

DPS Principal Newsletter

2025-2026

April 24th



Parenting Playbook

De-escalating Big Feelings



STAY CALM AND CO-REGULATE

Keep your voice slow, your body relaxed, and your words minimal. Model the calm you want to see:

- "I'm right here. You're safe."
- Sit or kneel to their level rather than standing over them.



VALIDATE FEELINGS BEFORE REDIRECTING BEHAVIOR

Name the feeling without agreeing to inappropriate behavior:

- "You're really mad you can't have that toy."
 - "It's hard when things don't go your way."
- Once they feel heard, they're more open to guidance.



OFFER SIMPLE CHOICES TO RESTORE CONTROL

Give two acceptable options to help children regain a sense of control:

- "Do you want to walk to the car or hop like a bunny?"
- "Clean up blocks first or books first?"



USE A CALM-DOWN ROUTINE (NOT A PUNISHMENT)

Create a predictable way to regulate emotions so they are learning how to calm down:

- Cozy corner with a stuffed animal or sensory item
- Deep breathing
- Counting slowly together

Day/Date	Time	Activity/Location
Monday, 4/27 (A)	6:30 pm	BOE Meeting
Tuesday, 4/28 (B)		School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
Wednesday, 4/29 (C)		
Thursday, 4/30 (D)	5:30 pm	Camp Read-A-Lot
Friday, 5/1 (E)		School Principal Appreciation Day!! School Lunch Hero Day!!

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

SAT APRIL 25 VISA DISCOVER
DANSVILLE
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



Upcoming Events

May 4-8 - Teacher Appreciation Week
May 6- School Nurse Appreciation Day
May 6- 2nd Grade Music Informance
May 7- 4PK Field Trip
May 21 - DPS Leadership Day

Highlights of the Week

Mrs. Smith - Nurse's Office Highlight of the Week

Hello from the Health Office!

Spring has our little ones getting outside to play more often! In the Health office we see many playground injuries and insect bites/stings this time of year. It's also tick season! It's important to inspect your child after outside play, especially in wooded areas. Here's some tips to be smart about ticks:

- In tick-infested areas, your best protection is to avoid contact with soil, leaf litter and vegetation. However, if you garden, hike, camp, hunt, work, or otherwise spend time in the outdoors, you can still protect yourself:
- Wear light-colored clothing with a tight weave to spot ticks easily.
- Wear enclosed shoes, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Tuck pant legs into socks or boots and shirt into pants.
- Check clothes and any exposed skin frequently for ticks while outdoors and check again once indoors.
- Consider using insect repellent. Follow label directions.
- Stay on cleared, well-traveled trails. Avoid contacting vegetation.
- Avoid sitting directly on the ground or on stone walls.
- Keep long hair tied back.

You find a tick attached to you or your child! Now what?

Don't panic. Not all ticks are infected, and your risk of acquiring Lyme disease is greatly reduced if the tick is removed within the first 36 hours after attachment.

Remove the tick promptly and properly:

- Using tweezers, grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible.
- Gently pull the tick in a steady, upward motion.
- Wash the area with a disinfectant or alcohol.

For more tips, visit - <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2825/>

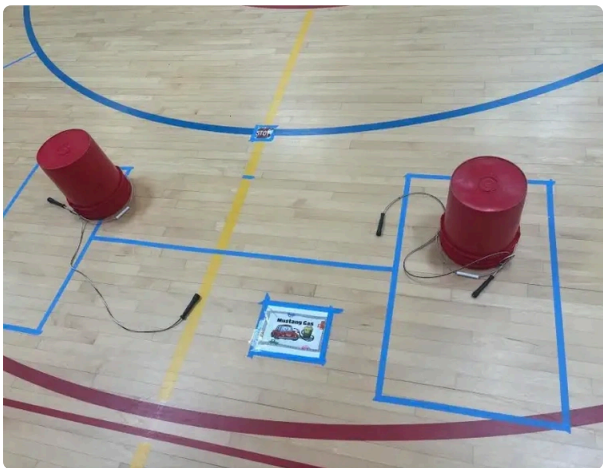
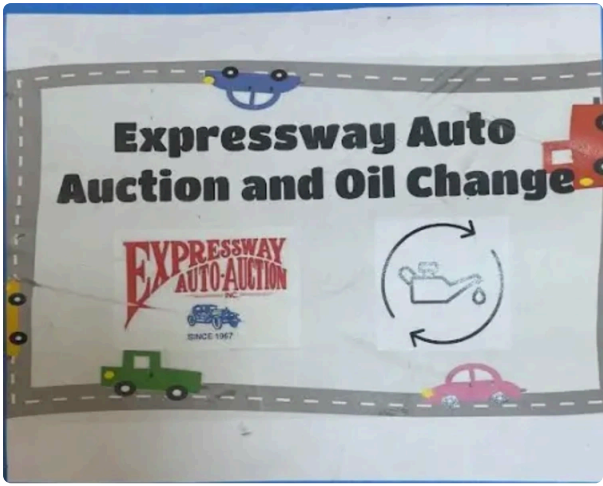
4PK Car Parade

DPS "buckled up" for a "honking" fun 4PK car parade. Students safely drove through the hallways and showed off their cars. Thanks to Deputy Murphy for safely leading the parade. What a fun way to end the transportation unit!



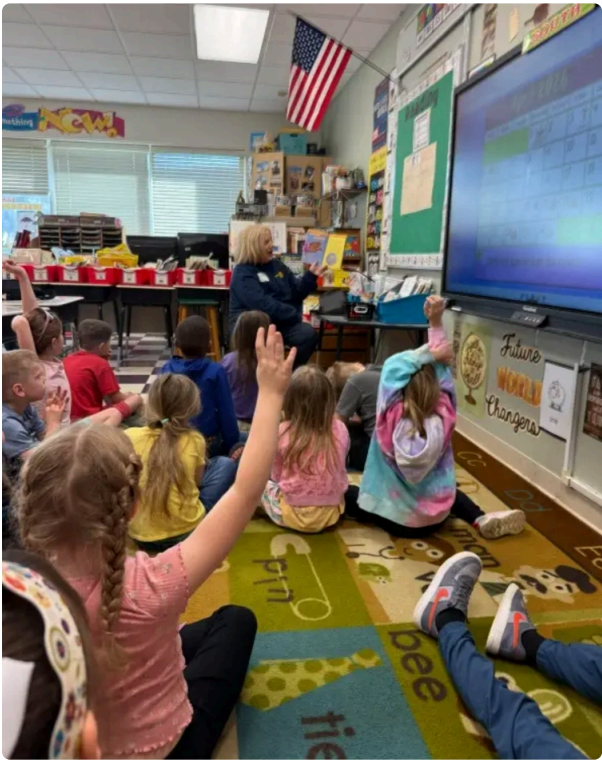
Scooter City

Mr. Wampole introduced our K-2nd grade students to "Scooter City". The students got to drive (their scooters) around the city and stop at various locations (stations) to do activities, including Babcock Basetball Courts, Charcoal Coral, YMCA, Ice Cream Isle, and Livingston Lanes.



Rotary Readers

DPS is so grateful for our community partners. Thank you Rotary Readers for donating books and reading to our classes.





2026 Best Communities for Music Education Award

We are very honored to receive this award from the NAMM Foundation. The strong support that we have for music education from our teachers and community is unique. It's wonderful to receive this award in recognition of the wider support that we enjoy here at Dansville Central School.

Did You Know

A red poster with a white central box. At the top, it says "DANSVILLE PRIMARY LEADERSHIP DAY". In the center, "SAVE THE DATE" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below this, the date "21 MAY, 2026" is displayed in white on black rectangular backgrounds. The poster is decorated with three yellow smiley face icons: one on the right side of the central box, one on the left side, and one at the bottom left. At the bottom of the poster, it lists the event details: "GRADE LEVEL SHOWCASE" with times "4PK/K- 8:30-9:15" and "1ST/2ND- 10:15-11:00", and "WHOLE SCHOOL MORNING MEETING" at "9:30-10:00".

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.



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



**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

May PK Breakfast Menu

PK Lunch Menu

PK May Lunch Menu

K-2 Breakfast Menu

K-2 May Breakfast Menu

K-2 Lunch Menu

K-2 May 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.

APRIL 2026

On the cart
this week

M T W T F

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

May 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
On the cart this week: -Bok Choy/Nectarines				 
Summer Squash/Watermelon				
-Pineapple -Strawberry				
-Honeydew Melon -Leeks/Apricots				 
-McIntosh Apples -Cotton Candy Grapes				



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



**Summer soccer
3 PK**

Date: Jun 30th - July 30th
Days : Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 5.15pm - 5.45pm
Location: Frontage Field
Registration : Apr 24th - Jun 6th

- Program is only open to kids in 3PK or was of 3PK age during the 25/26 school year
- One guardian is required to stay with their child for the entirety of the session
- \$30 per child includes tshirt
- This is an introduction to the sport of soccer. Kids will be exposed to the basics of ball control in a fun environment.

Point of Contact
fcd.mustangs@gmail.com

Joel Fassbender (719) 359 1648
Kyle Deleo (585) 730-3087

Register via link or QR Code:
<https://tinyurl.com/uezy979>



**Summer soccer
4 PK - 5TH GRADE**

Date: Jun 30th - July 30th
Days : Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 6pm - 7pm
Location: Frontage Field
Registration : Apr 24th - Jun 6th

- Program open to all kids in 4pk-5th grade of the 25/26 school year
- First four meetups are practices focused on fundamentals and team play. Last 6 are friendly intraprogram games.
- \$40 per child includes tshirt
- Teams are co-ed and grouped into Grades 4pk, & K; 1st & 2nd; 3rd, 4th & 5th
- This program is dependent on volunteer coaches. Please email fcd.mustangs@gmail.com if able to coach, prior to registration.

Point of Contact
fcd.mustangs@gmail.com

Joel Fassbender (719) 359 1648
Kyle Deleo (585) 730-3087

Register via link or QR Code:
<https://tinyurl.com/vc3m8r3u>



April 2026 @ Dansville Library

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	2	3	4
5	6 1p ALZ Support Gp* 6p Adults' Craft Night* 6p Family Movie*	7 3p STEAM Craft* 6p Storytime	8 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	9 6p Genealogy Research Fair 6:30p Ravenous Readers	10 10:30a BrainDance Workshop* 2p Transcribing w/ Smithsonian*	11 11a Friends of DPL open meeting Trustee Candidate applications due Rainboots & Umbrellas
12	13 4p Board of Trustees Meeting	14 3p STEAM Session* 6p Storytime	15 12:30p ALZ Assoc. class 1p Crafternoon* 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	16 11a Board of Trustees Policy Committee meeting 6p Getting Started w/ Genealogy	17	18
19	20	21 6p Storytime	22 10:30a ALZ Assoc. class 10:30a Bird & Tree ID @ Babcock Pk 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	23 6p Oral History Collection	24	25 11a BookTok Book Club
26	27 6p Tech Time*	28 6p Storytime	29 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>dansvillelibrary.org bit.ly/DansvilleLibraryCalendar DansvillePublicLibrary dansvillepubliclibrary</p> </div>	



See DPL @ DPS
Camp Read-A-Lot

May 2026 @ Dansville Library

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 3p Derby Tea Party*	2 9a MTG Multiverse Draft Day
3	4 1p ALZ Support Gp* 6p Adults' Craft Night*	5 5:30p Annual Budget Hearing 6p Storytime	6 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	7 3:30p Youth History Club Info Meeting	8	9 10a Seasonal Sensory Bins First Responders Appreciation
10 Dogwood Festival Friends of DPL Annual Book Sale all week during regular Library hours	11 4p Board of Trustees Meeting	12 10a CarFit w/ CCE 12p Annual Vote 3p STEAM Session* 6p Storytime	13 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	14 6:30p Ravenous Readers	15	16
17	18 6p Tech Time*	19 6p Storytime	20 1p Crafternoon* 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	21 11a Board of Trustees Policy Committee meeting	22	23
24	25 Library Closed	26	27 2p Adults' Cards 6p MTG Multiverse	28 6p Scouts' Programming Info Night	29	30 11a BookTok Book Club



* indicates an event hosted by an outside group
* indicates an event that requires registration

Stop by the Shepard foyer to see the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service poster display, "Pollinators"!

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bit.ly/DansvilleLibraryCalendar
DansvillePublicLibrary
dansvillepubliclibrary

May Youth Programs Dansville Public Library

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

Storytimes

- 05/05 - Children's Book Week
- 05/12 - DAR-sponsored American history storytime & scavenger hunt
- 05/19 - flights of fancy
- [no storytime 05/26]

Storytimes are at 6p unless noted. They're designed for ages 2yo-7yo. Registration isn't required.

Seasonal Sensory Bins

Saturday, May 09
10am - 12pm

No registration necessary

For all youth

STEAM Session: Rube Goldberg Machines

May 12 @ 3:00p
register online [t.ly/mUCDm]

Scouts' Programming

INFORMATION MEETING

Troop Leaders & Parents welcome

Thurs. May 7 6:00p

Preview summer programs

no registration necessary

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@ dansvillepubliclibrary



Dansville Public Library
200 Main. St., Dansville, NY 14437
(585) 335-6720



Triple P

Positive Parenting Program

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

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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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- Email - gohom@dansvillecsd.org