

DPS Principal Newsletter

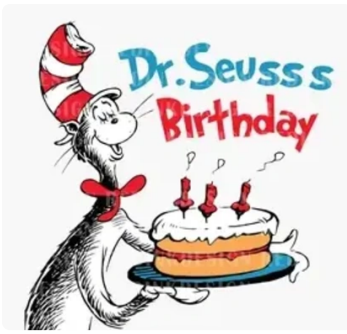
2025-2026

February 27th



Morning Drop Off

For everyone's safety and to help our buses move efficiently, please park in the DPS side lot or use the DPS drop-off loop rather than parking in front of the building. Keeping the front clear allows buses to flow smoothly and ensures a safer arrival for all students.



Parenting Playbook

Below are a couple of home activities to consider in honor of Dr. Seuss's Birthday on March 2nd!

Make Oobleck

From Bartholomew and the Oobleck

Materials:

- 1 to 1 1/2 cups of water
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups of cornstarch
- Drops of food coloring (optional)
- Newspapers to contain any potential mess!
- Mixing bowl and fork



Start with the water in a bowl and stir in the cornstarch a little at a time until you get the consistency of thick honey. When it gets too thick to stir with a fork, switch to mixing it by hand. It can be tricky to get the proportions right, but the process itself is fun, just play with it until it feels right and use it as a lesson on texture.





Squeeze it, roll it, pound it, jab it, make a puddle with it, and throw it. Put it in a container and observe the change in shape when you remove it. Oobleck is a fun exercise on *Properties of Matter* and the concepts of *liquid and solid* because it has properties of each depending on how much pressure you apply. There is a video on YouTube of someone actually walking across a tub of Oobleck! It will make a glorious mess, but it can be washed away with water (food coloring may take a little longer to wear off).

Note: Be cautious not to pour Oobleck down the drain when you are done - it will clog the drain.

Cup Stacking Challenge

Graphing Goldfish

You will receive a small amount of goldfish crackers. Sort the crackers by color and place on your graph. Add up each color and then your total number of fish.

 ORANGE								
 GREEN								
 YELLOW								
 RED								



ORANGE _____



GREEN _____




YELLOW _____



RED _____



TOTAL GOLDFISH

Day/Date	Time	Activity/Location
Monday, 3/2 (D)		National School Social Worker's Week!!
Tuesday, 3/3 (E)		
Wednesday, 3/4 (F)	6:00 pm	Kindergarten Teacher Tuck In
Thursday, 3/5 (A)		Mosaic Dental Health
Friday, 3/6 (B)	9:15 am 9:30 am	Mosaic Dental Health 2nd Grade REV Theatre 3PK Outdoor Education



Upcoming Events

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

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

4/3-4/10- No School (Spring Recess)

Highlights of the Week

100th Day Collections

Each grade level engaged in a community service project with the goal of collecting 100 donations. We far exceeded 400 donations thanks to very generous families. Here's the donation amounts and who will benefit from our collections -

3PK/4PK - **495 toothbrushes and 168 tubes of toothpaste** for Genesee Valley Rotary Sunshine Camp

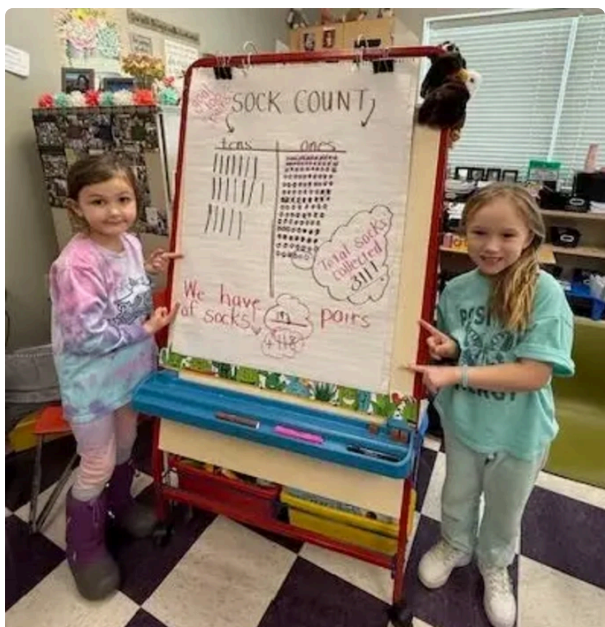
K - **105 pairs of pajamas** for Ady's Jammies which donates to Golisano Children's Hospital

1st - **311 pairs of socks** for Community Answers Needs Network (C.A.N.N.) and other local donation centers

2nd - **250 books** for Noyes and Golisano Children's Hospital

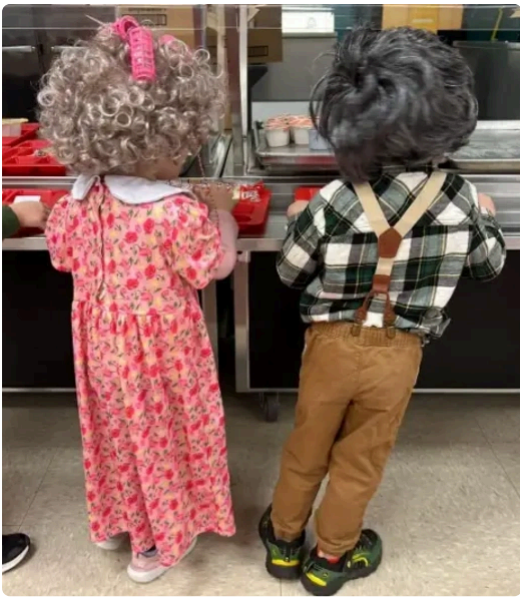
Way to go DPS!





Happy 100th Day!

DPS went all out to celebrate 100 days of school on Wednesday. We dressed up and acted as 100 year olds complete with hats, suspenders, cardigans, glasses, gray hair, curlers, canes, and shuffling steps!





The Color Monster

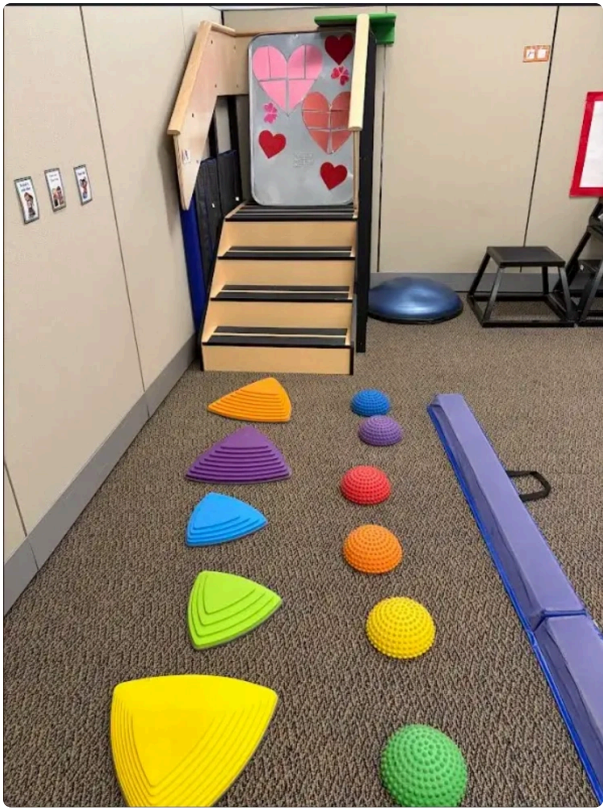
Be sure to ask your child about "The Color Monster" activities they engaged in with special area teachers this week.

"The Color Monster" Read Aloud

At Home Activities

Mrs. Griese - PT Highlight of the Week

Physical Therapy in the primary school focuses on building gross motor skills while having fun. We often work on balance and locomotor skills with a variety of obstacle courses. We work on kicking, throwing, and catching and everyone enjoys target throwing when it involves knocking down a tower of cups. We also work on strength and flexibility with fun yoga poses related to the seasons.



Did You Know

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

The district's School Health Services program supports your student's academic success by promoting health in the school setting. One way that we provide care for your student is by performing the health screenings as mandated by the State of New York.

During this school year, the following screenings will be required or completed at school:

Vision

- Distance and near acuity for all newly entering students and students in Pre-K or Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.
- Color perception screening for all newly entering students.

Hearing

- Hearing screening for all newly entering students and students in Pre-K or Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.

Scoliosis

- Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for all girls in grades 5 and 7, and boys in grade 9.

A letter will be sent home if your student needs follow-up with your healthcare provider. Please call the Health Office directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Erin Smith, RN

Erin Smith, RN
Primary School Nurse
(585) 335-4040 x2010

Primary School Families

Join Us

Camp Read-A-Lot

Crafts, Games, Reading
and More!!

April 30th
5:30-7:00pm

Dansville Primary School





Please Join Us

Dansville Music Boosters

Monthly Meeting

Monday March 16, 2026
@ 6pm

Location :
Dansville Public
Library

Any questions feel free to email :
Dansvillemusicboosters@gmail.com





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 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
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.



On the cart this week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
-Nectarines -Yukon Gold potato	2	3	4	5	6
-Plum -Water chestnut	9	10	11	12	13
-Cabbage -Snap Dragon apple	16	17	18	19	20
-Mango -Spring greens	23	24	25	26	27
-Blackberry	30	31			



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

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



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

DEC 10 ↘ **AUTISM** 

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FEB 11 ↘ **ANXIETY** 

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APRIL 8 ↘ **ADHD** 

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JUNE 10 ↘ **BEHAVIORAL + CONDUCT PROBLEMS** 

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AUG 12 ↘ **LEARNING DISABILITIES** 

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FREE AND OPEN TO ALL CAREGIVERS, YOUTH, AND THOSE WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH. **PRESENTED BY EXPERTS AT WEILL CORNELL MEDICINE.**

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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.

Smart Strategies, Real Support

These 90 minute seminars provide helpful tip sheets and proven parenting tools.

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

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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

At Sigl 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 -

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