

# DPS Principal Newsletter

2025-2026

November 14th





# DPS Parenting Playbook

## Language Skills: "Turkey Talk Story Cards"

- Place 4–5 Thanksgiving-themed pictures in bowl (turkey, pie, corn, family at table, leaf), have your child pick a card and tell a sentence or part of a story (add cards to build the story)
- Boosts vocabulary and narrative skills



## Fine Motor Skills: "Feather Pluck & Place"

- Draw or print a simple turkey outline, provide clothespins or paper feathers, have your child "pin" the feathers around the turkey
- Strengthens finger muscles and pincer grasp



## Thanksgiving Themed Activities

## Gross Motor Skills: "Turkey Waddle Race"

- Put a small ball or rolled-up sock between your child's knees and have them "waddle like a turkey" to a marker and back
- Builds balance, coordination, and leg strength



## Social Skills: "Thankful Sharing Circle"

- Take turns pulling "thankful prompts" from a bowl (e.g., "Someone I'm thankful for...", "A food I'm thankful for...", "A place I'm thankful for...") and filling in the blank
- Encourages empathy, sharing, and conversational skills



Day/Date	Time	Activity/Location
Monday, 11/17 (A)	5:30pm	PTO Meeting (EBH Library)
Tuesday, 11/18 (B)	6:30pm	BOE meeting (HS Library)
Wednesday, 11/19 (C)		Bus Safety Drills
Thursday, 11/20 (D)		
Friday, 11/21 (E)		



## Upcoming Events

**11/24- Half-day / Parent-Teacher Conferences**

**11/25- Half day**

**11/26-11/28- No School - Thanksgiving Recess**

**12/3- Cozy Christmas Family Event  
5:30-7:00pm**

**12/12- 4PK Family Event**

**12/16-BOE Meeting**

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## Highlights of the Week

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### Mrs. Barber - 4PK Highlight

4PK friends have been working hard on becoming *number experts*! Over the past few months, the children have been learning all about numbers and counting. Our focus areas have included numeral recognition 0 to 5, one-to-one correspondence, counting groups of objects, and matching written numerals to quantities.

This week, the children are putting all of these skills into practice through fun, Thanksgiving-themed activities. As they count and explore with turkeys and feathers, they're not only strengthening their number sense but also developing their fine motor skills—especially when carefully placing feathers into the holes of a strainer!

They especially enjoyed matching number pies—choosing a pie, counting the items on it, and then finding the matching written numeral. They continued to strengthen their fine motor skills by using their pincer grasp to clip feathers onto the correct turkey, combining counting practice with hands-on learning.

It's been wonderful to see how confident and enthusiastic 4PK students have become in their math learning. Way to go, 4PK!





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## Did You Know

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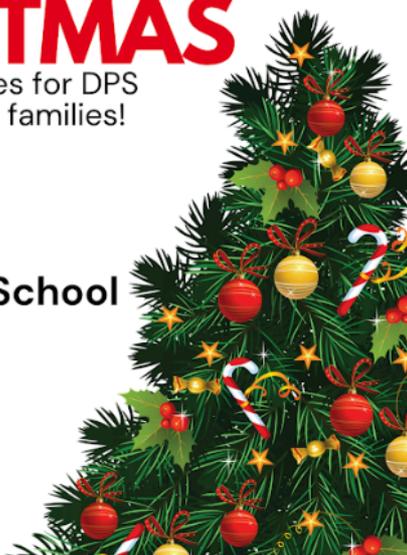
Please Join Us For

# COZY CHRISTMAS

Crafts and activities for DPS  
students and their families!

December 3, 2025  
5:30–7:00pm  
Dansville Primary School

FREE



# Letter from NYS Council on Children and Families

Dear parent/caregiver/educator/clinician,

We all know that a child's early years are some of their most important. But how can we all help them live their best lives? And who do you trust to help them learn and grow?

## **That's where you come in.**

Our goal at the New York State Council on Children and Families (CCF) is simple: to help every child in New York get the best possible start. To do it, **we need your voice**. This **short survey takes just a few minutes**, but it can help us make a lasting impact on generations of parents and children.

Your opinions and experiences can help us:

- Understand what families really need to know.
- Spread the word about childhood development, milestones, and early screenings.
- Connect parents with trusted resources and support.

The survey is voluntary, anonymous, and confidential.

**Please click the link below and complete this survey by the end of the day on Tuesday, November 21** to make sure your voice is heard. If you have any questions about the survey, contact us at [\*\*NYSB5@ccf.ny.gov\*\*](mailto:NYSB5@ccf.ny.gov).

Your feedback will help us support families just like yours across New York State. Thank you for helping us give every child the strong start they deserve!

Warmly,

Ehasuyi Gomes, MPH  
MS Developmental Health Coordinator  
New York State Council on Children and Families  
[\*\*ccf.ny.gov\*\*](http://ccf.ny.gov)

## Survey

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Please Join Us

# Dansville Music Boosters

**Monthly Meeting**  
Monday November 17, 2025  
@ 6pm

**Location :**  
Dansville Public  
Library

Any questions feel free to email :  
[Dansvillemusicboosters@gmail.com](mailto:Dansvillemusicboosters@gmail.com)





**Dansville Central School**

**WE ARE  
HIRING**



**OPEN  
SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS**

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



Need a flexible schedule? Are you are 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



## **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**



## 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**

## 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.



## 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.

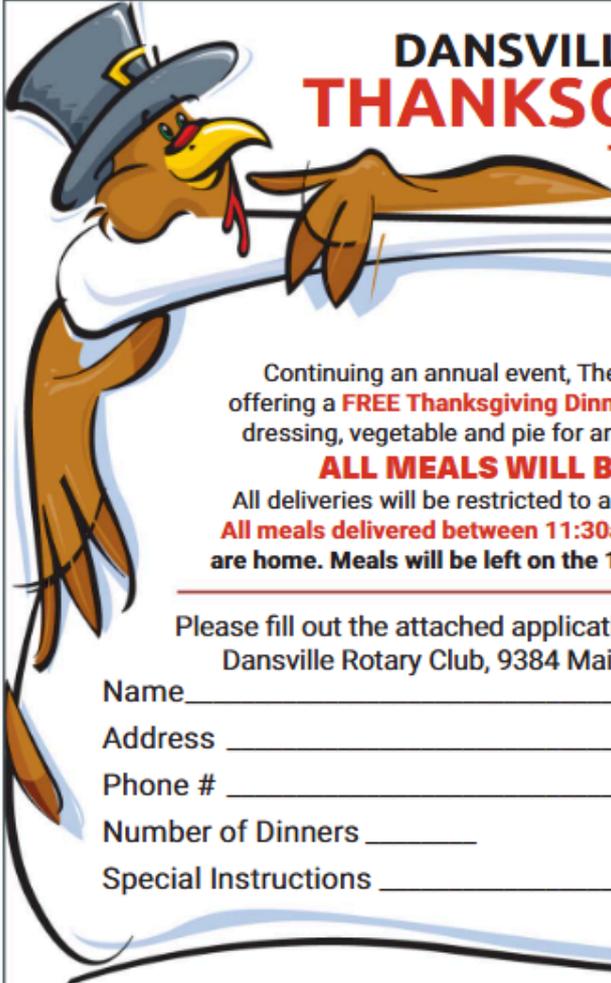
## **DPS Parent/Student Handbook**

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## **Community News**

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# DANSVILLE ROTARY CLUB'S **THANKSGIVING DINNER** Thursday, November 27th



Continuing an annual event, The Dansville Rotary Club is offering a **FREE Thanksgiving Dinner** of fresh turkey, potatoes, dressing, vegetable and pie for anyone in the Dansville area.

**ALL MEALS WILL BE DELIVERED!**

All deliveries will be restricted to a 10 mile radius of Dansville.  
**All meals delivered between 11:30am and 1pm. Make sure you are home. Meals will be left on the 1st and only delivery attempt.**

Please fill out the attached application and return by Nov. 17th to  
Dansville Rotary Club, 9384 Main St., Dansville, NY 14437

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Dinners \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Instructions \_\_\_\_\_



## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**Once again this year the Dansville American Legion will be sponsoring and organizing Project Christmas in order to help families in financial need by providing clothes and toys to children ages birth to 14 who reside within the Dansville school district. Sign ups will be**

**Saturday November 15, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Dansville American Legion, 34 Elizabeth Street**

**Please be prepared to show proof of local residence, names and ages of children, along with clothing and shoe sizes.**





## Winter soccer PRE-K - 2ND GRADE

Date: Jan 6th - Feb 26th

Days : Tuesdays & Thursdays

Location: EBH Gym (Elementary School, Dansville)

Registration : Open until December 19th

- Core skills development- Ball control, First touch improvement, Ball reception, Dribbling, General coordination strength and conditioning, Foot speed and control, Passing and shooting techniques & more
- \$40 per child includes tshirt
- Depending on number of signups and coaching volunteers, the PK-K & 1-2 groups may be divided into 2 and meet on just one of the days
- If interested in helping coach, please reach out to Kyle Deleo prior to registering

Pre-K & K

6.00pm - 6.45pm

1st & 2nd

7.00pm - 7.45pm

Register via link or QR Code:  
<https://tinyurl.com/3v6suxrm>



Point of Contact  
Kyle Deleo  
(585) 730-3087  
deleokm@gmail.com



# LIVINGSTON COUNTY FOOD SECURITY COALITION



# FOOD RESOURCE LIST

## TO ACCESS THE FOOD RESOURCE LIST:

### Option 1

SCAN THIS  
QR CODE:



### Option 3

1. Visit [livingstoncounty.us](http://livingstoncounty.us)
2. Select the "How Do I..." tab
3. Scroll down until you see "Find food resources" and select!

### Option 2

Call **585-243-7299** to find  
out where you  
can get a paper copy!





*LivCo*

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
& DISABILITY**

# RESOURCE FAIR

 **Saturday, November 15th**

 **1:00pm-4:00pm**

 **Avon Middle School**

 **Free & open to the public**

**Multiple organizations:**

Recreation Programs | Therapists  
Summer Camps | Advocacy Help  
Family Support | State Agencies  
Community Organizations | More!

*For more information, contact:*

*Rebecca Stewart at [rebeccastewart5710@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccastewart5710@gmail.com)  
or Kerri Levine at [klevine@avoncsd.org](mailto:klevine@avoncsd.org)*



Hosted by Avon Central Schools

# November Youth Programs Dansville Public Library

Visit [bit.ly/DansvilleLibraryCalendar](http://bit.ly/DansvilleLibraryCalendar) for info about these programs and more!

## Storytime

11/04 Celebrate  
Children's Book Week



It's a  
Dav Pilkey  
takeover!

- stories
- coloring
- giveaways



**Monday  
Night Movie**  
November 10  
6:00p  
Holden Room

What's the best  
way to get ready  
for a book release?  
Watch the movie,  
of course!



## Storytime

11/18 Native American  
stories & more

Listen to  
traditional  
tales &  
make your  
own corn  
husk doll.



## Did you know...

We have phonics support that you  
can check out to use at home!



[dansvillelibrary.org](http://dansvillelibrary.org)  
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**Dansville Public Library**  
200 Main St., Dansville, NY 14437  
(585) 335-6720

November  
Dansville Public Library  
Programs



# Storytimes



## Celebrate Children's Book Week

Dav Pilkey stories take over during this year's Nat'l Children's Book Week! We'll have stories, coloring, & giveaways.



[no storytime 11/11]



## Native American Stories

Listen to stories and make a corn husk doll in this indigenous storytelling storytime.



[no storytime 11/25]

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

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



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November  
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Programs

PICK A LETTER  
FILL IT OUT  
WRITE YOUR RETURN INFO ON THE BACK  
LEAVE IT IN THE MAILBOX

WRITE A LETTER TO  
**SANTA**



NOVEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 6

BE SURE TO STOP BACK TO  
SEE SANTA IN PERSON  
DECEMBER 6 ~ 10:00A-12:30P

[dansvillelibrary.org](http://dansvillelibrary.org)  
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*November*  
**Dansville Public Library**  
*Programs*

Deck the Halls  
Decorating Workshop  
for Kids <sup>ages</sup> 6yo-18yo

Would you like  
help decorating  
your tree for the  
contest?



November 24  
2:30p  
register online



# November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 	<p><i>italicized events are hosted off-site</i>            * indicates an event hosted by an outside group            * indicates an event that requires registration</p>			<p>dansvillelibrary.org  <a href="https://bit.ly/DansvilleLibraryCalendar">bit.ly/DansvilleLibraryCalendar</a>   DansvillePublicLibrary   dansvillepubliclibrary</p>		1
2  <i>Daylight Savings</i>	3 <b>11:30a</b> Cancer Prev. Listening Luncheon* <b>1p</b> ALZ Support Gp <b>6p</b> Adults' Craft Night*	4 <b>10:30a</b> Footnotes <b>6p</b> Storytime  <i>Election Day</i>	5 <b>12p</b> CCE's CarFit* <b>2p</b> Adults' Cards <b>6p</b> MTG Multiverse	6 <b>6p</b> Stretching Your Food Dollar*	7	8 <i>2nd Saturday: Simple Abundance</i> <b>10a</b> Volunteer Fair
9  	10 <b>4p</b> Board of Trustees Meeting <b>6p</b> Dog Man Movie Night	11 <b>Library Closed</b>  <i>Veterans' Day</i>	12 <b>2p</b> Adults' Cards <b>6p</b> MTG Multiverse	13 <b>6:30p</b> Ravenous Readers	14 <b>6p</b> Poetry Slam @ MacFadden's Coffee Co.	15 <b>10a</b> Meet the Writer   <b>Letters to Santa Starts Nov. 15!</b> Stop in to pick up a letter and return it to our special mailbox, or bring it back when you visit Santa during Winter in the Village!
16  	17	18 <b>10:30a</b> Footnotes <b>1p</b> Homeschool STEM Session* <b>6p</b> Storytime	19 <b>1p</b> Crafternoon <b>2p</b> Adults' Cards <b>6p</b> MTG Multiverse	20 <b>1p</b> Homeschool Hangout <b>5p</b> Adults' Board Games Night <b>6p</b> The Beer-ie Canal @ BSB	21	
23  	24 <b>2:30p</b> Mini-tree 'frosting' wkshop	25 <b>10:30a</b> Footnotes <b>6p</b> Tech Time*	26 <b>2p</b> Adults' Cards  <b>Library Closes Early @ 5p</b>	27 <b>Library Closed</b>  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	28	29 <b>11a</b> BookTok Book Club

# The Village

Connecting families, sharing resources,  
and celebrating every milestone!

## What is The Village?

They say it takes a village, and we've got the ultimate village right here in Liv Co! This family engagement group is meant to serve as the go-to hub for families with kiddos from ages 0 to 21. There are monthly presentations sharing info on all of the resources available in our county for little ones facing challenges—be it suspected or diagnosed delays, medical conditions, behavioral or emotional challenges, or developmental disabilities. This group is also a great way for families to find in-person support, access resources, or just connect with others.

Join us on the 1st Monday of every month from  
11am-12pm at the Geneseo Goodwill Community Center  
Light refreshments will be provided!

This group is hosted by the Livingston County Children and Youth with  
Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) program and intended for  
CYSHCN families but open to all.



Contact 585-243-7299 for  
help with transportation!

Scan QR code for  
monthly  
presenters:



## Contact info

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

- Phone - (585) 335-4040
- Email - [gohom@dansvillecsd.org](mailto:gohom@dansvillecsd.org)