



February Newsletter

2024

It is difficult to believe that we celebrated our 100th day of school this past week. As this school year continues to fly by, please make sure to keep checking backpacks for important school information and upcoming events. Unfortunately we had to cancel the annual skating party, but because of such a successful Winter Festival our entire school is going to Fanetti Ice Arena later this month.

With the unseasonably warm weather, we are struggling to keep our winter gear in stock (and clean) for students that forget to bring hats, boots, and jackets. Please continue to send students with their Big 5. We want everyone to stay healthy and be able to enjoy recess. Students are expected to wear a coat if the temperature is lower than 50 degrees.



We are looking forward to seeing many of you during our February Parent Teacher Conferences. Thank you Downsville PTC and families for supporting our staff by providing meals and treats during our conferences.

- Ms. Lee, Principal





Important Dates:

February 2 - Student Council Meeting - 8:15 in Library

February 6 - Parent / Teacher Conferences

4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

February 7 - HS Music Tour - 10:00 a.m.

February 8 - Parent /Teacher Conferences

4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

****February 9 - NO SCHOOL**

****February 12 -NO SCHOOL - Teacher PD Day**

February 13 - “Make up date” for Skating Party if canceled.

February 16 - Student Council Meeting - 8:15 in Library

February 19 - PTC Meeting- 5:30pm in Library

February 21 - Bridging Brighter Smiles Dental Clinic

February 23 - Field Trip to Fanetti Ice Rink

March 1 - End of 2nd Trimester

March 1 - Student Council Meeting - 8:15 in Library

March 7 - Report Cards go Home

March 11 - 15 - Spring Break! - NO SCHOOL

March 22 - Student Council Meeting - 8:15 in Library

March 29 - NO SCHOOL - Vacation





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Mrs. Livingston's class enjoying a recording of an artist talk by one of the Golden Archer books, Knight Owl by Christopher Denise.

MUSIC NOTES

with Mrs. McMahon

LAST MONTH

Last month we made passports and 'traveled' to our first country of the month - Germany! We learned all sorts of fun facts and songs about Germany and even got to virtually meet Greta (a German Foreign exchange student) and ask questions about Germany!



Kindergarten playing xylophones and counting to 10 in German!



1st Grade practicing rhythms with popsicle sticks!

FEBRUARY COUNTRY OF THE MONTH - FRANCE

This month we will be using our passports to travel to France!

Fun Fact: The oboe was invented in France, but the French horn isn't even French (it's from Germany)!





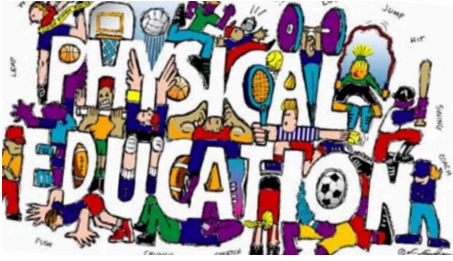
Art News!



3rd and 5th graders earned their Art parties for being kind, responsible, respectful, safe, and spotlessly cleaning up.

They enjoyed neon, black light painting and center work time!

Keep up the good work!



Mrs. Blomquist's Sideline Report for PE:

Students in K-5 are just finishing their jump rope and dance unit. They learned how to turn the rope and then jump, worked on some tricks, worked on jumping for endurance and tried a little team long jump roping.

Students loved working on their skills and learning new tricks. I am so proud of them for not giving up and trying so hard each and every day.

We also worked on some popular dances as well. Kindergarten students worked on songs like the Hokey Pokey, the Chicken Dance as well as the Sid Shuffle. Older students worked on the Sid Shuffle, Cha Cha Slide, the Cupid Shuffle, and Watch Me (Whip Nae Nae)

Up Next: Gymnastics unit! Students will learn how to travel, balance, jump and land!

Looking for something to do and you have access to the internet? Have a DANCE PARTY together. Youtube has a lot of great songs that you can dance along to! All the songs noted above have dance videos online!

Below first grade students work on team long jump roping!



RESILIENT CO-PARENTING

A series of topic-specific classes for parents or caregivers raising children together while living apart. Join us for any or all of the following sessions!

January 4 – Families Fighting Fair

The way you manage conflicts with your co-parent greatly impacts your children. Learn skills for positive conflict management, compromise, reframing and active listening.

February 1 – Successful Stepfamilies

Blended families face unique challenges when it comes to parenting. Learn about these challenges and some things that you can do to ease this transition for your children.

March 7 – Help Children with Strong Emotions

Children experience a wide range of emotions through the transition of separation or divorce. Learn ways to support children through strong emotions, to reduce stress and build emotional intelligence.

April 4 – Co-Parenting Teens

Teenagers need continued parental support to become happy, healthy young adults. Learn ways to co-parent cooperatively to support your teenager in developing positive family relationships, a healthy lifestyle, and a positive connection in their community.

May 2 – Parenting from a Distance

Parenting from a distance can be challenging. Learn ways to stay connected with your children when living apart and to make the most of the time your time together.

June 6 – Healthy Coping during times of Transition

The stress of co-parenting can be overwhelming. Learn strategies from the WeCOPE curriculum, which has been shown to reduce stress, increase positive affect, and improve health behaviors.

7:00-8:00 pm over Zoom
1st Thursday of each month
in 2024!

Scan code or
use link to
register!



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ONGOING VIRTUAL SUPPORT GROUPS

Date and times of groups are subject to change. Check the calendar of events on the WIFCC website for the most accurate schedule. Registration is required to attend.

COFFEE TALK



A relaxed chat with other Wisconsin adoptive, foster, kinship, and/or guardianship parents to connect and feel supported. This group meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:00 AM.

BIRTH PARENT SUPPORT



Open to any birth parents who have had a child placed for adoption, no matter what type of adoption or agency involved. This group meets on the second Tuesday of odd months at 6:30 PM.

ADULT ADOPTEES



Connect with other adult adoptees from around Wisconsin. This group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

WAITING TO ADOPT



A welcoming space to discuss adoption-related questions, stressors, and needs with fellow pre-adoptive families. This group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM.

FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT



This group is designed to offer support to Wisconsin foster parents focused on various topics each month. This group meets monthly. Visit the calendar for details on time.

OPEN MIC TEEN SUPPORT



Designed for teens in foster, adoptive, kinship, and/or guardianship families to socially connect and discuss topics related to family dynamics. This group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

TRAUMA INFORMED PARENTING



Designed for Wisconsin foster, adoptive, kinship, and guardianship caregivers with a high level of need due to complex trauma histories. This group meets on the third Monday of each month at noon.

KINNECT RELATIVE CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN



Designed for grandparents, uncles/aunts, siblings, or other relatives acting as the primary caregiver for children. This group meets on the last Thursday of every month at 11:00 AM.