

# DPS Principal Newsletter

2025-2026

August 29th





# DPS Parenting Playbook

## Practice Routines Early

- Start bedtime and wake-up times a little earlier the week before school. Consistent routines make mornings easier for young learners.



## Use Predictable Steps

- Simple checklists or picture schedules help children know what comes next (get dressed, eat breakfast, pack backpack).



## Back to School Tips

## Talk & Read About School

- Share stories about starting school, talk about their teacher, visit the school playground and/or drive by the building to make it familiar.



## Encourage Independence

- Let your child practice everyday skills (putting on shoes, zipping coats, opening snack containers, and carrying their backpack).



Date /Day	Activity & Time	Location
Monday, 9/1	<i>NO SCHOOL - Labor Day</i>	
Tuesday, 9/2	<i>NO SCHOOL - Superintendent Conference Day</i>	
Wednesday, 9/3	<i>NO SCHOOL - Superintendent Conference Day</i> Debasitis/Doggett, 1st, & 2nd Meet and Greet	2:50-3:20pm
Thursday, 9/4 (A)	1st day - K-2nd Grade Students 3PK & 4PK Orientation	By Scheduled Time
Friday, 9/5 (B)	1st day - 3PK & 4PK Students	



## Upcoming Events

**9/9** - BOE Meeting 6:30pm (HS Library)

## Highlights of the Week

# Meet the New DPS Secretaries



## Brittney Bennett

Brittney joined us this summer after Carrie Tubbs retirement. Brittney's role includes the following -

- Registration for the district
- DPS attendance
- DPS end of the day dismissal plans
- DPS dismissal changes
- Signing in and out visitors/volunteers

Brittney shared that her favorite things include her family, dog, and cat as well as gardening. She is looking forward to meeting all of the faculty/staff, families, and students.



## Judi Wadsworth

Judi is slowly transitioning into her new clerical as Lauren Smith will be heading back over to EBH where she worked previously.

Judi shared that her favorite things include: gardening, spending time with family, and seeing the students return each year to school. She is looking forward to helping out more with the staff as well as seeing more families.

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# Meet the New DPS Faculty



## **Olivia Smock - Kindergarten Special Education Teacher**

Favorite things:

- Going hiking and spending time outdoors
- Cooking and baking
- Going to the lake during the summer

Looking forward to:

- Getting to know all of the faculty and staff more
- Meeting and working with my students
- Learning new things about teaching every day



## **Lauren Totman - 2nd Grade Teacher**

Favorite things:

- Diet Dr. Pepper
- Ice cream
- Spending time with friends and family

Looking forward to:

- Meeting my students
- Working with the second grade team
- Learning and implementing new teaching strategies



## **Mallory Walden - Librarian**

Favorite things:

- Coffee
- Harry Potter
- Camping

Looking forward to:

- Meeting all my students
- Sharing some of my favorite books
- Becoming a mustang



## **Melissa Ward - Art Teacher**

Favorite things:

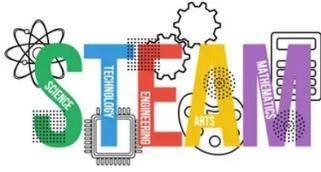
- Turning up the music (especially anything Ed Sheeran!)
- Road trips to new places
- Spending as much time as possible at the water and swimming

Looking forward to:

- Getting to know all of the students and staff
- Cheer on my students as they grow in confidence
- Starting to explore everything the Dansville area (and New York) has to offer

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# **Did You Know**



## STEAM is back

We are very excited to welcome Ms. Petrillo and the STEAM program back at DPS and EBH this year. Ms. Petrillo's curriculum will include: STEAM, digital citizenship, robotics, art, and digital tools. Students will attend STEAM one time in the six day cycle.

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## Community News



# Kidding Around Downtown

**SECOND SATURDAY DANSVILLE**

Vendors ~ Info Booths ~ Shopping ~ Dining

Live Music & Fun for Kids of all Ages

Eye-Magine the Future Youth Art Exhibit at GCC



**SECOND  
SATURDAY**

**September 13  
11am - 2pm**



September  
Dansville Public Library  
Youth Programs

*Weekly Storytime returns!*  
  
*Tuesdays at 6:00pm*  
songs, movement, guests, & more

*Did you know...*  
  
Books that read out loud!  
We carry **Wonderbooks** - books with the text & the audio in one! These books also feature a guided reading mode. You can find picture, beginner, chapter, and nonfiction books on our shelves.

*Little ones at home, in Pre-K, or in UPK can take advantage of this free & rewarding program.*  
*Stop in today to get started!*  
  
**1000 BOOKS**  
Before Kindergarten  
Read it and Reap!

*This month you can learn about...*  


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# September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Library Closed</b>	2 <b>10:30a</b> Footnotes	3 <b>2p</b> Adults' Cards <b>6p</b> MTG Multiverse	4	5 	
7	8 <b>1p</b> ALZ Support Gp ^ <b>4p</b> Board of Trustees Meeting <b>6p</b> Adults' Craft Night *	9 <b>10:30a</b> Footnotes <b>1p</b> Homeschool STEM Session	10 <b>2p</b> Adults' Cards <b>6p</b> MTG Multiverse	11 <b>6:30p</b> Ravenous Readers	12 	13 <i>2nd Saturday: Kidding Around Downtown</i>
14	15 <b>6p</b> Personal Growth Talk*	16 <b>10:30a</b> Footnotes <b>6p</b> Local History Roundtable *	17 <b>11:30a</b> Operation SAVE w/ VA <b>1p</b> Crafternoon <b>2p</b> Adults' Cards <b>6p</b> MTG Multiverse	18 <b>1p</b> Homeschool Hangout *	19	20
21	22 <b>6p</b> Personal Growth Talk*	23 <b>10:30a</b> Footnotes <b>6p</b> Storytime	24 <b>2p</b> Adults' Cards <b>5p</b> Fall Plant Share <b>6p</b> MTG Multiverse	25 <b>5p</b> Board Games Night	26	27 <b>11a</b> BookTok Book Club *
28 	29 <b>6p</b> Tech Time * <b>6p</b> Personal Growth Talk *	30 <b>10:30a</b> Footnotes <b>6p</b> Storytime	<p>^ indicates an event hosted by an outside group * indicates an event that requires registration</p> <p><a href="https://dansvillelibrary.org">dansvillelibrary.org</a>  <a href="https://bit.ly/DansvilleLibraryCalendar">bit.ly/DansvilleLibraryCalendar</a>   <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DansvillePublicLibrary">DansvillePublicLibrary</a>   <a href="https://www.instagram.com/dansvillepubliclibrary">dansvillepubliclibrary</a></p>			

September  
Dansville Public Library  
Programs

Storytimes



*09/23 Peter & the Wolf*

Listen to the children's classic while interacting with the story. Experience some of the instruments firsthand!



*09/30 Sing-Along Storytime*

Ms. Penny will be visiting to sing some of our favorites, and teach us new songs too!

*Storytimes are at 6p unless noted.  
They're designed for ages 2yo-7yo.  
Registration isn't required.*

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