

# DPS Principal Newsletter

2025-2026

## September 26th





# DPS Parenting Playbook

## Supports Growth and Development

- allows the body to release growth hormones and helps the brain develop properly



## Boosts Learning and Memory

- increases ability to focus, retain new information, and perform stronger in school



## Importance of Sleep

## Improves Behavior and Mood

- reduces irritability, tantrums, and emotional outbursts



## Strengthens Immune System

- helps children fight off illness and stay healthier

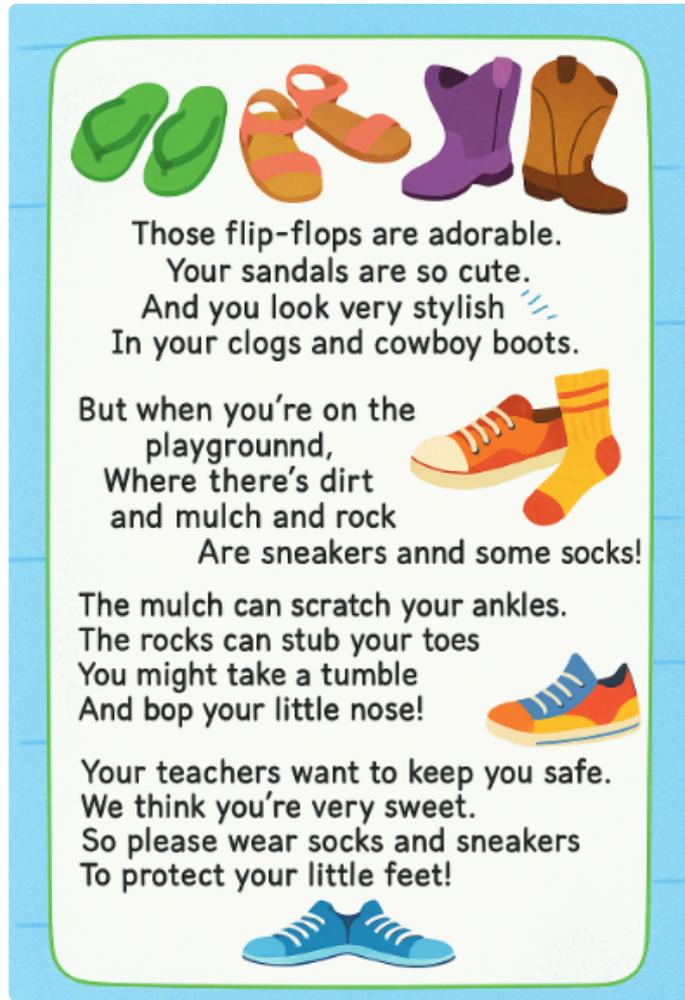


## HOW MUCH SLEEP SHOULD A 2-8 YEAR OLD GET?

AGE	RECOMMENDED SLEEP (per 24 hours, including naps)
2 years	11-14 hours
3 years	10-13 hours
4 years	10-13 hours
5 years	10-13 hours
6 years	9-12 hours
7 years	9-12 hours
8 years	9-12 hours

Source: American Academy of Sleep Medicine (endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics)

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Day/Date	Time	Activity/Location
Monday, 9/29 (F)		School store fundraiser begins
Tuesday, 9/30 (A)		
Wednesday, 10/1 (B)		Picture Day!!
Thursday, 10/2 (C)		School Custodial Workers Appreciation Day
Friday, 10/3 (D)		

**Every day counts - get your DPS Mustang to school!**

# ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

## GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



**PRESCHOOLERS**  
build skills and develop  
good habits for showing  
up on time



**ELEMENTARY  
STUDENTS**  
read well by the  
end of third grade



**HIGH SCHOOLERS**  
stay on track for  
graduation



**COLLEGE  
STUDENTS**  
earn their degrees



**WORKERS**  
succeed in  
their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



## Picture Day

### School Pictures

DPS school pictures are scheduled for October 1st. Check out the Frequently Asked Questions sheet below and preview the order form. Paper copies of order forms are coming home with students.





## Upcoming Events

10/23 - DPS Open House (5:30-6:30)

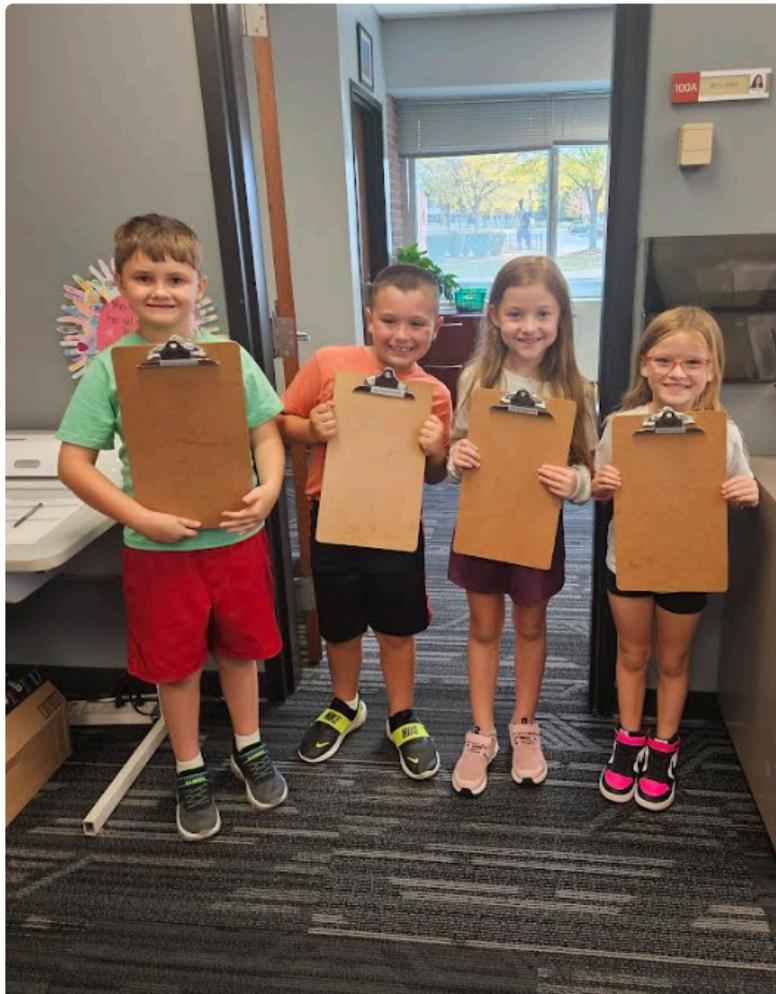
10/31 - DPS Halloween Parade (1:30)

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# Highlights of the Week

## 2nd Grade Leaders

DPS students are leaders in and out of the classroom! This year 2nd graders will be delivering clipboards to support dismissal each day.



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## K Highlight from Mrs. Debasitis

Kindergarteners at work! We play math games to encourage turn-taking, cooperation, number ID, and one-to-one counting. We build our names with letter beads to strengthen fine motor skills, promote letter recognition, and to learn the names of our Class Family!





## John Chapman Visit

John Chapman — better known as Johnny Appleseed - visited Mr. Kranz class today. He's an American pioneer who introduced apple trees across the US.



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## Did You Know

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**Dansville Central School**

# **WE ARE HIRING**



## **OPEN SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS**

- **Teachers**
- **Teacher Aides**
- **Nurses**
- **Bus Drivers**
- **Bus Attendants**



Need a flexible schedule? Are you a parent, grandparent, retiree or someone who loves to work with kids? If yes, please consider joining our school community as substitute!

**APPLY NOW**

[Dansvillecsd.org](http://Dansvillecsd.org)

585-335-4000



# DANSVILLE SHOE DRIVE

**ENDS  
SEPT 30**



**DROP OFF:**



**Phoenix Hearth  
N' Power**

5 Maple St.  
Dansville, NY  
14437

**DONATE  
YOUR GENTLY  
WORN, USED AND  
NEW SHOES TODAY!**

**ALL FUNDS WILL GO TO THE TORONTO MUSIC TRIP THIS SPRING**

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## Drills

***Please note that next week we will have 1 lockdown drill.***

Students will learn (or be reminded) in a generic way that we practice lockdown drills to make sure everyone at school knows what to do to be safe.





## DPS Yearbook

Exciting news - DPS will have a yearbook available for purchase again this year. Below is the link for you to order from until May 9th.

## Yearbook Order Link

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## Cafeteria

Please note that the 3PK/4PK students have a different menu than our K-2nd grade students. Also, 3PK students will not have an option for peanut butter due to an allergy in the classroom.

This year students will be able to **PURCHASE** the following additional treats at lunch time -

**Ice Cream - \$1.75**

**Cookies - \$1.50**

**Fruit Snacks - \$1.00**

# September

## PK Breakfast Menu

## PK Lunch Menu

**K-2 Breakfast Menu**

**K-2 Lunch Menu**

**October**

**PK Breakfast Menu**

**PK Lunch Menu**

**K-2 Breakfast Menu**

**K-2 Lunch Menu**

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**Fresh Fruits and Vegetables  
Program**



## DCSD Announces NEW Fresh Fruits & Vegetable Program For Grades PK-6

The Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Program brings healthier food choices into our schools and encourages kids to try a wide variety of fruits and vegetables.

- Students in participating schools eat 1/3 cup more fruits & veggies per day.
- Each snack comes with a fun educational component to promote healthy habits.
- Fruits & veggies will be served twice a week, with a calendar shared with families.
- EBH: Cart open 8:00–10:45 AM & 1:00–1:45 PM
- Primary School: Cart open 8:00–10:45 AM

This program supports nutritious snacking and helps build lifelong healthy habits!



Dansville is ONE of ONLY 88 School's in NYS to participate in this program.

SEPTEMBER 2025

ON THE CART THIS WEEK:	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Granny Smith Apples	1	2	3	4	5
-Cantaloupe -English Cucumber	8	9	10	11	12
-Watermelon -Avocado	15	16	17	18	19
-Cherries -Heirloom Cherry Tomatoes	22	23	24	25	26
-Golden Kiwi -Butternut Squash	29	30			

MondayMarket.com

# October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 -Butternut Squash 	4
5	6	7 -Honeycrisp Apple -Purple Carrot 	8	9 	10	11
12 -Red Pear -Sweet Corn 	13	14	15	16	17 	18
19 -Apricot -Broccoli w/ dip 	20	21	22	23	24 	25
26 -Blood Orange -Pumpkin 	27	28	29	30	31 National Pumpkin Day 	

MondayMandala.com



## Tardy Arrival (After 7:55 am)

If your child arrives at school after 7:55am, he/she is considered tardy. Please walk your child into the school main entrance to complete an excuse. Then staff will give your child a tardy pass and he/she can walk to class independently.



## **Absences**

Please continue to let us know in advance if your child will be absent from school. You can send a message through ParentSquare to your child's teacher and PS Office. If we don't have a reason in advance, you will receive a message through ParentSquare that we ask you to respond to with a reason for the absence.

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## **Parent/Student Handbook**

Below is a link the 2025-2026 DPS Parent/Student Handbook. This will serve as an excellent resource to you throughout the school year.

## **DPS Parent/Student Handbook**

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## **Community News**

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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	^ indicates an event hosted by an outside group * indicates an event that requires registration <a href="https://dansvillelibrary.org">dansvillelibrary.org</a> <a href="https://bit.ly/DansvilleLibraryCalendar">bit.ly/DansvilleLibraryCalendar</a>  DansvillePublicLibrary  dansvillepubliclibrary			

A vertical poster for the 'Night of Science & Arts' event. The top left features the Alfred University logo. The top right text reads 'The Society of Women Engineers & Alfred University Presents:'. The main title 'Night of Science & Arts' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, the date and time are 'Thursday October 2nd 2025 5:00-8:00 PM'. A yellow box on the left says 'FREE FOR ALL McMahon Engineering Building & Harder Hall Lobby AGES!'. Two light blue boxes contain text: 'Join us for the 3rd year running of an exciting night filled with fire, explosions, and fun!' and 'Free dining at the cafeteria for children 12 yrs and under!'. A large yellow box on the right lists activities: '50+ live demos from physics, chemistry, & AU's School of Engineering including mechanical, glass, and ceramic engineering.', 'Interactive demos from AU's School of Art & Design and Performing Arts', and 'Liquid nitrogen ice cream, cotton candy, & AU swag'. At the bottom of this box, it says 'More details for parents on the back!' with an arrow pointing to the back of the poster. The bottom left corner has a molecular model graphic.

## **Night of Science & Arts (NoSA)** **Thursday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-8PM**

Location: Alfred University, all demos will be held in McMahon Engineering Building and Harder Hall Lobby

### **How does NoSA work?**

NoSA is a one-night, completely free event held by Alfred University's science, engineering, and art faculty and students. Families of all ages are invited to arrive on campus anytime starting at 5pm where they can walk around McMahon and Harder Hall to watch live demos; each demo lasts around 10 minutes. It is expected to take about an hour and a half to see all demos depending on which demos your family want to watch.

Families are invited to eat at Ade dining hall for a buffet style dinner at any point in the night. We are running a special discount rate for families attending NoSA which also includes kids 12 years and under eating for free (with a limit of 4 children per paying adult).

### **What about parking for the event?**

All faculty, staff, and student parking lots will be open to the public for this event. We will have volunteers help direct traffic and parking as you enter downtown Alfred. Students will also be directing families to the demo locations and the dining hall.

For any questions, email Dr. Rebecca Welch at [WelchR@alfred.edu](mailto:WelchR@alfred.edu)

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5	6 1p ALZ Caregiver Support Group^ 6p Adults' Craft Night*	7 10:30a Footnotes 6p Spice Up Your Life w/ CCE*	8 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	9 6:30p Ravenous Readers	10 5p Teens' After-Hours Ghost Hunt*	11 2nd Saturday: Fall Fest 10a Seasonal Sensory Bins
12	13 LIBRARY CLOSED	14 10:30a Footnotes 1p Homeschool STEM Session* 4p Board of Trustees Meeting 6p Storytime	15 1p Crafternoon* 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	16 1p Homeschool Hangout	17	18
19	20	21 10:30a Footnotes 5:30p Holiday Family Fire Safety 6p Storytime	22 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	23 5p Board Games Night 6p The Real Women, Veterans of Vietnam	24	25 11a BookTok Book Club
26	<p><b>The Great Giveback</b> Each year, DPL participates with OWWL libraries in the Great Give Back initiative. This year we are collecting pantry non-perishables and personal care items to benefit the Dansville Food Pantry. Bring donations to the Library between Oct. 1 and Oct. 18 to help!</p>		28 10:30a Footnotes 6p Storytime 6p Tech Time*	29 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	30 11a Trustees' Policy Committee Meeting	31 5p S'mores on the Lawn 



# Storytimes



*[no storytime 10/07]*



*10/14 Fall is in full swing!*

Let's talk about the season with silly songs and leaf activities. (Weather pending, storytime will be outside!)



*[special combo event 10/21]*



*10/28 P] storytime & stuffie sleepover*

Join us for seasonal snacks and a not-so-spooky story before tucking in your favorite stuffie for our Halloween sleepover!

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



# Dansville Public Library

## THE GREAT GIVE BACK

*an annual donation drive through public libraries*



### WHAT TO DONATE

- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Soap, etc.
- Spices
- Mayo
- Condiments
- Microwave meals

All items should  
be new and  
shelf-stable

**DROP OFF @ DPL**



**OCTOBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 18**

[dansvillelibrary.org](http://dansvillelibrary.org)  
f [DansvillePublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/DansvillePublicLibrary)  
i [dansvillepubliclibrary](https://www.instagram.com/dansvillepubliclibrary)



**Dansville Public Library**  
200 Main St., Dansville, NY 14437  
(585) 335-6720

# Night Light Walk & Roll Parade



**Sat., Oct. 04  
6:30p @ DPL**

AGES 6-13 & GUARDIANS

SHOW OFF YOUR  
SKILLS AT BEING SEEN

*This program is a partnership between*



Dansville  
Public  
Library



Dansville  
Police  
Department



CCE  
Livingston  
Traffic Safety



# Spice Up Your Life!

Learn to use common kitchen spices  
to change up your regular menu



**October 7 @ 6:00p**

*Please register online at  
[bit.ly/DansvilleLibraryCalendar](http://bit.ly/DansvilleLibraryCalendar)*



Presented in partnership with  
**Cornell Cooperative Extension**  
Livingston County



# SEASONAL SENSORY BINS



**Saturday, October 11**

**10am - 12pm**

*Holiday*  
**Family Fire Safety**  
*Presentation for Parents & Storytime for Kids*

**October 21, 2025**



*5:30p Parent Presentation w/ DFD*

Dansville Fire Department members will share safety reminders for the upcoming holiday season and beyond.



*6:00p Storytime with Jr. Firefighters*

The DFD Jr. Firefighters will be on hand with a special guest to read stories, sing fire safety songs, and create a firetruck craft.



*Thank you to Dansville Fire Department  
for helping us with the special event!*



# HALLOWEEN S'MORES

**October 31**  
**5:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**on the library front lawn**



**STOP BY WITH YOUR GHOUL-FRIENDS**



The flyer features a green background with a pattern of colorful circles. At the top, there are three Polaroid-style photos: a woman in a red hat preparing food, a woman with a cow, and a young boy holding a sign. A large green four-leaf clover logo with 'H' symbols is centered below the photos. The main text reads 'DISCOVER Livingston County 4-H'. Below this, a paragraph describes the event: 'Livingston County 4-H offers a variety of hands-on learning opportunities for youth. Join 4-H Staff to learn about the variety of learning opportunities the 4-H Program has to offer!'. A row of six icons, each a four-leaf clover with 'H' symbols, lists the following activities: Count Events & Activities, 4-H Livestock Auction, Public Speaking, STEM, Teen Leadership, and Animal Science. The event details are: 'October 15, 6pm-7pm, Livingston County Conf. Center, 1 Murray Hill Dr. Mt. Morris'. A QR code is provided with the text 'Scan the code to register!' and a green arrow pointing to it. At the bottom, it says 'Questions? Email [mjw16@cornell.edu](mailto:mjw16@cornell.edu)'.

**DISCOVER**  
*Livingston County 4-H*

Livingston County 4-H offers a variety of hands-on learning opportunities for youth. Join 4-H Staff to learn about the variety of learning opportunities the 4-H Program has to offer!

Count Events & Activities  
4-H Livestock Auction

Public Speaking  
STEM

Teen Leadership  
Animal Science

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## Contact info

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me by -

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- Email - [gohom@dansvillecsd.org](mailto:gohom@dansvillecsd.org)