

DPS Principal Newsletter

2025-2026

March 6th



Morning Drop Off

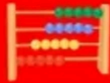
For everyone's safety and to help our buses move efficiently, please park in the DPS side lot or use the DPS drop-off loop rather than parking in front of the building. Keeping the front clear allows buses to flow smoothly and ensures a safer arrival for all students.



DPS Parenting Playbook

Count, add, & subtract in everyday moments:

Count objects or steps and create simple word problems, like when cleaning up or eating snacks ("You have 5 cheerios and want 3 more. How many will you have?"), so children can see how math happens in real life.



Talk about your day

Ask open questions like, "What was your favorite part of today?" or "What do you notice about this?" and share your own thoughts too to build language skills.



Learning Can Happen Everywhere

Notice letters, letter sounds and words:

Point out letters, letter sounds, and words on signs, food packages, or mail. These quick moments help children connect school learning to the world around them.



Explore and wonder together:

Encourage curiosity by noticing nature, weather, or how things work. Asking questions like "Why do you think that happened?" or "What might happen next?" to help build thinking and problem-solving skills.



Day/Date	Time	Activity/Location
Monday, 3/9 (C)		Mosaic Dental
Tuesday, 3/10 (D)	6:30 pm	Mosaic Dental BOE Meeting
Wednesday, 3/11 (E)	8:30-10:30 11:30 am	½ day- AM Specials Geneseo Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry Visit Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thursday, 3/12 (F)		½ Day- PM Specials and STEAM
Friday, 3/13	All Day!!	Superintendent Conference Day



Upcoming Events

3/24- BOE Meeting

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

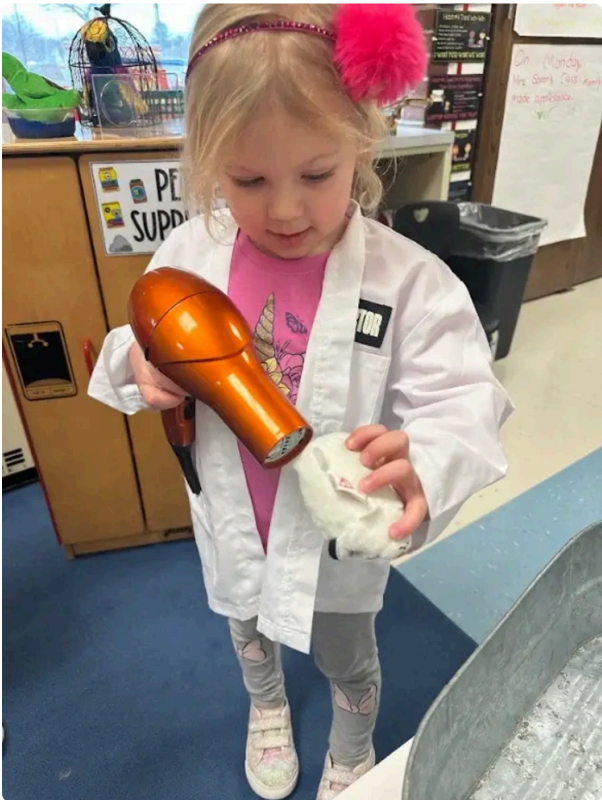
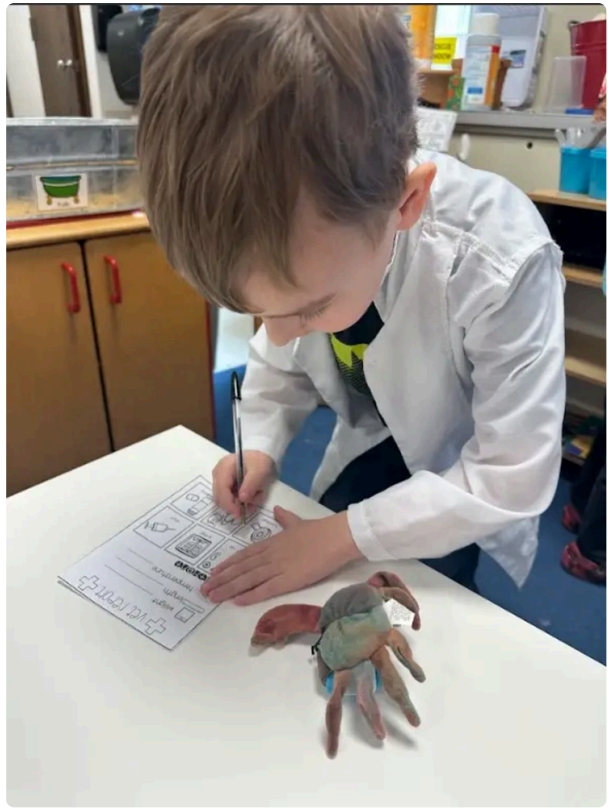
Highlights of the Week

Mrs. Spoor - 4PK Highlight of the Week

The pet doctor is IN! Dramatic play is powerful learning in Pre-K and Mrs. Spoor's class has a **veterinary clinic** that brings it to life! As children pretend to be veterinarians, pet owners, and groomers, they build language skills, practice turn-taking, and learn to communicate clearly.

Caring for animals nurtures empathy and responsibility, while filling out forms, counting supplies, and scheduling appointments strengthen early literacy and math skills. Most importantly, children gain confidence and cooperation as they make sense of real-world experiences through play!

Who knows... the Class of 2039 might have some graduates headed for animal care careers!



K Teacher Tuck In

The Kindergarten team hosted their annual *Kindergarten Teacher Tuck-In* event. It was a very fun Dr. Seuss themed evening. Students enjoyed a visit with The Cat in the Hat, rotated between a variety of Seuss inspired activities, listened to engaging read-alouds, enjoyed a snack, and choose a new book to take home.



Do these look familiar?

These boots have been left behind in the nurses office. If they belong to your child, please let their teacher know!

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

STUDENT COUNCIL
DANSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

DONATION DRIVE

The
**DANSVILLE PRIMARY
STUDENT COUNCIL**
is collecting donations
for the
**DPS HORNELL HHS
HUMANE SOCIETY!**

🐾 **MARCH 2nd - MARCH 27th** 🐾

**PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS
IN THE MAIN OFFICE** →

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ITEMS NEEDED:

 Canned Dog & Cat Food	 Blankets & Towels (New/Gently Used)
 Dry Pet Food (Sealed)	 Cleaning Supplies (Paper Towels, Bleach)
 Cat Litter	 Pet Beds
 Pet Toys	 Leashes & Collars

Help make a difference for our furry friends!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! 🐾

Our Wish List

Next time you go shopping, consider adding an extra item or two to bring to the shelter:

- Postage Stamps
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- HE Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softener Sheets
- Bleach
- Trash Bags - 13 & 30 Gallon
- Computer Paper
- Hand Soap
- Dish Soap
- Batteries (AAA & AA)
- Cat Toys
- Canned Kitten/ Cat Food
- KMR Kitten Milk Replacer
- Equine Pine Pellets (our form of cat litter - Tractor Supply)
- Dog toys: Kongs & Nylabones (No Rawhide or Rope Toys Please)
- Science Diet Dry Cat & Dog Food
- Dog Collars, Leashes, & Harnesses
- Dog & Cat Treats
- Gerber Baby Meats - Turkey, Chicken, Beef (No Ham Please)



We always appreciate monetary donations,
your 5 cent returnables, and those who
volunteer their time to help us help the animals!

Primary School Families

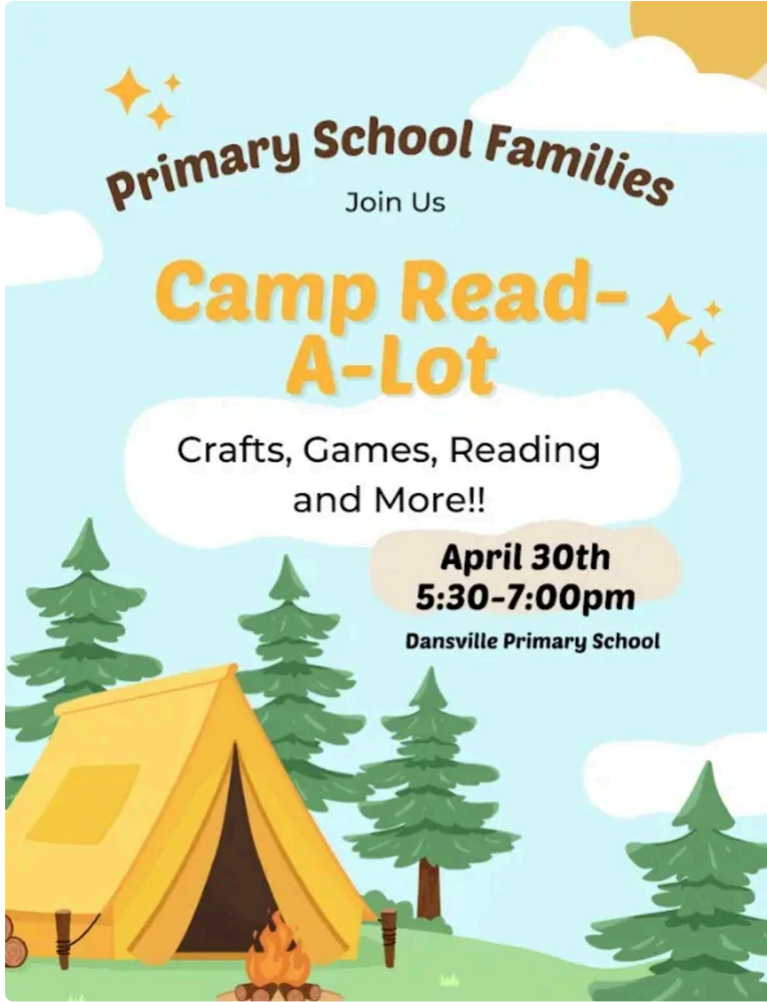
Join Us

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:

Mary (Livingston County)
MWhite@casa-trinity.org

Sarah (Chemung County)
SBancroft@casa-trinity.org

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Young Athletes we need you!!!



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 -

- Phone - (585) 335-4040
- Email - gohom@dansvillecsd.org