

# February Newsletter 2022

Hello Downsville Families,

Our PBIS focus this month is using **level zero voices when the teacher is talking or teaching**.

Students can earn tickets and use them to vote for their favorite reward choice. This challenge goes through March 4, and the reward will be the week of March 7. Students can choose from three choices listed below:

- Cookies and a craft with Mrs. Holcomb
- Winter Olympics (minute to win it games)
- GLOW event

I've also challenged students to a **February walking challenge** to earn a heart token for their chains. All students who walk 1 mile a week (4 laps) for the next 4 weeks through March 4 will earn the heart token. This will be in addition to any normal toe tokens they earn.



Thank you to the PTC for sponsoring the **skating party**. By all accounts, it was an amazing success and everyone had a great time. The Downsville Sportsman Club, along with PTC made a donation for us to purchase additional skates for student use. We've already picked up four new pairs, and will spend the rest on some additional pairs.

We continue to focus on building reading, math, and writing skills and work on reaching our building goals. It was nice to see some growth in the STAR assessments. Students in grades 3-5 will be taking the **State of Wisconsin Forward Assessment** after Spring Break. All of the work every day prepares the students for success on these assessments. We hope to continue to improve, as we did on last year's assessments.

Students should bring the **BIG 5** to school every day. This includes a coat, hat, mittens or gloves, boots, and snowpants. We have limited items to lend out and we will go outside most days. Thanks for your help with this.

Have a great month!

Mrs. Drout

## *Important Dates:*

February 15 - Parent Teacher Conferences

4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

February 17 - "Random Acts of Kindness" Day



February 17 - Parent Teacher Conferences

4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

February 18 - **NO SCHOOL!**

February 21 PTC Meeting 5:30 p.m.

February 22 - Science Olympiad Practice 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

March 1 - Science Olympiad Practice 3:30 - 4:45 p.m

March 2 - Dr. Seuss's Birthday

March 4 - End of 2nd Trimester

March 8 - Science Olympiad Practice 3:30 - 4:45 p.m

March 9 - Report Card go Home

March 14 - March 18 - **NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK!!!**

March 22 - Science Olympiad Practice 3:30 - 4:45 p.m

March 29 - Science Olympiad Practice 3:30 - 4:45 p.m



*Exploring the World of Science*

## **Science Olympiad is Back!**

Science Olympiad is an after school activity that encourages the natural curiosity of children and allows for in-depth hands-on experiences in the field of Science. The Elementary level exposes students to the Science Olympiad program with the hope that students will continue at the middle school and high school levels. Mrs. Anderson will be coaching the team this year. All Downsville 4th and 5th graders are encouraged to join the team. The team will practice on Tuesdays after school beginning in February. The district competition will be held Saturday, April 23 at the Menomonie Middle school.

# All you need is love!

Monday, February 14

**WEAR SOMETHING THAT YOU LOVE  
AND  
MAKES YOU H-A-P-P-Y!**

Encouraged by the Downsville Student Council

## Art in the Community Downsville Elementary School

HOSTED BY

**Scatterbrain Cafe**

### About Art In The Community

My name is Nicole Seidler and I am the art teacher at Downsville Elementary. Every year, your students create an abundance of amazing pieces of artwork. I hang artwork in the hallways, but I wanted to share the wonderful talent of these students with you and the entire Downsville community. The Scatterbrain Cafe graciously allowed me to hang up some of the students' artwork in their cafe! I will be hanging artwork at the Scatterbrain Cafe and will change it out every month. I plan to send out a letter to update you on which students were chosen to have their artwork displayed so you can take a visit to see it at Scatterbrain. Please reach out if you have any questions!



Questions? Email me at [nicole\\_seidler@msd.k12.wi.us](mailto:nicole_seidler@msd.k12.wi.us)

Remember to check out my art teacher's Instagram account to see your students' artwork and updates. [@artwithmisseyidler](https://www.instagram.com/artwithmisseyidler)

### February Artists

Kindergarten // Viola Montanye

1st Grade // Korbyn Halverson

2nd Grade // Kara Kistner

3rd Grade // AJ Buerkle

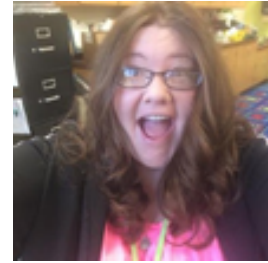
4th Grade // Myranda Creaser

5th Grade // Lexi Quinn



This month's Library newsletter is being shared in digital format.

Here is the link: <https://www.smore.com/w907b>



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### Downsville Pop-up Curbside Food Pantry

The Stepping Stones' Pop-Up Food pantry is in Downsville every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The pantry is located at the New Hope Lutheran Church parking lot. (N2698 460th St.)

For more information on our other Pop-Up Food Pantries, visit Stepping Stones at [www.stepsingstonesdc.org](http://www.stepsingstonesdc.org).

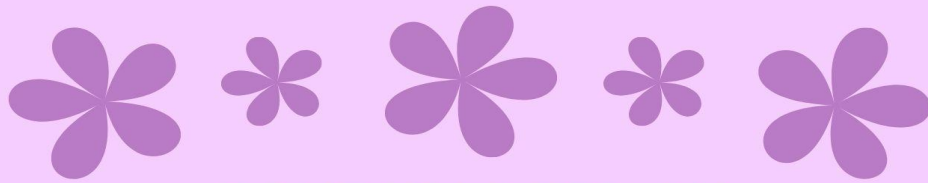
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**HEALTH**  
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RANDOM ACTS OF

# KINDNESS

Day

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Doing random acts of kindness is something that our school encourages every day of the year. We do want to recognize this day and it will encourage us to learn new ways to show random acts of kindness.

Be sure to ask your child what acts of kindness they have done or received at school.

PROMOTED BY THE  
DOWNSVILLE STUDENT  
COUNCIL



## Reading *is our* THING

Dr. Seuss' BIRTHDAY is coming!

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2**

This day will be all about him and his books.  
STAY TUNED for more details coming soon.



# PTC Meeting

## PARENT TEACHER COMMITTEE

### FEBRUARY MEETING

**WHEN: Monday, February 21, 2022**

**TIME: 5:30 p.m.**

**In-person at Downsville Elementary**

**AND via Google Meets!!**

#### **AGENDA:**

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Secretary's Report
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Ice Skating Party Recap
  - B. Annual Fundraiser Finalization
- V. New Business
  - A. Yearbooks
  - B. 5th Grade Graduation
  - C. Spring Election Planning
- VI. Principal's Report
- VII. Next Meeting - ? March 21st or April 18th  
*\*\*Meetings are generally scheduled for the third Monday of the month during school year*

PTC secretary's report January 17th 2022

**Attendees:** Tawny Nelson, Lexi Marsh, Rachel Henderson, Keila Drou (Principal), Heidi Anderson (Teacher representative), Kasey Pogorelski

**Call to order:** Lexi called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm.

**Secretary's report:** Secretary's report was approved.

**Treasurer's report:** \*See attached\* Rachel has 1 check she needs to deposit yet for an apparel sale. We paid a deposit to Lifetouch that we do not usually pay. Lexi is going to contact Jamie and find out why we were required to pay a down payment. Kasey motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Heidi seconded the report.

**Old business:** Santa visit went well. We had plenty of books.

We have gotten responses from almost half the kids for the skating party, and have plenty of parental help as well. Lexi's family is donating \$100 to the event. They will put it towards string cheese and bananas. We have plenty of hot cocoa leftover for the event. We will give Cubby a \$100 cash gift as a thank you for taking care of the rink. We would like the kids to make him a card as well.

We previously approved \$1,400 for the Madison trip in April. Keila has since then received a quote for bussing of \$2,000. We feel we should honor funding for the trip this year. Without doing fall festival and receiving some extra funding from apparel we were not expecting we feel we can afford this in our budget. We will need to find another way to fund ice cream for the students. Kasey motioned to adjust the budget to cover the Madison trip, Rachel seconded.

**New business:** We generally hold a spring fundraiser that is either a math or spelling "a-thon". Last year we did math. Keila will talk to teachers and make a plan for this year.

February conferences will be on the 15th and 17th. We would like to provide food for teachers. We would like to use Scatterbrain Cafe for 1 night. Lexi is able to deliver the food for that evening. We will do sandwiches and chips for the 2nd night. Rachel will provide this.

**Principal's report:** We covered everything Keila wanted to cover in our meeting.

**Meeting adjourned:** Kasey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM, Racheal seconded the motion.

**Next meeting scheduled for February 21st 2022 at 5:30 PM. \*Most likely virtual**

**\*Meetings are generally scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month.**

**\*No meetings are scheduled during the summer months.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Tawny Nelson, PTC secretary*



**WARM UP YOUR SMILE!**

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## Develop a LOVE for Reading & Writing!

Great readers truly love to read. All readers may not love to read novels but that's the great thing about reading, there are so many different kinds of texts to read! It is important that your child find something they love to read. Below are some tips to foster a LOVE of reading!

### **WE LOVE TO READ!**

- **Let your child explore all different kinds of text. Expose them to books, magazines, comics, e-books, newspapers and more! Let them choose what they want to read even if it may not be a great fit from time to time.**
- **Model great reading for your child. Show them how you can gain new information from text.**
- **Develop reading routines and establish reading times each day. Read aloud to your child.**
- **Take them to the library or bookstore. Ask your child's teacher for other ways to borrow books.**
- **Talk to your child about what they're reading, ask them questions to check for understanding.**

see the next page for some tips about writing



## Building Writing Skills at Home

1. Create a "Writing Center" at home! This can be super simple, but will add a ton of creativity and fun to your child's writing time! Your writing center could be an actual place your child writes or maybe just a crate filled with writing materials that your child brings out when they are going to write! Some ideas for materials are: lined and unlined paper, "fancy" writing materials (such as mechanical pencils, silly erasers, markers, crayons and colored pencils), a stapler & staple remover, and anything else that may inspire your little author!
2. The story jar: Whether fiction or non-fiction, writing begins with being able to organize your thoughts and presenting them to someone else. A great way to practice this is through oral story telling! Keep a jar filled with story prompts. When you have a few minutes, have your child pull one out and take turns making up a story to go with the prompt! This can be a silly activity for the dinner table each night!
3. Write together. Writing an entire story can be tiring for little hands! Work together as a team to write!
4. Let your child become your "editor"! Write a passage with intentional mistakes. Have your "editor" check it out for you! This can be made even more fun if there is a reward at the end. Maybe your child can stay up one extra minute that night for each mistake s/he finds!
5. Use writing prompts! After a hard day at school, coming up with a topic can be tough. Have silly writing prompts ready for your child! For example: If it could rain anything, what would you choose?

