Weaknesses
- Cares for Himself
- Knows How to Father
- Knows How to Parent
- Builds Healthy Relationships with Family & Community

All services are free & open to everyone

To register:
<https://bit.ly/3B54U7o>

For Questions:
Tawyna Hughes 607-684-3923 text or call
Email: hughest@proactioninc.org



Cornell Cooperative Extension
Steuben County

20 East Morris Street, Bath, NY 14810
putknowledgegetwork.org

Healthy & Homemade

JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY

April 4, 11, 18, & 25

10:30am - 11:30am

**Hornell Family Resource Center
25 Pearl Street
Hornell, NY 14843**



LEARN HOW TO MAKE QUICK, HEALTHY, AND BUDGET-FRIENDLY MEALS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! EFNEP CLASSES PROVIDE HEALTHY NUTRITION EDUCATION TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 19 & UNDER.



Each week, families with children will get take home meal kits with ingredients to prepare a full meal or healthy snacks, **PLUS** a small kitchen gift at the end of the series.

REGISTER BY CALLING



HORNELL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER @ 607-324-1304 EXT1414

OR

CCE STEUBEN @ 607-664-2300



Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County provides equal program and employment opportunities.
Please contact the CCE-Steuben Office at least one week in advance if you have any special needs.

WHY A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN?

"Because when every child is read aloud to for 15 MINUTES every day from birth, it will change the face of education in this nation."

... STEM readiness ... Job readiness ... Career readiness ... College readiness ... Third-grade reading readiness ... Kindergarten readiness...

We all agree there is a readiness crisis in this country. There are tens of thousands of organizations working to answer the question at its heart:

"How can we prepare our children to make the transition from home to school to career?"

The answer? Start at the beginning.

READ ALOUD 15 MINUTES. EVERY CHILD. EVERY PARENT. EVERY DAY.

- Reading aloud is the "single most important activity" parents can do to prepare their child for reading and learning.
- Recent research tells us that by age 3 the gap is showing up in early brain development between children whose parents read to them and those who do not.
- Parents do not understand the power of reading aloud every day from birth. Forty-six percent of parents with children ages 0-5 read aloud to them fewer than five days a week. Eight percent read aloud less than once a week.**



During its 10-year National Campaign, Read Aloud 15 MINUTES will change those figures, and with them, the face of literacy and education in the United States.

*Richard C. Anderson, Efreida H. Heibert, et. al. "Becoming a Nation of Readers: The Report of the Commission on Reading." (Washington, D.C.: National Institute of Education, 1985), 23.

**<http://www.scholastic.com/readingreport/reading-aloud.html>

WHAT WILL MAKE THE 15 MINUTES NATIONAL CAMPAIGN WORK?

Successful campaigns have 4 things in common:



Just as the ADA and Procter & Gamble made daily tooth brushing the norm with their "Look Mom, no cavities" campaign in the 1950s; just as the federal government declared war on smoking in 1973 and drastically diminished smokers' ranks; just as Mothers Against Drunk Driving made "One for the Road" taboo; just as the Komen Foundation made the pink ribbon ubiquitous and breast cancer research a priority; so too can we turn daily reading aloud for 15 minutes from a recommendation into a parenting "must."

The 15 MINUTES National Campaign is bringing together a passionate group of partners. Though each has a diverse audience and mission, they are united behind the idea that 15 minutes of daily reading aloud from birth to age 8 can change the face of education in this country. The partners are reaching out to their unique constituencies – community groups, day care providers and schools, businesses, employees, libraries and faith-based organizations – to spread the word. Their goal is to have every American child ready to read when entering kindergarten and continuing to build skills throughout early school years. This is only possible by beginning to read to children at birth.

GET INVOLVED! SHARE THE 15 MINUTES MESSAGE

BECOME A PARTNER

Join thousands of partners across all 50 states who are committed to working with parents and caregivers to help their children achieve lifelong learning success.

We want individuals who work with organizations that reach parents with children from birth to age 8 to become Read Aloud 15 MINUTES Campaign Partners.

It's free! Upon signing up, you gain access to all of the fun visual content, in English and Spanish, that the Read Aloud Campaign creates to help remind parents of the importance of daily reading aloud starting at birth.



Why should you join today?

- To make a difference in the lives of children in your community by sharing our messaging with parents and primary caregivers.
- To help improve children's early brain development and kindergarten readiness.
- To help every parent become their child's first and most important teacher.

What is expected of a Read Aloud 15 MINUTES Partner?

It's easy! All we ask is that you share some of our messaging, through the communication channels you have available to you, to help us reach more parents.

Join all of our partners in spreading the word and become a Read Aloud 15 MINUTES partner today at www2.readaloud.org/becomeapartner!



Melissa Goho

gohom@dansvillecsd.org



Principal

Dansville Primary School

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