

Week of December 19th

Dansville Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

🎄👨🏫 Cozy Christmas

DPS hosted the Cozy Christmas Event (Saturday, 12/10) and we had so much fun getting into the holiday spirit with our students and families! From cookie decorating and caroling, to making reindeer food and a countdown chain, there was something to keep little ones busy and having fun! We had a special read aloud and bassoon playing with the Alioto's, letters to Santa and popcorn, and families even created their own jar of fun to take home to keep the holiday vibes alive! And don't forget the Elf Training that was going on in the gym! Each student was able to choose two brand new books to take home and keep among lots of other goodies! Big thanks to all of the DPS faculty & staff that volunteered their time for this event and also to the Family Resource Center and Livingston-Wyoming WIC and Liz Jackson from Rinker's Readers. We also received donations from Dansville Tops, Arbys, and the Booster Club, all of whom helped make this event even more successful! Happy Holidays DPS!





✉ Letter from the Counselors

Hello DPS Families!

This month in Pre-K, we learned about the three fair ways to play - playing together, trading, and taking turns. We practiced asking “Do you want to play together” before playing with cars. We practiced asking, “Do you want to trade toys?” before playing with Paw Patrol dogs. And we practiced asking “Can I have a turn with that marker?”, when drawing a rainbow!

Engage your child by asking:

- What are the three fair ways to play? (playing together, trading, and taking turns)
- Why should you play fairly? (to be nice, friends will want to play with you.)

In kindergarten, we learned different coping strategies we can use when we start to experience an uncomfortable feeling. Each year, students learn new coping strategies to add to their toolbox. We discussed and practiced muscle relaxation, coloring, and using I-statements. Students then brought home a mini “My Calm Book”.

Engage your child by asking:

- What are the new coping strategies you learned about? (muscle relaxation, using I-statements, coloring/drawing)
- What are some other coping strategies you know? (deep breathing, counting, using fidgets)
- What is your favorite coping strategy?

In first grade, we learned different coping strategies to use when we start to have an uncomfortable emotion. This year we added some mini-movement breaks and a grounding exercise to their toolboxes. Students brought home a packet showing both of these strategies.

Engage your child by asking:

- Can you show me the mini-movement break you learned?
- Which one is your favorite?
- Let’s practice the Rainbow grounding exercise together. Look around the space you’re in and notice or say something that is each color of the rainbow.

In second grade, we learned about interrupting. We learned that when someone else is talking, we need to raise our hand and wait until it is our turn to talk, unless it is an emergency. We read a

book, discussed various situations and whether it was appropriate to interrupt or not, and practiced not interrupting our peers.

Engage your child by asking:

- What is interrupting?
- When someone else is talking and an idea pops into your head, what can you say to yourself before talking? (Do I need to say this? Is this an emergency?)
- When is it appropriate to interrupt? (An emergency)

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

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Sarah Gebhard and Dani Mahany

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

Regulations for Students, Staff, & Parents

2022-2023 Parent/Student Handbook

Winter Spirit Week

December 19-23, 2022

Brought to you by the DPS Student Lighthouse

Monday

Winter Head Gear Day

Wear your favorite head gear

Friday

Pajama Day

Wear your favorite PJs

Tuesday

Dress Up Day

Dress up as your favorite winter character

Wednesday

Toasty Toes Day

Wear your favorite pair of Comfy or Crazy Socks

Thursday

Soft & Stuffy Day

Bring in your favorite stuffed animal



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Wrestling & Cheerleading Fundraiser

Sunday December 18th



Basket Raffles 2:00-4:00pm
At the Dansville Community Center
(FourSquare Church)
Drawings at 4:00pm



Performance at 1:30 pm in the GCC Gym
By: The Dansville Varsity
Wrestlers and Cheerleaders!

★\$5.00 Tickets required for performance...See any
Dansville wrestler or Cheerleader to purchase!



'Tis the Season for **CLOSET CLEANOUT**

Now through December 23rd, please consider donating new or gently used clothing to the DPS Nurse's Office!

Donation boxes are located in the front foyer.

No holes or stains, please.

Please consider donating:

- Boys and Girls Pants (size 3-8)
 - Leggings and Sweatpants preferred
- An unopened package of boys underwear (size 4t-6)
- An unopened pack of girls underwear (size 4t-6)
- Child sized shirts
- Child sized socks
- Sneakers that no longer fit!

Thank you for your consideration!



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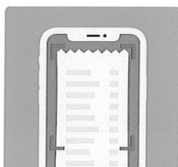


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📣 *Did You Know* 📣

🔍 We Want Your Feedback

In the School Community Update sent by Dr. Alioto on December 12th, he shared the following:

Communication between school and home is very important. Families need to know about events, opportunities and school practices.

The District uses a variety of communication tools like social media, emails, robo calls, newsletters, virtual and face to face meetings. We know, however, that there is always room for improvement. That is why we are asking you for some basic feedback on our communication techniques and strategies. What should we KEEP doing? What should we STOP doing? What should we START doing?

Please follow this link to our [KEEP/STOP/START parent survey](#) and take a few minutes to respond to these three questions.



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** ★

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 2PK 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

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.

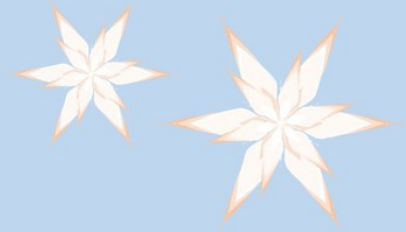
Come Visit Your Child for Lunch!

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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Save the Date



After a 3 year hiatus, the Dansville PTO
will once again be sponsoring the winter Snow Ball

Saturday, February 4th from 6:00-7:30pm
in the EBH gym

Free event for PK3 through 4th grade students
and their families. Parents must accompany children.

Family Photos available by Monica Suz
















 **Community News** 



WINTER PENGUINS

Dansville
Family Resource Center

December 2022

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Gingerbread Playdough	2 CLOSED	3 Winter in the Village 
5 Dot Sticker Snowflakes	6 Holiday Gross Motor Activities	7 Hot Cocoa & Gingerbread Houses @Cohocton 	8 Drop in & Play	9	10 Cozy Christmas Event
12 Candy Cane Sensory Play	13 Drop in & Play	14 Cookie Decorating @Cohocton 	15 Ornament Craft 	16	17
19 Drop in & Play	20 Penguin Sensory Play	21 Book On Every Bed Event w/the Cohocton School Holiday Celebration	22 Pajama Day & Story @11 am	23	24
26	27	28	29	30	31 
CLOSED HOLIDAY RECESS 					
					

HOURS
DAYS & LOCATIONS
Address:
Dansville Primary 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
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Website:
www.proactioninc.org/events
Facebook:
Dansville Family Resource Center



Dansville Primary School Families Cozy Christmas Event at Dansville Primary School 11am - 2pm



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



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Principal

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