

HAPPY NEW YEAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3 Full Moon ☉
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Early Dismissal Day! 	15	16	17
18 New Moon ☾	19 	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Early Dismissal Day! 	29	30	31

HOW TO MAKE BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER WINTER BREAK EASIER... AND FUN!

Positive Attitude

- Attitude is your mental outlook, which shapes the way you view people and situations and the way others view you.
- People with positive attitudes welcome difficult assignments as challenges and look for the good when things go bad.
- Accepting of constructive criticism.





Important *Phone Numbers*



First Student

(217) 920-1347

(217) 920-1348



P 217-444-3400
F. 21 74443488



**Report
Absence or
Lateness**

Attendance

Ms. Jimpson

217-444-3404



Receptionist

Mrs. Davis

217-444-3403



Nurse

Nurse Gabby

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Mr. Day 217444-3468

Ms. Mason 2174443482



Guidance Counselor

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Secretary J. Curry-Varner

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Counselor's Corner



Guidance Counselor

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PARENT/GUARDIAN

NOTICE

PHOTO ID REQUIRED



ABSENT, TARDY
OR
EARLY DISMISSAL?



NO
OUTSIDE FOOD
OR DRINKS
ALLOWED



- Please bring in your photo ID when entering the building.
- Please call in the morning to inform us of an absence, dismissal, or if tardy.
- School hours 9:00am-3:45pm.
- Students may enter the building at 8:45 for breakfast.
- We need proof of new address.
- Bus changes take a minimum of 5 days to complete.
- Fast food will not be allowed to be delivered to students.

NEW POLICY



NORTH RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL 2025-2026 Personal Electronic Device Policy Information



Personal Electronic Devices:
personal laptops, iPads, tablets, cell phones,
headphones, AirPods, smart watches,
or any other personal telecommunication devices.

**No personal electronic or telecommunication devices
allowed between 8:45am (arrival) and 3:45pm (dismissal).**

Upon arrival, students will turn off all personal electronic devices
and place cell phone, smart watch, and air pods in their assigned Yondr pouch.

Headphones too large to fit into the student's Yondr pouch
are to be kept out of sight in the student's backpack or locker.

Personal laptops, iPads, tablets, etc. will be confiscated at the door.
DO NOT BRING THEM TO SCHOOL.

**Personal Electronics visible during the school day
will be confiscated starting with the first offense.**

Confiscated personal electronic devices will not be returned to students,
parents must pick up confiscated personal electronics.

ELECTRONICS

VIOLATIONS

*Students refusing to turn phones or other personal electronic devices over to staff when requested will result in the student being sent home for the day.

*Students who become verbally abusive toward staff when requested to turn

Using Phone During School Hours phones or other personal electronic devices over will be suspended.

First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense	Fourth Offense	Fifth Offense
Confiscate Phone Caregiver Pickup Phone	Confiscate Phone Caregiver Pickup Phone	Confiscate Phone Caregiver Pickup Phone	Confiscate Phone Caregiver Pickup Phone	Confiscate Phone Caregiver Pickup Phone
Phone Call Home	Phone Call Home	Phone Call Home	Phone Call Home	Phone Call Home
Telecommunication Device Discipline Referral	After School Detention Phone Remains Home for Remainder of Quarter <i>Subject to Random Phone Checks at Arrival</i>	Half Day In-School Suspension Phone Remains Home for Remainder of Semester <i>Subject to Random Phone Checks at Arrival</i> Caregiver Meeting With Dean and/or Administration	All Day In-School Suspension Phone Remains Home for Remainder of School Year <i>Subject to Random Phone Checks at Arrival</i> Caregiver Meeting With Dean and/or Administration	Discipline Will Progress and May Lead to Out of School Suspension <i>Daily Phone Check at Arrival</i>

Important Information

*School Hours
9:00am-3:45pm
Students may enter
for breakfast
at 8:45am.*

Oops!



You are Tardy

Students will go to the stations located throughout the building for a pass.

Tardy Bell:

No student will be admitted to class without a Detention/Tardy

Students who fail to adhere to the dress code policy of their school will be permitted to contact their home for a change of clothes or will be sent home.

The following items will be considered a dress code violation and will result in a parent contact and/or a referral.

Dress Code Alert





DANVILLE COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 118

**AMENDED 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR
TRADITIONAL CALENDAR SCHOOLS**

2025

Tuesday-Wednesday August 12-13
 Thursday August 14
 Monday September 1
 Friday October 10
 One week October 13-17
 Monday October 20
 Tuesday October 28
 Thursday October 30
 Friday October 31
 Wednesday November 12
 Wednesday-Friday November 26-28
 Monday December 1
 Friday December 19
 Two weeks Dec 22 – January 2

Staff Institute – No school for students
 1st Student Attendance Day – One Hour Early Dismissal
 Labor Day – District closed
 Staff Institute – No school for students
 Fall Break – No school for students & staff
 Students & staff return from Fall Break
 Early dismissal for parent conferences after school
 Early dismissal for parent conferences after school
 No school for students & staff (following parent conferences)
 Half day student attendance; half day staff development
 Thanksgiving Break – District closed
 Students & staff return from Thanksgiving Break
 Early dismissal for Winter Break
 Winter Break – District closed

2026

Monday January 5
 Monday January 19
 Wednesday February 4
 Monday February 16
 One week March 16-20
 Monday March 23
 Tuesday March 31
 Thursday April 2
 Friday April 3
 Wednesday April 15
 Monday May 25
 Tuesday May 26
 Wednesday May 27

Students & staff return to school
 Martin Luther King Day – District closed
 Half day student attendance; half day staff development
 Presidents’ Day – District closed
 Spring Break – District closed^d
 Students & staff return from Spring Break
 Early dismissal for parent conferences after school
 Early dismissal for parent conferences after school
 No school for students & staff (following parent conferences)
 Half day student attendance; half day staff development
 Memorial Day – District closed
 Semester Closing Day – No school for students
 Last day of school – Half day student attendance; half day staff development

Grading Periods	Pupil Days
August 14 – October 9	40
October 20 – December 19	41
January 5 – March 13	48
March 23 – May 27	45
Total Pupil Days	174

Attendance Reports	Pupil Days
August 14 – September 30	33
October 1 – 31	16
November 1 – 30	17
December 1 – 31	15
January 1 – 31	19
February 1 – 28	19
March 1 – 31	17
April 1 – 30	21
May 1 – May 27	17
Total Pupil Days	174

Teachers are paid for 180 days:
 174 pupil days
 3 staff institute days
 1 semester closing day
 2 parent conference days

**BOE Adopted 11/15/2023
BOE Amended 03/12/2025**



Nurses Corner

If your child has any special health needs or problems, this should be communicated to me. This information is kept confidential, and it can be very important to a successful experience in school.

Examples of such needs are:

1. Food Allergy
2. Bee sting allergy
3. Allergy to any other substance
4. Difficulty with vision, hearing or speech
5. Need for medication during the school day
6. Need for special aids such as crutches, walkers, or wheelchairs, either on a temporary or permanent basis.

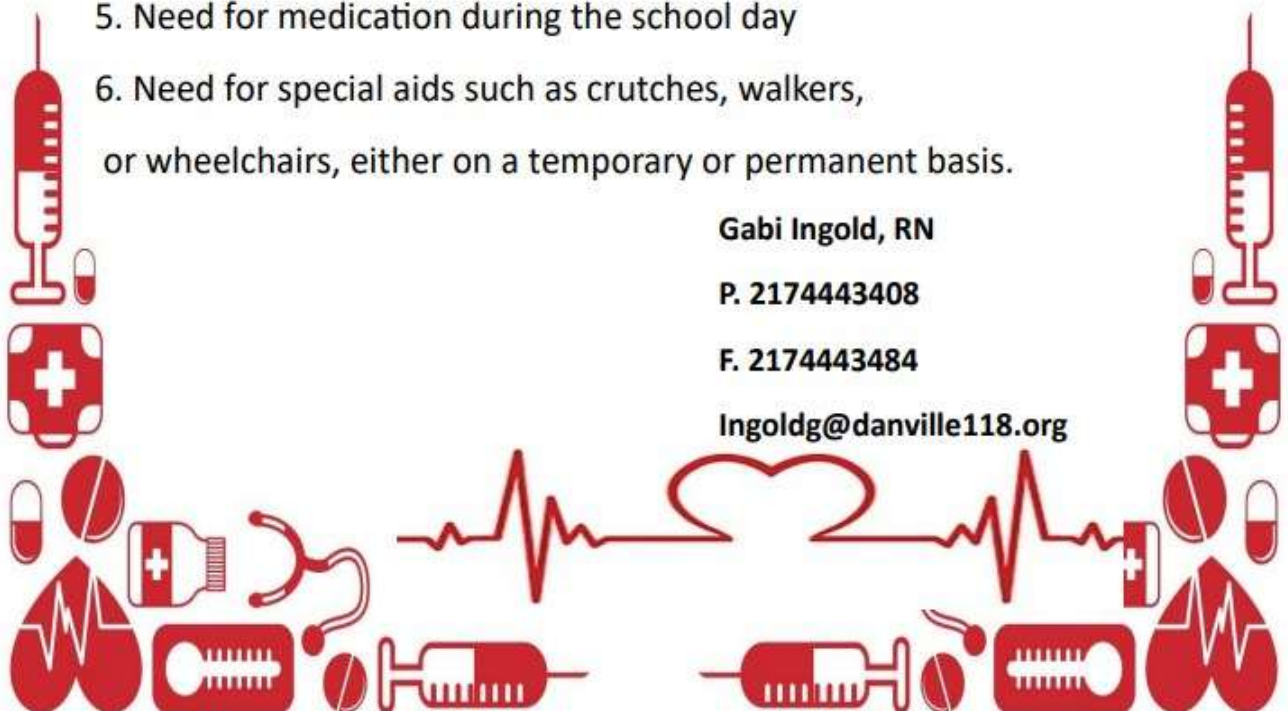


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January 6, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Beginning the week of January 20th, your child will be taking the ACCESS test for English Language Learners. This is a state requirement for K-12 students identified as English Language Learners to take each year until English Proficiency has been achieved.

Even if a parent/guardian refuses EL services, students are required to take this exam. If your child took the exam in prior years and later was identified as EL in error, they are still required to take this exam.

There are four sessions:

- Listening - up to 65 minutes
- Reading - up to 60 minutes
- Writing - up to 90 minutes
- Speaking - up to 50 minutes

In order for your child to do his or her personal best please make sure he/she:

- Gets a good night's sleep
- Eats breakfast
- Arrives on time

<u>ACCESS Testing Dates</u>

January 20-January 30

Thank you for your support as we complete the testing process. Please contact Kelly Truex, Director of Educational Support at 444-1062 or Brandie Kuchefski, Grants Coordinator at 444-1065 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brandie Kuchefski

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Danville Community Consolidated School District No. 118

6 de enero 2026

Estimado Padres/Tutores,

A partir de la semana del 20 enero su hijo/a va a tomar exámenes llamados ACCESS para los estudiantes del idioma inglés. Este es un requisito estatal para estudiantes del Kinder hasta doceavo, los estudiantes identificados como estudiantes del idioma inglés deben de tomar este examen cada año hasta el dominio del inglés se logrado.

Incluso si un padre/tutor se niega a los servicios de EL, los estudiantes estan obligados a tomar este examen. Si su hijo/a tomó el examen en años anteriores y después fue identificado/a como EL por error, todavia esta obligado a tomar este examen.

Hay cuatro sesiones: Escuchando - hasta 65 minutos
Lectura- hasta 60 minutos
Escritura/Composición - hasta 90 minutos
Hablando - hasta 50 minutos

Para que su hijo/a haga lo mejor por favor asegúrese de que él/ella:

- Se duerman temprano
- Desayune bien
- Llegue a la escuela a tiempo

Fechas de los exámenes ACCESS

20 de enero - 30 de enero

Gracias por su cooperación para hacer estos exámenes. Por favor, póngase en contacto si tiene alguna pregunta con Kelly Truex, Directora de Apoyo Educativo al 444-1062 o Brandie Kuchefski, Coordinadora de Becas al 444-1065.

Atentamente,

Brandie Kuchefski

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Danville Community Consolidated School District No. 118

Builders Club January 2026 Newsletter

The North Ridge Builders Club had several important projects that took place during the month of December. On December 2nd, 3rd and 4th several of our club members were able to ring bells for the Salvation Army at County Market North. Our three kettle shifts collected over \$400.00. We had a great time and were happy to help our community!

On Friday, December 19, 2026, approximately sixty-five toys were delivered to Your Family Resource Connection (Women's Shelter), also known as Crosspoint at the Y. A big thank you to our club members and their parents who were able to donate a toy or multiple toys. The families at the shelter are always very appreciative of our holiday toy donation.

We had few current and former club members and their families that were able to volunteer at the Danville National Cemetery on Wreaths Across America Day, Saturday, December 13, 2025. The extreme cold and snow made conditions difficult, but we were able to place our wreaths. We collected \$2,210.00 in donations, which allowed us to honor 130 veterans with a wreath. It is such an honor to be able to place the wreaths on the graves of our local veterans. Thanks so much to the families who were able to help place the wreaths and to everyone who sponsored a wreath or donated to WAA.

Our club members will have the opportunity to participate in the Wreaths Across America Wreath Removal Day that will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 11:00 A.M. at the Danville National Cemetery. Builders Club members have an opportunity to help remove the wreaths from the graves on this day. We will have more information about this at our January meeting.

Finally, we had nine members who were able to spend the day at St. James United Methodist Church volunteering for the Toys for Tots program. This was our second year participating in this awesome community activity. It was a lot of work but very enjoyable and rewarding.

The Builders Club also continues to oversee our school's paper recycling. The club members empty recycling boxes from the classrooms into large totes that are then placed outside for pick up. Also, please consider adding the General Mills Box Tops for Education App to your phone. You can scan your receipts on the Box Tops App to help our club earn funds to help with our community and school service projects. If you have questions about this project or any of our projects, please contact Mrs. Delzell at delzellk@danville118.org

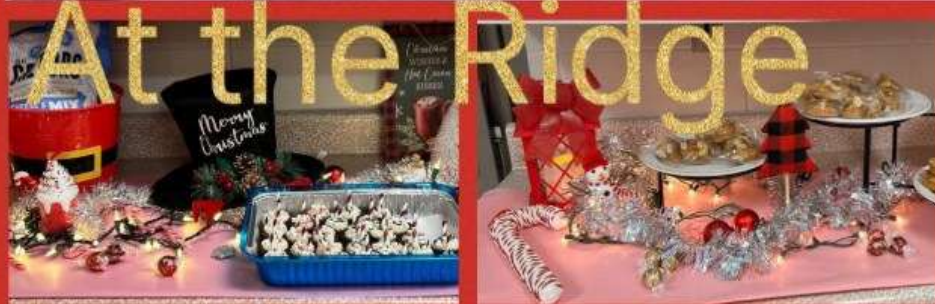
Our upcoming meetings are on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, Wednesday, January 21, 2026, Wednesday, February 4, 2026, and Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 8:15 AM in the school library.

We will begin working on our Valentines for Veterans project.

Happy New Year 2026 from the NRMS Builders Club!

Another wonderful Cocoa Bar for
The North Ridge Staff from
The Montalvo's ♥ We hope all enjoyed and
Here's to 2026 !

Montalvo Cocoa Bar



**North Ridge
Builders Club
Salvation Army
Toys for Tots
Wreaths across
America**





EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION



CONGRATULATIONS MICHELLE BAYS

OUR EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Thank you for always being willing to step up and help out your colleagues. Thank you for subbing for others when someone is ill and for assisting with extracurricular activities.

Thank you for your unwavering support of our school and for always being someone we can count on.

YOUR COLLEAGUES CELEBRATE YOU

REMINDER:

THE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH PARKING SPACE
IS RESERVED FOR MS. BAYS THIS MONTH.
PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THIS SPOT.



December 8th Grade Student of the Month

Dalton Pankow

He always follows classroom rules and expectations. Dalton gets along well with everyone and is well liked by his peers. Even when work is challenging for him, he asks for help or does his best to get his work completed

Keep up the good work



December 6th Grade Student of the Month



Shawn Deates

He spreads joy and delight wherever he goes.



NORTH RIDGE

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

◆ SPRING 2026 ◆

Eligibility Criteria

1 or fewer excused absences

1 or fewer tardies each cycle

Attendance Incentive Cycles

Cycle 1

January 12- January 30

Prize: Beats Headphones



Cycle 2

February 2- February 20

Prize: Chromebook



Cycle 3

February 23- March 13

Prize: Nintendo Switch Lite



Cycle 4

March 23- April 10

Prize: Smart TV



Cycle 5

April 13- May 1

Prize: Beats Headphones



Cycle 6

May 4- May 22

Prize: Chromebook



GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

END OF THE YEAR DAY PARTY - HALF DAY

Date May 27

Eligibility Criteria:

Must meet attendance requirements each cycle

*Only students eligible during each cycle will be entered into the final drawing.

