

# Danville Community Schools 2023-2024: A Year to Remember



It has been a great year in the Danville Community School Corporation! Here is a brief look at all of the amazing things our Warriors were up to this year. At Danville Community Schools, we are ONE TEAM with ONE MISSION. For our full Year in Review, visit <https://www.danville.k12.in.us/community/the-danville-difference> and scroll to the bottom of the page or scan the QR code below!



## Community Survey

Danville Community School Corporation strives to engage with our constituents multiple times throughout the year to gather valuable insights and feedback. This helps us ensure we are serving everyone as effectively as possible. We are now inviting all members of the Danville community to participate in a brief end-of-year communications survey. Your feedback will help us prepare and make improvements for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts!

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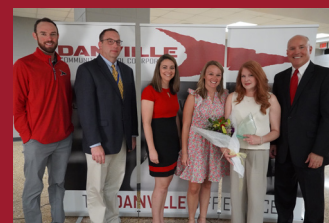
## Elementary Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Lori Wynn



"Mrs. Wynn has been a god send to us. She truly believes and gives all she has to her students. She has changed my daughter's life by guiding her and having patience and giving her a little extra grace when needed. She gets on their level and learns how they learn to help them exceed. Mrs. Wynn Is an expert in her field who advances growth for students of all backgrounds and abilities. We could never show her enough how thankful we are to her. She has wonderful communication skills and is so understanding of their struggles. This is my daughter's first year in all day general education and it couldn't have been possible without Mrs. Wynn giving all she has to help her to be able to do that. Her ways of including my daughter to make friends with her peers in a way my daughter is comfortable. My daughter is going to leave first grade with friends which we worried wouldn't ever come but Mrs. Wynn made that possible! I have always been my daughter's person and Mrs. Wynn has been her person by making her feel safe and listening to her and trying to help her through her anxiety. I couldn't think of a better person to be nominated for teacher of the year!" - DCSC Parent

## Secondary Teacher of the Year: Mrs. Sonja Dashiell

"Mrs Dashiell has been a lifeline for me and my Mrs Dashiell has been a lifeline for me and my son through his entire high school career. She has been more than a teacher. I feel she is one of the main reasons my son has made it this far. He has had her every year since he started high school. She understands his special needs and she always meets him where he is. She treats him with respect and dignity even in some trying times. I feel comfortable with him coming to school because of her. You can tell when someone's heart is in teaching and she is one of those angels. If anyone deserves this award and recognition it's her and dignity even in some trying times. I feel comfortable with him coming to school because of her. You can tell when someone's heart is in teaching and she is one of those angels. She is kind and truly understands the kids. She has on many occasions helped me to understand things and made me feel at ease on the things I still didn't understand. If anyone deserves this award and recognition it's her." - DCSC Parent



## Support Staff Member of the Year: Mrs. Christi Swanson

NOMINATION #1: "Christi is so easy to work with! The Special Services Office often makes requests for students that require transportation at times other than regular bus route times. Christi always goes out of her way to try to accommodate any request we make for student transportation and she does it with a smile. Instead of responding with a no, she is always up for brainstorming ideas on how to make the times work for the student and the transportation department. We have also worked together when substitutes are needed for bus aides. She's often driving the bus herself or filling in as an aide if a substitute cannot be found. This fall I suggested we add Special Transportation to the services we bill to Medicaid. This requires more paper work for the drivers for the Special Ed routes. Christi was very supportive and willing to do whatever was needed to make it happen. She even used transportation records to go back a few months to bill for the fall semester when we didn't plan to start until February. She is the best!" - Staff Member



NOMINATION #2: "Have you ever met that person that is so encouraging, positive, motivating and always there to help no matter what time of day? A person that goes above and beyond in every part of their life in order to better themselves and others? Danville Community Schools Transportation Department has that person as an employee. If you have never met Christi Swanson you are missing out. Christi is always going above and beyond. She is committed to her job and her staff members. She is always looking for ways to improve. She takes pride in and strives for excellence in everything she does. Christi is always thinking of others and finding ways to encourage them to better themselves. She is always that smiling, positive face that makes you want to smile in return. Christi always follows through with a task in a way that makes you want to join in and help. She sets a high standard for professionalism and achievement. Her dedication and enthusiasm is so motivating to others. She is definitely an asset to our Danville Family!" - Staff Member



## Incredible Staff and Students!

Here are all of our Students of the Month and Outstanding Warriors of the Month for the first semester!

January



Henry Jackson Andie Ellerman



Chleo Schut



Lori Wynn

February



Colt Walden



Harper Rader



Rylan Kaiser



Maklyn Knuckles



Penny Wright

March



Ravneet Kaur



Wyatt Isenberg



Abrie Hix



Allie Dotson



Rene Gillaspay

April



Karli Crabtree



Zella Bradley



Elizabeth Lahey



Diana Mota Xolo

## Special Staff Recognition

Congratulations to Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Stierwalt, Mrs. Swartz, and Mrs. Grundlock for completing a Science of Reading course through the Department of Education! As we told the students who joined in the celebration, our teachers are always learning too, and we love to see the hard work and dedication that they put in every day!



## DCSC Advocates Day 2024

We hosted our first ever Advocates Day on April 22, 2024! We had an amazing group of people sign up to join us for a day of tours, informative sessions, and a true behind-the-scenes look at how we are serving our students. Overall, the day was a huge success, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for this program. Hopefully, many of you will also be able to become Warrior Advocates in the future!



## SAFE Training

The Danville Community Schools Police Department put on an amazing event to teach high school girls about Situational Awareness for Everyday (SAFE) in an effort to help them protect themselves and those around them. The day started with a message from Officer K about situational awareness and general safety tips. Then, Sheltering Wings had two amazing presenters join for a presentation about safe relationships (including friendships) and more situational awareness tips. Finally, the day ended with a self-defense course! It was an extremely informative event that we hope to see grow in the future.



## Engaging Students in the Classroom

Class guests, letter weddings, flashlight reading, mystery solving, and interactive science experiments are just a few ways our teachers are engaging students in the classroom. Learning involves more than reading textbooks and testing; it involves new adventures everyday that stimulate our brains and make us excited to learn more!





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## -FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-



As we officially turn the page on another successful year at Danville Community School Corporation, we are very proud of our 186 graduates from the class of 2024 and wish them the very best as they take on new life ambitions and challenges. We also want to congratulate our Elementary Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Lori Wynn, and our Secondary Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Sonja Dashiell. These teachers exemplify the caring and committed staff we have as a whole in our schools.

As we move into the summer, construction has gotten into full swing as 14 additional new classrooms are nearing completion at South Elementary, and construction on 14 additional new classrooms at Danville Community High School is getting underway on the northeast end of the building. Entrance to the high school campus will be significantly limited this summer as workers are completely renovating the North and West parking lots in order to have them ready for fall when we return to school. These changes will allow us to separate bus traffic, student traffic, and parent traffic to increase safety on our campus. Additionally, work has begun on the southwest corner of the building to build a new pool, replacing our existing pool that has served us well for about 50 years. As the new pool nears completion next year, the current pool area will be converted into sparkling new fine arts areas for our band and choir students. We look forward to the great spaces these will provide for student learning in the near future. In the meantime, we are appreciative of everyone's patience as we work through the challenges of construction and the anticipation of great things for the future. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Tracey Shafer