

DPS Principal Newsletter

2025-2026

April 2nd



Spring Recess

Wishing your family a wonderful Spring recess! I hope this time provides an opportunity for relaxation, family time, and fun experiences! I look forward to seeing the students back on April 13th for the last few months of school!

Parenting Playbook

Courtesy of the Counseling Department



APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY IS April 2nd

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER
is a range of conditions affecting social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication.

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with celebrations to understand this disorder. Here are some facts to learn what autism is and how you can help those who have it.

AWARENESS

- Most obvious signs of autism appear between two and three years old.
- Children may fail to respond to their name or have a reduced interest in people.
- Around one third of people with autism stay nonverbal their whole life.
- Seizures, ADHD, and anxiety frequently accompany autism.

ACTION

- Developmental delay screenings should occur at nine months.
- Autism Spectrum Disorder screenings should be at 18 months.
- Child psychologists and neurologists can help detect autism in your child.

INCLUSION & ACCEPTANCE

- Children with Autism don't get the same sense of inclusion in schools as other children, making them feel excluded and alienated.
- Adults with autism often have trouble getting a job.
- Social inclusion is having access to education, health care, and services.
- The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities states those with autism have the right to be included in their community.

USE THE HASHTAG #LIGHTITUPBLUE ACROSS SOCIAL MEDIA
platforms to share your experiences and help light the world in blue this April!

Day/Date	Time	Activity/Location
Monday, 4/13 (C)		
Tuesday, 4/14 (D)	6:30 pm	BOE Meeting
Wednesday, 4/15 (E)		Bus Safety Drills
Thursday, 4/16 (F)		1st Grade REV theater
Friday, 4/17 (A)	8:20 am	4PK-2nd Morning Meeting 3PK Outdoor Education



Upcoming Events

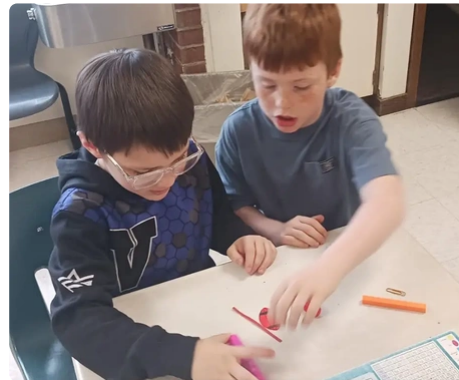
22- School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

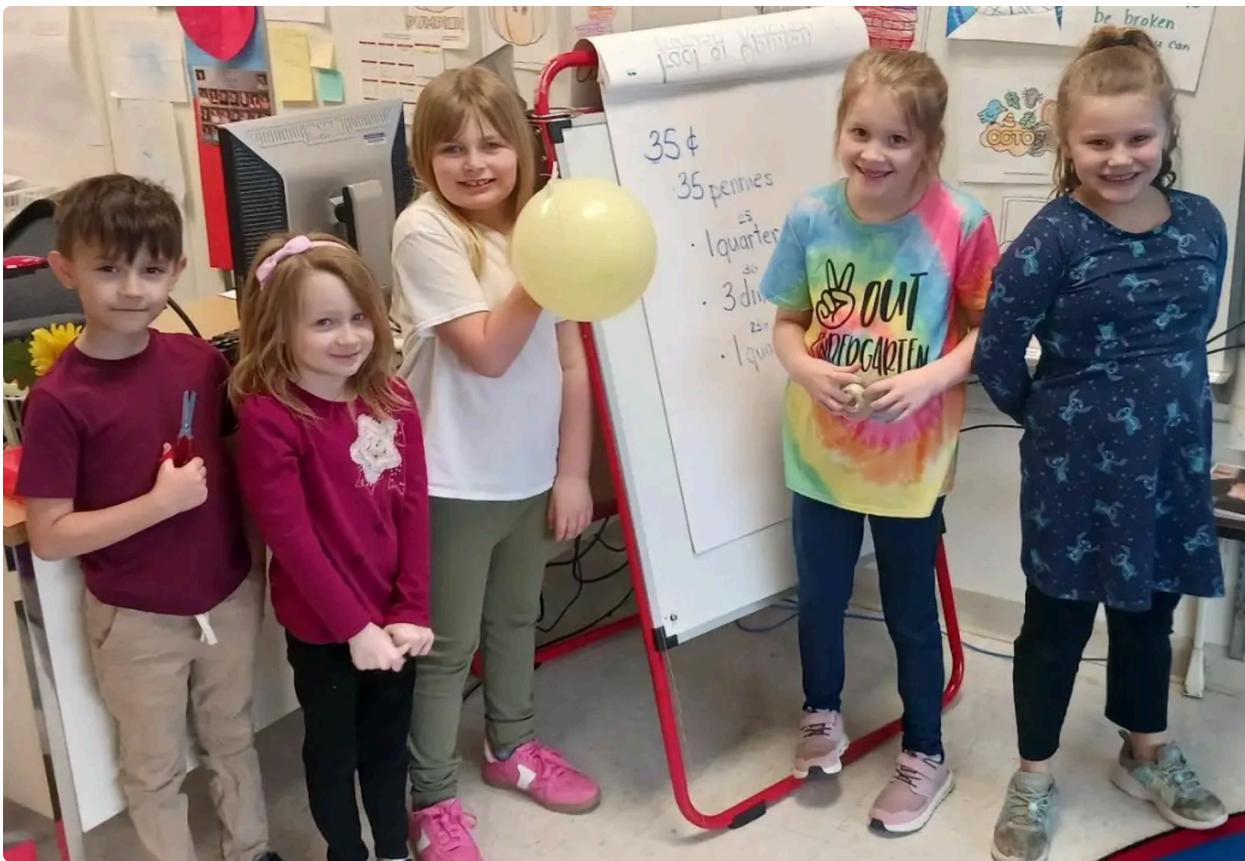
27- BOE Meeting

Highlights of the Week

Mr. Kranz - 2nd Grade Highlight of the Week

Mr. Kranz's 2nd grade class has been doing a science unit on the Properties of Matter. Activities have included sorting and classifying objects, "Penny Cleaning", a Mystery Bag and Liquid Races. Most recently, students were challenged to make a balloon rocket to fly in the classroom! Our class is full of great scientists!





Did You Know

Feedback!!!

Families please take a minute to click the button below to provide feedback regarding The Color Monster community read and activities that students engaged in over the last two months. **The link was updated so it will work this time!** Your feedback is appreciated.

WE WANT
TO HEAR
FROM YOU

TAKE OUR
SURVEY

The Color Monster Survey

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

FAMILY SWIM

April 2nd
April 16th
April 23rd

6:00-8:00pm

Dansville HS pool
Free Admission



Enter the school at the door behind the gym, across from the primary school playground.

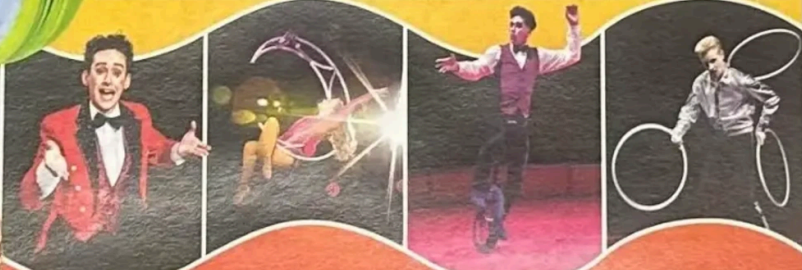
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**BILLY MARTIN'S
COLE
ALL STAR
CIRCUS**
SLINKO'S BIRTHDAY
BASH!

SAT APRIL 25 VISA DISCOVER
DANVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL GYM
SHOWTIME: 7:00 PM
BENEFIT: Dansville Baseball Program
CARDS ACCEPTED AT THE CIRCUS
REGULAR ADULT \$20 AT THE DOOR
**YOU PAY \$15
WITH THIS COUPON**
LIMIT ONE DISCOUNT PER PURCHASE

**SAVE
\$5 PER
ADULT
AND GET
2 FREE
KIDS TICKETS
WITH THIS COUPON**



JOIN SLINKO & SPECIAL GUEST STARS FOR AN ALL-NEW SHOW!

Primary School Families

Join Us

Camp Read- A-Lot

Crafts, Games, Reading
and More!!

April 30th
5:30-7:00pm

Dansville Primary School





**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.*



Dansville Central School

WE ARE HIRING

OPEN SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS

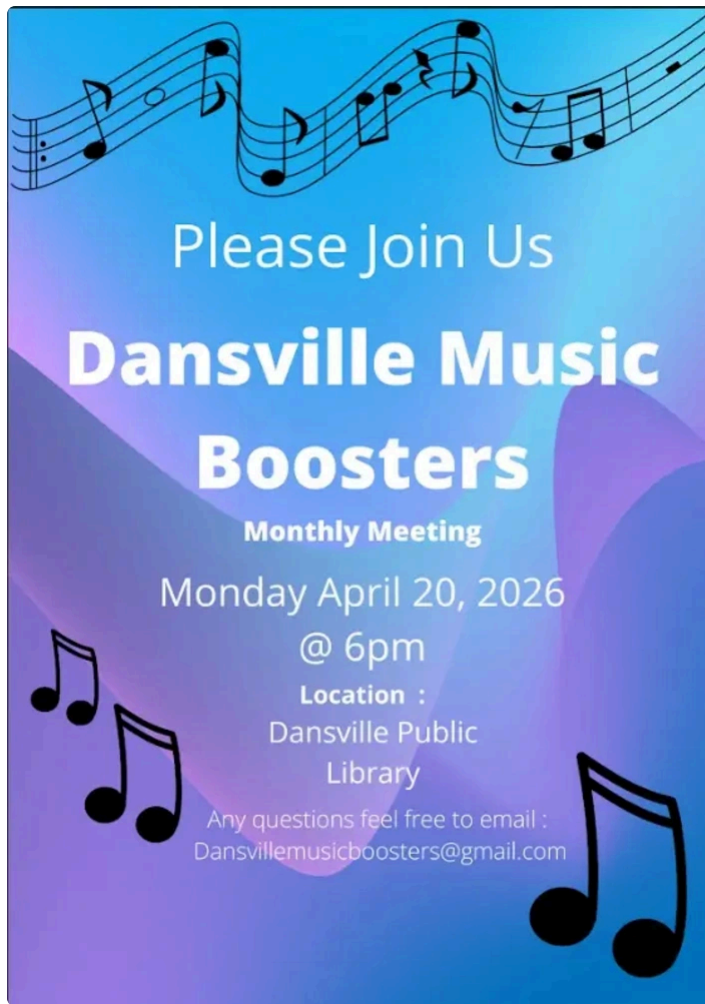
- **Teachers**
- **Teacher Aides**
- **Nurses**
- **Bus Drivers**
- **Bus Attendants**

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

***** NOTE: The April calendars will be added as soon as they are published.**

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	M	T	W	T	F
-Asparagus					
Spring Break					
Jazz Apple -Daikon					
-Dragonfruit -Snow Pea					
-Papaya					



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

EASTER EGG HUNT

at Church Street Park / Gazebo

in Dansville NY

Sat. April 4th @ 11am



COME SEE THE EASTER BUNNY!

BOUNCE HOUSE, & Face Painting too!

Event is FREE and open to ALL !

Put on by: Sparta Center Church

HEALTH CONDITION SPOTLIGHTS

LEARN MORE ABOUT CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS
AFFECTING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM VIA ZOOM

DEC 10  **AUTISM** 

[HTTPS://CORNELL.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/902MSU6LQ0A85RHWHIIP0G](https://cornell.zoom.us/join/902MSU6LQ0A85RHWHIIP0G)

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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The Village

Now via
ZOOM!

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, 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.

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

Monday April 6th 12pm

This month's topic:

7 Anger Management Strategies

Sharmilla Fassbender

Author of The Heartspace Collective

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81041068793?pwd=ZxacbSCJb5KkjBKoIrcG6AB9epey7I.1>

Meeting ID: 810 4106 8793

Passcode: 352745



Join the Livingston County Department of Health and Geneseo Central School for a

Community Wellness Fair

15+ Community Organizations

Sensory Friendly Activities

Raffles and Giveaways

Face Painting and more!

Wednesday, April 8, 2026
10am - 1pm

Geneseo Central School
4050 Avon-Geneseo Rd.
Geneseo, NY

Need help with transportation?
Questions about the event?
585-243-7299

Families of all ages and stages welcome





Health Condition Spotlight: ADHD

Presented by Dr. Caroline Gillenson of Weill Cornell Medicine

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

10:30-11:30 AM

online and free for parents, caregivers, and
professionals

Register: https://cornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/Buk41SpzRIKW-JLKo_fOKQ



FREE CAR SEAT CHECK



CHILD(REN) &
PARENT/GUARDIAN
MUST BE PRESENT
FOR CAR SEAT
INSPECTION

SAT., APRIL 18, 2026 | 9AM-12PM
CALEDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

3095 MAIN STREET, CALEDONIA, NY 14423

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Livingston County

DRIVE IN'S WELCOME. APPOINTMENTS ENCOURAGED!

Contact CCE Livingston County Traffic Safety Program:
585-991-5432 | trafficsafetycce@cornell.edu

The Traffic Safety Education Program is made possible by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with funding from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.



APRIL 2026 SEMINARS

Seminar 1: The Power of Positive Parenting

Tuesday, April 7th 2026 @ 1:00 PM

Seminar 2: Raising Confident, Competent Children

Tuesday, April 14th 2026 @ 1:00 PM

Seminar 3: Raising Resilient Children

Tuesday, April 21st 2026 @ 1:00 PM

Seminar 4: Healthy Screen Time Habits for Children

Tuesday, April 28th 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

Hope begins here.

CASA  **TRINITY**
COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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Children And Youth With Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

Webinar Series

Presents

Current Controversies in Autism: Causes, Treatments, and the Neurodiversity Perspective



SCAN HERE

(Zoom Link will be sent upon
registering)

Webinar Details:

Does it seem these days that everyone is talking about Autism? Everyone suddenly has Autism?

Let's talk about current controversies: Is there an autism epidemic? What do we know about the causes of Autism? Its evidence-based treatments? What is Profound Autism and what is the Neurodiversity Movement and how do we take into account the full spectrum of support needs and perspectives?

Please join us for a discussion on this timely set of topics.

Thursday, April 30, 2026

11 AM - 12:30 PM

on Zoom

Presenter:

Lisa Shulman, MD

Neurodevelopmental Pediatrician and
Director of Autism Services at the Rose F.
Kennedy Children's Evaluation &
Rehabilitation Center of the Children's
Hospital at Montefiore.



For more information, contact at 347-396-4600 or cyshcn@health.nyc.gov



Closed captioning will be provided.

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Wayland-Cohocton Middle School **HEALTH FAIR**



Wednesday
May 6, 2026



7:15am
-10:50am



WCCS
MS Gym

2350 State Route 63, Wayland, NY 14572



RSVP BY: MAY 1, 2026

JEAN ANTKOWIAK @ JANTKOWIAK@WCCSK12.ORG

OR: KRISTINA LOOP @ KLOOP@WCCSK12.ORG

585-728-2551



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

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- Email - gohom@dansvillecsd.org