

DPS Principal Newsletter

2025-2026

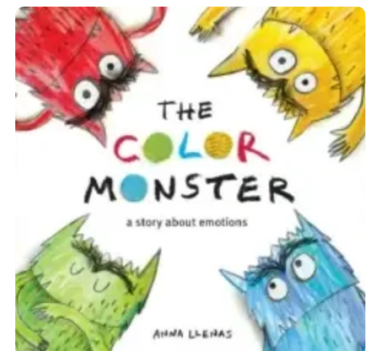
February 13th



Mid-Winter Break 2/16-2/20

Wishing all DPS families a fun and relaxing mid-winter break! I hope you enjoy the extra time together with both cozy indoor moments and outdoor adventures (as long as it's a little warmer out there).

Be sure to read about "*The Color Monster*" below and check your child's backpack for a list of simple activities to try over the break.



Parenting Playbook

Courtesy of the Counseling Department

Can one soda at dinner make a difference?



20 oz Soda

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6 Donuts

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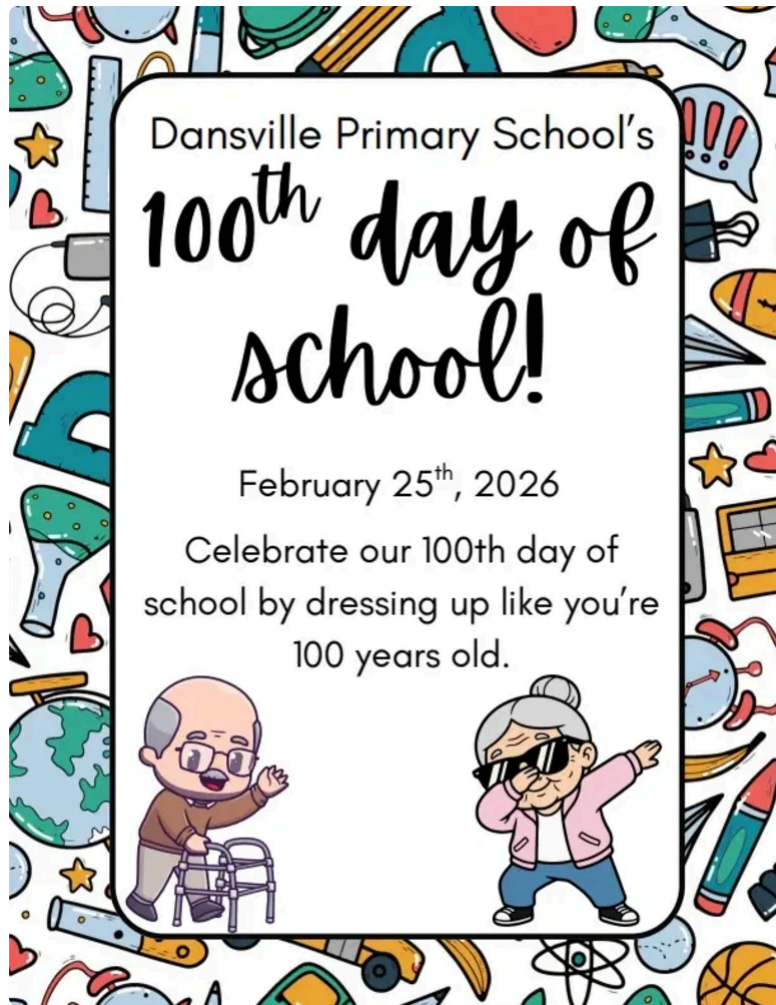
18 Cookies

#RethinkYourDrink

Indy Kids Are Sweet Enough



Day/Date	Time	Activity/Location
Monday, 2/23 (E)	6:00 pm	PTO Meeting (EBH Library)
Tuesday, 2/24 (F)		
Wednesday, 2/25 (A)		
Thursday, 2/26 (B)		
Friday, 2/27 (C)		



Upcoming Events

3/2 - 3pk/4pk Lottery for 26-27 School Year and Registration for Kindergarten Begins

3/11 & 3/12- Parent-Teacher Conferences (half-day of school)

3/13- Superintendent Conference Day (no school for students)

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Families, this is a reminder that to help our teachers fit in all students for conferences and ensure that all caregivers receive the same information, we will be offering only **one conference per child**. Thank you for understanding.

Highlights of the Week

Whole School Morning Meeting

We had a fun-filled morning meeting today. Highlights included:

- A report on Student Council's recent community projects
- Special area awards
- Watching the Healthy Heart video (see below)
- Celebrating the cross-age buddy activity from January
- Read Aloud by Miss Waldon of "The Color Monster" along with special guest actresses (Mrs. Troll, Mrs. Blodgett, Ms. Padden, Mrs. Barber and Miss Gebhard)



Healthy Heart Video





The Color Monster

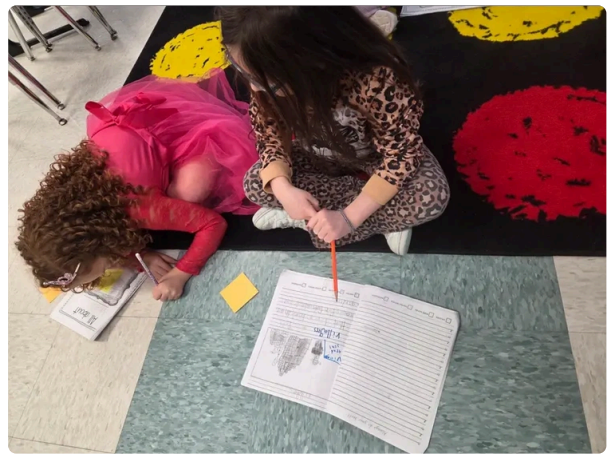
DPS is engaging in a Community Book Read of "The Color Monster". The goal is to build a shared understanding of emotions across grade levels as well as help students identify, name, and talk about their feelings in a common language. By having students listen to the book and engage in activities at both school and home, we hope to strengthen social-emotional learning, empathy, and positive connections throughout the school community. A link to the animated read aloud of "The Color Monster" is below along with a link to the at home activities to try.

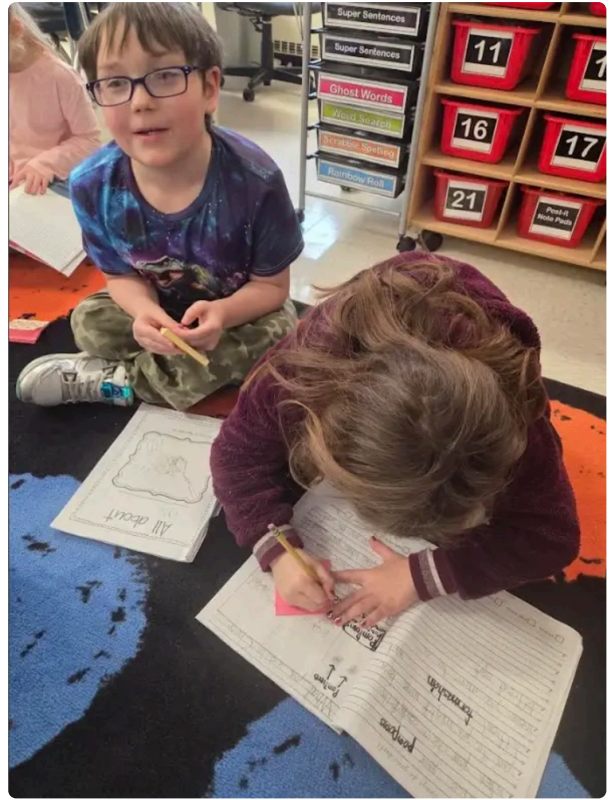
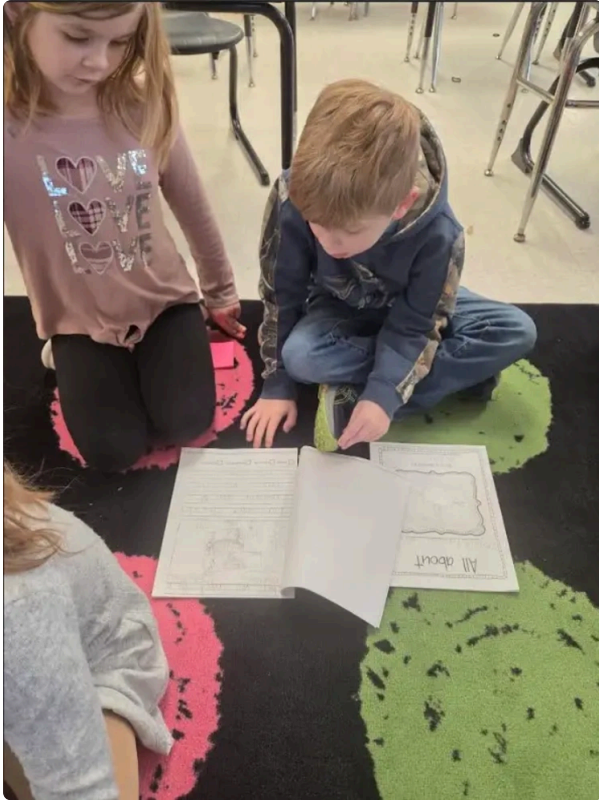
"The Color Monster" Read Aloud

At Home Activities

Mrs. Sick - 2nd Grade Highlight of the Week

During Writer's Workshop, our second graders are working on their informational writing by becoming nonfiction authors from the heart. In this unit, they are stepping into the role of experts and writing nonfiction books about topics they know well and care about. They are learning to write longer nonfiction books with chapters, which is a brand-new challenge! They are currently working on rereading their writing to see where they can add even more information. Working with a partner, they reread their books and thoughtfully asked, "*What questions would my audience have?*" Together, they revised by adding clearer explanations, helpful details, and answers to those questions. They proudly shared their updated books showing how writing changes when we write with a specific audience in mind.





Healthy Heart Week

Each year DPS celebrates Healthy Heart week to help students understand the importance of taking care of their hearts through healthy habits. This year included -

- 4PK-2nd grade students participating in an obstacle course designed to look like an actual heart with Mr. Wampole and Coach W. Students moved through it like blood traveling through the body. With a video highlighting the fun shown at morning meeting!
- Starting the day with each class doing a short exercise right at their desk/table spot to get their blood pumping (see links below).
- A coloring contest with a few students from each grade level announced as winners.

Dance in Place

Swim in Place

Jumping Jacks

Chair Up and Down

Toe Touches

Spreading Valentine Cheer

Thank you to some Student Council members for delivering 150 Valentine's Day cards made by DPS students during lunch to the Livingston County Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation. We are so proud of our students for brightening the day for residents and reflecting the caring spirit of our DPS community.



REV Theatre

On Wednesday, REV Theatre performed Itsy-Bitsy Spider for kindergartners. They do an excellent job of bringing stories to life in an engaging and age-appropriate way, including having students meet the actors/actresses in advance and having teachers/students participate in the performance.



Happy Ramadan!

Shout out to Mrs. Walden and Mrs. Folts for collaborating on this Ramadan display in the library!



3PK Olympics

Last Friday, 3PK held an Olympic Opening Ceremony complete with music, torches, and flags along with a two man bobsled event!



Did You Know

Mosaci Dental Visits

Mosaic Dental Services will be here at DPS on **March 5th, 6th, 9th, and 10th.**

Please be sure to complete your student's enrollment form promptly in order for your student to be seen. You may return the paper registration, scan the QR code below in the flyer, or visit: <https://mosaichealth.org/community-dentistry-online-registration>









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Better happens together.

**DENTAL SERVICES ARE COMING TO
YOUR STUDENT'S SCHOOL**

NO NEED FOR YOU TO MISS WORK OR FOR YOUR STUDENT TO MISS SCHOOL.
SERVICES PROVIDED ON-SITE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

SERVICES PROVIDED

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SCREENINGS
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DENTAL HEALTH
EDUCATION
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X-RAYS
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CLEANINGS
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INTRA ORAL
PHOTOS
- 
TELEHEALTH DENTAL
EXAMS BY A DENTIST
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FLUORIDE
TREATMENTS
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REFERRAL
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SEALANTS

ENROLL YOUR STUDENT TODAY!

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Dansville Primary School

IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ENROLLMENT FORM SENT HOME WITH YOUR STUDENT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR STUDENTS SCHOOL TO REQUEST ONE.
QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL: (585) 243-7847



Dansville Primary School Registration for the 2026-2027 school year:

3PK (half-day or full day TBD)
Pre-K (full day)
Kindergarten

3PK & PK - starting February 2nd with lottery on
March 2nd

(Application must be received by February 27th to be included in the lottery)

Kindergarten - starting March 2nd

Children who will be three (3) years old for 3PK, four (4) years old for PK and five (5) years old by December 1, 2026 **and** reside in the Dansville school district are eligible to enroll.

If your child is **currently enrolled** in one of the above programs, it is **NOT** necessary to re-enroll them.

Registration packets will be mailed out to families the week of January 26th. If you need a packet please contact Brittney Bennett @ the Primary School directly at 335-4040 x2003.

Neighborhood Forest

Would your child like a free tree to plant in your yard?

Neighborhood Forest continues to donate trees to children throughout the United States. Their mission is to give every child joy and to reduce our carbon footprint. Read more about it here - <https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/>

Click the button below to register your child for a free tree. Registration deadline is **March 15th, 2026**.

Register for a Free Tree



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
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

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.

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

Community News

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 1p ALZ Support Gp. 6p Adults' Craft Night*	3	4 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	5	6	7 Take Your Child to the Library Day 9a MTG Draft 11a Friends of DPL open meeting
8	9 4p Board of Trustees Meeting	10 3p STEAM Session*	11 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	12 10:30a CCE's Heart-Healthy w/ DASH* 6:30p Ravenous Readers	13	14 Lovin' Dansville
15	16 Library Closed	17	18 1p Crafternoon* 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	19	20	21 10a Author visit with Gael Orr
22	23	24 6p Tech Time*	25 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	26	27	28 11a Valentine's Escape for Teens* 11a BookTok Book Club
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February Youth Programs Dansville Public Library

Visit bit.ly/DansvilleLibraryCalendar for info about these programs and more!

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TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

#takeyourchildtothelibraryday

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for all youth!
**STEAM Session:
Storm-in-a-Jar**

 February 10
@ 3:00p
register online
t.ly/wNH9e



 **February 3**
Snowy Valentines!

 **February 10**
Tooth Fairy Stories

 **February 17**
Winter Holiday Fest

Storytime @ DPL
Tuesdays @ 6:00p 

BABY RAVE  **PENGUIN THEMED**

AGE 2 & UNDER | **24 FEB** | **6 PM**

Register online >> t.ly/WMCh7B

Concerned about your child's communication and play skills?

Join our study to learn strategies to support your child's communication development alongside other parents on Zoom!

Who can participate?

English-speaking parents/caregivers and children 18 months to 8 years with suspected or diagnosed autism.

Families living anywhere in New York State can participate in the study!

What will you and your child do in the study?

You and your child will participate in a free 6 week training program consisting of three 1.5-hour group teaching sessions with other parents and three 1-hour individual coaching sessions. **All sessions take place on Zoom.**

The program will include learning evidence-based strategies that can be used to support the growth of your child's communication and play skills. Your child only needs to attend the individual sessions.

You will be asked to complete online surveys and participate in a Zoom interview and recorded parent-child play session before/after the program.

Want to participate? Scan the QR code to complete an interest survey.

Questions about Project GORGES?

(Groups Overcoming Roadblocks to Growing self-Efficacy & Skills)

Email Dr. Matt Zellner, PhD, CCC-SLP (mzellner@ithaca.edu)



projectgorges.com

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This study has been approved by the Ithaca College Institutional Review Board (# 573)



HEALTH CONDITION SPOTLIGHTS

LEARN MORE ABOUT CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS
AFFECTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM VIA ZOOM

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AUTISM

[HTTPS://CORNELL.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/972M5U6LQ0A8SRHWIIPQG](https://cornell.zoom.us/j/972M5U6LQ0A8SRHWIIPQG)



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ANXIETY

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ADHD

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CONDUCT PROBLEMS**

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**LEARNING
DISABILITIES**

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FEBRUARY 2026 SEMINARS

- Seminar 1: The Power of Positive Parenting**
Tuesday, February 3rd 2026 @ 1:00 PM
- Seminar 2: Raising Confident, Competent Children**
Tuesday, February 10th 2026 @ 1:00 PM
- Seminar 3: Raising Resilient Children**
Tuesday, February 17th 2026 @ 1:00 PM
- INTRODUCING...Seminar 4!**
- Seminar 4: Healthy Screen Time Habits for Children**
Tuesday, February 24th 2026 @ 1:00 PM

Registration is not required.

You may attend any number of sessions, regardless of previous attendance.
Certificate of completion provided for each seminar

WHERE: VIRTUAL

Scan the QR Code
or email us and we will
send a Zoom Link!



Small Changes, Big Differences

Parenting is rewarding, but it can be tricky at times. From picky eaters to messy rooms to kids who won't listen, our trained facilitators share practical tips to make life easier.

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For inquiries
or to request a Zoom link,
please contact:

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MWhite@casa-trinity.org

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SBancroft@casa-trinity.org

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Young Athletes we need you!!!



Special Olympics
Young Athletes

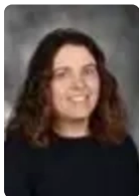


8 week Spring Session!
Feb 7th, Feb 14th, Feb 21st, Feb 28th, March 14th, March 21st, March 28th, April 4th

The Young Athletes Program introduces children with and without intellectual disabilities ages 2-7 (Pre-K to 2nd grade) to the world of sports through fun activities that support cognitive, social, and motor skill development (walking on a floor-level balance beam, jumping on targets), as well as encourage the development of age appropriate sports skills.

Saturday Mornings 10am-11am
Al Sigi Center
1000 Elmwood Ave
Rochester NY
(Door 1 Entrance)

For more information or volunteer opportunities please reach out to Lindsay Jewett at 585-259-4558 or at Lindsayjewett1484@gmail.com



Contact info

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

- Phone - (585) 335-4040
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