

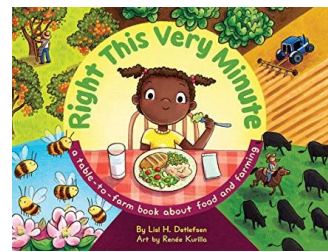
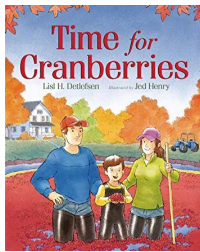
April 2019

KIND
Keep It Nice Daily
Be Kind to Yourself
Be Kind to Others
Be Kind to Downsville

Mark your calendars for our next **Family Night Monday April 29th!** Dinner begins at 5:30. At 6:00 author Lisl H. Detlefsen will share stories of being a writer. She will read her book **RIGHT THIS VERY MINUTE**, share photos of her life as an author on a cranberry marsh, and briefly explain her books. There will be time for a Q&A from the audience and book signing.

Additionally she will provide a writing workshop for grades 3-5. They will discuss **TIME FOR CRANBERRIES**, the differences between fiction and non-fiction, and students will hear earlier drafts of the book and learn about the revision process.

Her books are available at Amazon. If you'd like to purchase one, she will sign them that night.



Parent Survey

As a schoolwide Title I School we are required each year to survey parents regarding involvement as well as school communication. Please take a few minutes to complete the Survey sent via Skylert. If you would prefer a paper copy please call the office and we will send one home with your child. Thank you for taking time to make our Downsville School an even more amazing place!

Important Dates

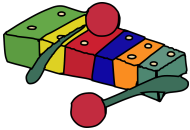
Each month we will let you know some of the important upcoming dates at Downsville



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- April 25 - Student Council - "Slipper's Day!"
- April 26 - K, 1 & 2 Field Trip to Eau Claire Children's Museum
- April 26 - 3-5 Mr. Popper's Penguins - Oxford Theater
- April 29 - Title Literacy Night! (Meet the Author!)
- April 29 - Next years' Kindergarten Visit Night.



- May 6 - "Informance" - 9:30 a.m. (Performance for 3,4,& 5)
- May 7 - "Informance" - Dress Rehearsal - RH Gym 1:30 p.m.
- "Informance" - 6:00 p.m. - RH Gym
- Students report at 5:45 p.m.
- May 15 - 5th grade "Track and Field Day"
- May 17 - 4th & 5th Grade "Madison" Field Trip

- May 21 - 5th grade - Fort Snelling Field Trip
- May 23 - 25 - 5th Grade Camping - Environmental Site.
- May 27 - NO SCHOOL - Vacation Day!
- May 31 - ALL SCHOOL - Environmental Site Field Trip



- June 6 - ALL SCHOOL - Wakanda Water Park Field Trip
- June 7 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Join us for the 5th Pancake Breakfast



No charge
Free-will
Donation

SATURDAY MAY 25, 2019
8:00am until 11:00am

At the Museum on
County Rd C in Downsville

Homemade Buttermilk Pancakes with Fruit Toppings, Real Maple Syrup,
Sausage from Springbrook Meats, Juice & Coffee

For our 2019 Grand opening
Come meet Local Artist
Dan Burleigh Phillips

We will have his art from years-gone-by
as well as current paintings

Learn more about Dan on his website
- <http://danburleighphillips.com/AbouttheArtist> or

The Museum's website
- www.downsvillecommunitymuseum.com or

Like us on Facebook





Here's What's Happening!

Kindergarten- Hello Everyone, Kinder kids have been busy in April! In writing we finished our "How to" writing and have been working on Persuasive writing unit. The children are noticing problems in our classroom, school and world. Then they are writing a letter, book or making a poster to help fix the problem. This unit has been very empowering for the Kinder Kids! They feel they are making a difference to make our school and world a better place to be! In Reading, we are still working on becoming avid readers.



Wow, do we have some amazing readers in Kindergarten! In Science, we have been studying lots of live critters! We have studied birds, snails and fish! Next, we get to study worms! In Math, we are working on adding and subtracting! Have a great Spring!



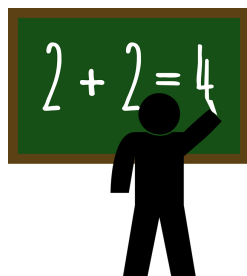
Mrs. Fiege and the Kinder Kids

First Grade- In first grade we are exploring fiction writing and meeting lots of interesting characters in our reading stories. We are enjoying learning about plants and animals in science. In phonics we are investigating "bloopers" that we make in first grade and we are working hard at place value, comparison, and addition and

subtraction to 40 in math. We are looking forward to lots of learning through our last few weeks of first grade!

Love:

Mrs. Gully's Classroom



Here's What's Happening!

Second Grade- Hello from Second Grade, almost Third graders. We are busy, busy and enjoying our last month of school together in our class community. We just visited the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN and look forward to the Children's Museum in Eau Claire. The second graders continue to learn about series book clubs in reading, and writing our opinions about books that we read. Science brings us into the intriguing world of insects and plants. Math is



teaching us problem solving with length, money and data. We continue to enjoy our popcorn Fridays and listening to the read

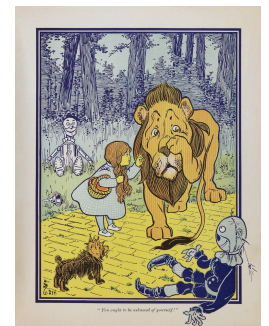
aloud of *Charlie and Chocolate Factory*, after lunch each day.

I do remind the students often, "how awesome they all are". They just smile at me.



Until the May Newsletter,
Love the Master Learners Community

Third Grade- Hello Downsville Families! We are happy to report that we are all finished with state testing and everyone did a wonderful job! In Reading and Writing, we are finishing up our nonfiction, informational texts. Next up will be Biographies in Reading and Fairy Tales in Writing. We are finishing up our graphing module in Math and will be moving into our last module on geometry, measurement and perimeter. We had a lot of fun observing and learning about our crayfish in Science. We have now moved on to learning about the human skeleton. Our field trip to the Eagle Center was very interesting and we are looking forward to going to the play in Eau Claire!



Fourth Grade- Lots happening in fourth grade! We just finished our Forward testing last week. We are almost done with our fractions unit in math. We are also finishing up our social issues book club unit in reading. We will be doing an author study next. In writing, we are busy writing our fiction stories. The kids are really enjoying creating their characters. In science, we are continuing our mealworm observations. Many



of our worms have turned into pupas or beetles now! The kids are absolutely loving it all! We are looking forward to our field trip to Madison with fifth grade in May! As always, I'm very proud of the hard work these kids show every day!

Fifth Grade- April has really flown by! With the last full month of school ahead, our 5th graders are really ready to start moving on to the Middle School mindset! In Math, we are deep into our Multiplying and Dividing with Fractions unit. In Reading, we have started our Fantasy Reading unit and Book Clubs. For Writing, we have been working on an Engineering write-up for Egg Saving Contraptions. In Science, we are learning about how our world is made up of many different systems. In Social Studies, we are going over the formation of the Nations Government.



Even though there is so much learning going on, we also have the opportunity to go on valuable learning experiences outside of school. Our end of the year field trips includes visiting Madison, Fort Snelling, and our Overnight Trip to the Environmental Site! We have a busy month coming up, but we will continue to stay focused and work hard!



FRIENDS & **MENOMONIE PUBLIC LIBRARY**
OF THE MENOMONIE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENT

the **Spring Book Sale**

Dates & Times

Thursday, April 25, 5:00-8:30pm*
Friday, April 26: 10am-5:30pm
Saturday, April 27, 10am-4:30pm
Sunday, April 28, 12-2pm, \$5 bag sale

*Friends of MPL only! Become a Friend that night for exclusive access to the book sale

Books, CDs, DVDs, & more!



DOWNSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN VISIT DAY!

All students who are planning on attending Kindergarten at Downsville School in the fall are invited to come to Downsville School on:

Monday

April 29th

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Classroom



Students and parents will do the following:

- meet the Kindergarten teacher
- see the classroom
- tour the school.

Parents will be informed on various school procedures and activities that occur at our Downsville School.

Please plan to stay for our *Title I Literacy Night*: “Meet the author”
Dinner will be served @ 5:30 and author 6:00 – 7:00.

Please call the school (715-664-8546) with a count for how many will stay to enjoy dinner and our Title I Family Night.

We hope to see you there!



Counselor Connections

Deb Hoage -School Counselor

● **A LETTER OF THANKS**

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● Dear Downsville Families,
● As some of you may know, following this school year I am resigning from my counseling position with Menomonie School District.

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● In the past few years, my husband & I have experienced many personal changes within our families with supporting our two mid-80 year old mothers and health care needs for other family members.

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● As we assume primary caregiver roles with our families, time and flexibility in our schedules is essential and I will be pursuing work on a part-time basis.

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● I feel very honored for the time I've been part of the Downsville School and deeply appreciate your support in my role as your School Counselor.

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● It has been a true privilege to have met and worked with your children, families, staff, and community.

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● My best wishes to you & yours,
● Deb Hoage



● **CELEBRATING SUCCESS FOR 5TH GRADERS**

● In finishing their elementary experience,
● 5th grade parents & students are invited to participate in a Student/Parent Educational and Career (SPEC) Conference.

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● A 15 minute conference can be scheduled with Mrs. Hoage for **MONDAY, APRIL 29**
● **or WEDNESDAY, MAY 1** between 7:30 a.m.
● to 5:30 p.m. Parent sign up forms were mailed home. Once scheduled, a confirmation card will be mailed prior to your conference.

● **ONE 'SMALL' STEP AT A TIME**

● There are many ways to raise successful children. One significant fact includes:
● **Teaching children social skills.**
● A large research study of children found a connection between social skills as kindergartners and their success as adults.
● A 20-year study showed that children who cooperate with peers, are helpful, understand feelings, and problem solve on their own were far more likely to earn a college degree and work full-time by age 25.

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● Each 'small' step in your journey together as a family secures your children's success in life and their future. UW Extension provides a free resource to K-5 parents with ways to build social emotional learning.

● <https://parenting.uwex.edu/raising-caring>

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Music Update

Mrs. Orf's Classroom

What is going on in Music?

Kindergarten: Learning about different voices;
(singing, speaking, calling & whispering)

1st Grade: Learning about high and low sounds. (So & Mi)

2nd Grade: Transferring rhythms to instruments.

3rd Grade: Movement/singing in rounds (different groups)

4th Grade: Dancing in rhythm and Recorder Karate

5th Grade: Recorder; focusing on rhythm and articulation

Save the Date!

May 7, 2019

K-2 Informance

6:00pm

River Heights

Gym

A Note From Mrs. Orf

Dear Families,

Please, don't forget about
our upcoming K-2
"Informance "

*1:30 dress rehearsal K-2

At River Heights

*5:45 Students report to RH

*6:00pm Informance at RH

This is like a concert, just
structured differently.

-Mrs. Orf





Library Newsletter

What's Flying Off the Shelves

River Heights: Unofficial
Fortnite Series, Raina Telgemeier
books, David Shannon books

Downsville: Mo Willems
books, Paranormal books

Knapp: Bad Guys series,
Dragon Breath series

Wakanda: Unofficial Fortnite
Series, Dr. Seuss books, Mo
Willems books, Mercy Watson
series, any graphic novels

Oaklawn: Babysitter's Club,
Creepy Pair of Underwear, Stick
and Stone, Horrible Bear,
Wonderstruck, Phoebe and Her
Unicorn series, Amulet series,
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The
Meltdown

Internet Safety

In library we have been reiterating
general internet safety. Please
continue to encourage your child to
seek adult guidance if they see
anything inappropriate online.

Free E-Books

Just a reminder you can access ebooks
through our district online library. Simply type
tinyurl.com/sdmaoverdrive and log in with your
child's library number/student number.

Remember: the username and password are
the same: your child's student number!

State Battle of the Books Results

218 teams competed in the
Wisconsin Battle this year. Here are
the results for schools that placed in
our district:

River Heights: 34th place
Oaklawn: 22nd place
Downsville: 45th place

Congratulations to all the students
that competed! Well done!

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