

# Week of April 8th

## DPS Principal Newsletter

### Spring Break

As a reminder, school is closed from Friday, March 28th through Monday, April 8th. I wish everyone a very enjoyable Spring Break!



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### Total Solar Eclipse

A big thank you goes out to Ms. Petrillo who packaged all of the Total Solar Eclipse baggies for your children. Check out some resources below -

[Solar Eclipse Student Brochure](#)

[Solar Eclipse Resources](#)

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

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[Spring Extravaganza](#)





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## REV Theatre

The REV Theatre Company did a performance of The Boy Who Cried Wolf for first graders on Tuesday. Prior to the performance, the students got to learn about the production from one of the actors/actresses. Following that they enjoyed watching the performance in our cafeteria.



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**!Kindergarten Highlight**

This week in kindergarten we reflected on Habit #2: Begin With the End in Mind. The kindergartners had **Wildly Important Goals** of learning their letter sounds and using their number sense to answer questions about the order of numbers. They **CRUSHED** their goals and had a celebration by moving their goats up the mountain and then had a well deserved dance party. GO KINDERGARTEN!



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### Golden Spatula Winners

DRUM ROLL .... for this week's 1st and 2nd grade Golden Spatula winners. See below!

Congrats to Mrs. Kowal's class who had the most kindergarten tickets this week.

### 1st Grade



**Maddox Duffy**



**Vivian Mann**



**Grant Perry**

### 2nd Grade



**Kinsley Beherns**



**Ross Jamison**



**Alexandria Smallwood**

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## Primary Particulars

This includes information for next week, including activities, breakfast/lunch menu, upcoming events, and birthdays.

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## Cafeteria

Below are the menus -

### April Breakfast Menu

### April Lunch Menu

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 **Did You Know** 

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Mosaic will be at DPS to provide the dental health services to our students beginning on Tuesday, April 9th. The goal is to see all the registered students by Friday, April 12th.

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## ✉ Letter From the Counselors

Dear Families,

This month in **Pre-K**, we learned about self-control and that we are in control of our words and bodies. We practiced stop, take a deep breath, and think “I can do this!” while doing a freeze dance, playing Simon Says, and playing with bubbles. We also learned about accepting the word “no”. We learned that when someone tells us no, we can look and listen to the person talking, take a deep breath and say, “ok”, and choose something else to do. We can think in our heads, “Maybe later!”

Engage your child by asking:

- What is self-control? What are you in control of?
- What can you do when you hear the word “no”?

This month in **Kindergarten**, we learned different ways to determine who goes first in a game. We practiced playing rock paper scissors, rolling a dice (highest goes first), flipping a coin, and playing eeny-meeny-miny-moe to decide who was going to go first. Our second lesson of the month focused on how to make an apology. We learned that making an apology is a way of fixing our mistakes and that there are 4 steps. First say what sorry for. Next, state why it was wrong. Then, say what you’re going to do differently next time. Finally, ask the person “Is there anything I can do to make it better?”

Engage your child by:

- Play a game together! Use one of the ways listed above to decide who goes first.
- Ask your child the four steps to making an apology and practice when they make a mistake.

**In 1st grade**, we learned about handling name calling. We learned that when someone calls us a mean name, there are three steps we can do to fix the problem: 1- Ignore and walk away, 2 - Tell them to stop!, 3 - Tell an adult. We talked about what we would do in various scenarios together. We also learned about sharing, and that when we share, we play together and everyone is happy. We talked about a scenario together, and practiced sharing with our peers.

Engage your child by asking:

- What are the steps you take when someone says something mean to you?
- Why is it important to share?

**In 2nd grade**, we learned the importance of not taking things that don’t belong to us. We read a story about stealing, then practiced asking to use or borrow something in an appropriate way. We also learned about looking at problems from different perspectives. We talked about empathy and the importance of thinking about how others feel and think differently than us.

Engage your child by asking:

- Why should you not take things that aren't yours?
- What's one way to show empathy toward your (brother/sister/cousin/parent/ friend)?

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

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Sarah Gebhard and Dani Mahany



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DANSVILLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER IN PARTNERSHIP  
WITH DANSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT INVITES YOU TO:

# FAMILY GAME *night*

Thursday, April 25th  
at EBH Elementary School  
Doors open at: 6pm to 7:30pm

Board Games - Multi-player Card Games  
- Pinwheel Garden - Corn Hole & More-  
Door Prizes and Refreshments

For all Families!  
Activities & Games for children Pre k  
through 6th grade.

To Register:  
<https://tinyurl.com/swzte52d>

For Questions: Tawyna Hughes 607-684-3923  
or [hughest@dansvillecsd.org](mailto:hughest@dansvillecsd.org)

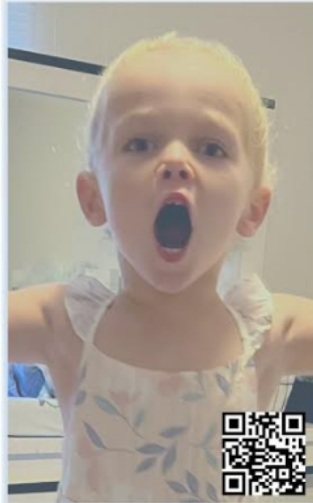
Bring a non perishable food item  
for extra door prize tickets!

## Don't FLIP OUT, use FLIP IT!

Join us for 4 sessions on Tuesdays 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
April 23-May 14, 2024

**Dansville Family Resource Center**  
EBH Elementary School 280 Main St. Dansville, NY

FLIP IT<sup>®</sup> 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. This strategy can be used with children all of ages. Facilitated by Certified FLIP IT trainer Tawyna Hughes In addition to classroom sessions, one on one, in person coaching is available by request. Childcare provided with registration.



### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

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

Register:

<https://tinyurl.com/2s3d663r>

**FLIP IT!**  
  
Transforming  
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For questions or more information contact  
Tawyna Hughes 607-684-3923 or  
hughest@proactioninc.org  
All services are free and open to everyone.



# The Dansville PK-12 PTO needs your help!

## **Who We Are:**

We are a very small group of parents and school employees - typically 4-5 active members. As our children age out of Dansville CSD, we are looking for parents to join our efforts and hopefully take over the reins in a few years. *Without your help, these traditions will become a thing of the past!*

## **What we do:**

Events we organize, fund, and run EVERY year:

- ❖ Homecoming Dance (9th-12th grade, September/October)
- ❖ Snow Ball (aka. Family Dance) (3PK-4th grade and families, February)
- ❖ Semi-Formal (7th and 8th grades, June)

Events or activities we have supported in the past:

- > 5th/6th grade dances (with NHS/NJHS, Winter)
- > Open Swim nights (all ages, Spring)
- > Fall Family Festival (Primary School students/families)

## **How you can help:**

Because we have focused on a few events per year, we have reduced the number of meetings and do most of our planning/organizing through email or text...so not a lot of time commitment!

Email us at [dansvillepto@gmail.com](mailto:dansvillepto@gmail.com) or visit our FB page ([Dansville PTO](#))

Share your contact information (name, plus email or cell). Let us know what you'd like to help with - planning, chaperoning, decorating, music, etc.!

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## Vision and Hearing Screenings

## FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

The district's School Health Services program supports your student's academic success by promoting health in the school setting. One way that we provide care for your student is by performing the health screenings as mandated by the State of New York.

During this school year, the following screenings will be required or completed at school:

### Vision

- Distance and near acuity for all newly entering students and students in Pre-K or Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.
- Color perception screening for all newly entering students.

### Hearing

- Hearing screening for all newly entering students and students in Pre-K or Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.

### Scoliosis

- Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for all girls in grades 5 and 7, and boys in grade 9.

A letter will be sent home if your student needs follow-up with your healthcare provider. Please call the Health Office directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

**Erin Smith, RN**

Erin Smith, RN  
Primary School Nurse  
(585) 335-4040 x2010

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## When to Keep Your Child Home From School

What to Do When Your Child is Sick

## COVID-19 Guidelines

Regulations for Students, Staff, & Parents

## 📖 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

# Incident Form

In addition to contacting the child's teacher, please complete this form to report an incident or act of bullying and/or harassment.

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## 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.

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## Cafeteria

Below are the breakfast and lunch menus -

### Breakfast Menu

### Lunch Menu

# EASTER EGG HUNT

@ Church Park Gazebo in Dansville

Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 11am



Event is FREE and open to All  
EASTER BUNNY AND A BOUNCE HOUSE!

Put on by: Sparta Center Church

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# Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th (Rain or Shine)

1:00pm Sharp!

West Sparta Town Hall

(sponsored by West Sparta United Methodist Church and West Sparta Town Hall)

8302 Kysorville Byersville Road

Dansville, NY 14437



❖ Please bring your own basket and your whole family!  
(2500+ eggs to find!!) Food and drink will be provided



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## 2024 SAFETY ON WHEELS CONTEST & AWARDS CEREMONY

The annual coloring and writing competition focuses on bicycle, helmet, and seat belt safety. It is open to all Livingston County students in Grades 3PK through 6. Contest entries are being sent home with students and are available online at <http://ccelivingstoncounty.org/home-family/traffic-safety-education/wheeled-sport-safety>. Entry forms in Spanish language are available upon request.

Contest submissions must include complete, legible, signed parent/guardian consent form. Submissions will be accepted until 4pm on April 15, 2024 at your school's Main Office; Cornell Cooperative Extension of Livingston County (located at 3 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY 14510), or emailed to [trafficsafetycce@cornell.edu](mailto:trafficsafetycce@cornell.edu)

This year's contest will recognize:

- **1 Grand Prize Winner:** Selected from the first and second place winners at each grade level. Exceptional entries should demonstrate creativity focused on safety, safety-related message or equipment. The winning entry will receive a safety accessory package in addition to the 1st place prize.
- **8 First Place Winners:** One youth at each grade level will receive a certificate, new bicycle, helmet, and bike safety device.
- **8 Second Place Winners:** One youth at each grade level will receive a certificate, helmet, and a bike safety device.

The award ceremony will be held at the **Livingston County Safety & Wellness Fair** on **Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 1pm** at the Livingston County Campus on Murray Hill Drive in Mount Morris. The Livingston County Safety & Wellness Fair, which runs from 11am to 2pm, is FREE and open to the public. It will feature local organizations and businesses sharing valuable health and safety information, a free Child Passenger Safety Seat Check, as well as interactive activities for all ages and a scavenger hunt with prizes!

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BOYS GYM NINJA (ages 6+)  
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# Pinwheels & Promises of April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 <b>A Promising Story Time every Tuesday in April 10:30am</b> 	3	4 Experimental Play: Egg-stra Sink or Float 	5	6
8 Center Closes @ 11am Make & Take: Pinwheels 	9 <b>Keep My Body Safe @ 10:30</b> 	10	11 Experimental Play: Musical Wind 	12	13 2nd Saturday on Main St 10am—11am. 
15 	16 <b>Kissing Hand @ 10:30am</b> 	17	18 Experimental Play: Pinwheels 	19	20
22 Make & Take: Polka Dot Art 	23 <b>Love You Forever @ 10:30am</b> <b>Flip IT Class for Parents 6pm EBH School</b>	24	25  For all Families @ EBH School 6pm to 7:30pm	26	27
29 Make & Take: Chia Heads 	30 <b>Things You Think @ 10:30am</b> <b>Flip IT Class for Parents 6pm EBH School</b>			<i>We can prevent child abuse together!</i> 	

**Location:**  
**Open Days & Hours**  
**EBH Elementary School**  
280 Main Street  
Dansville, NY 14437

**Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays**  
**9:00a.m.-1:30p.m.**  
**After Hours 3-7pm by appointment**

**Coordinator:**  
Tawyna Hughes  
**Center Assistant:**  
Brandy Goodwin

**Phone:**  
1-585-335-4030 x 3093  
(607) 684-3923 text or call

**Email:**  
hughest@proactioninc.org

**Website:**  
www.proactioninc.org/events

**Facebook:**  
Dansville Family Resource Center

**Flip It is a 4 week session for helping parents overcome children's challenging behaviors. Flip It Class for Parents with Child Care available Tuesdays at EBH School 6pm to 8pm**



Pinwheels & Promises is the theme for April which is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Blue pinwheels bring awareness to our community's commitment to prevent child abuse and neglect. Everyday we can make a choice to build up family strengths and assist a family in need. Focusing on protective factors helps children, youth, and families build resilience and contributes to positive outcomes.  
<https://www.childwelfare.gov/preventionmonth/>



**Melissa Goho**

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Principal

Dansville Primary School

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