

February 2019

So many snow days.....

Finally it feels like we will have some normal weeks of school! With all the additional snow days we will need to add 5 minutes to the **beginning** and **end** of our school day. Starting Monday February 18th school will start at **8:30** and end at **3:25**. Students will also have school on April 22nd which was previously a non-student day. The last day of school will be Friday June 7th.



Busses will be arriving **5 minutes earlier** in the morning and **5 minutes later** in the evening to accommodate the additional time required for instruction.

Family Night Join us Monday March 4th **Science Family Night**

UW-Stout Students will be showcasing a variety of science concepts that mirror hands on classroom learning experiences.



Free dinner 5:30-6:00
Science Exploration 6:00-7:00

Science Olympiad Opportunity

If you are interested in having your child participate in Science Olympiad the Boys & Girls Club will be forming a Science Olympiad team for the upcoming April competition.

The Club will be holding practices each week on Thursday's at 5 pm.

We will be allowing for 3rd-5th grade Club members to participate. Please connect with MarLee Johnson, Boys and Girls Club program coordinator 715-233-2540 if you have any questions.

In order to participate, we will ask that families become Club members first. This would allow your children to take transportation after school.



Here's What's Happening!

Kindergarten- Dear Families,
We are working on getting back into a good routine in Kindergarten after all of our snow days. The class finished our Super Powers Reading Unit! We are now working on becoming Avid Readers! Ask your child what it looks like and sounds like to be an avid reader. We are making books about real things that have happened to us. We are trying to write our stories so other people can pick up our books and read them! In Math, we are finishing up our Module on measurement. In Science, we are learning about fabric. It has been fun learning about different kinds of fabric and how it is made.

Happy Winter
Mrs. Fiege and the Kinder Kids

First Grade- Happy February from the First Grade cowboys and cowgirls! We are busy writing book reviews and learning about measurement. We are working on bringing our stories to life by performing them with partners and just starting to learn about light in science time!

Second Grade- Wow! How I do miss my students on snow days. We continue to learn through poems and songs in 2nd grade. Each week we add at least 2 poems/songs into our binders. We continue to learn about Black History in Social Studies, how liquids are the same and different in Science, about characters in Reading and Writing and the love of math: addition and subtraction within 1,000. I look forward to connecting with families at parent teacher conferences.

~Love, Mrs. Holcomb &
"The Master Learners" Community

Snow Day

It happened while we were all asleep,
Snow had fallen - six feet deep.
The temperature was ten below.
All the roads were blocked with snow.
'No school today', the radio said
'Stay at home in your cozy bed.'
So I quickly dressed
And jumped on my sled.

-Caryn Yacowitz-

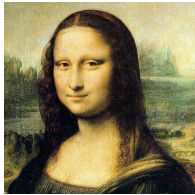


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Third Grade- Hello Downsville Families! We are starting a lot of new topics in February. In Math, we are starting our unit about fractions. We will learn how to identify fractions, how to compare fractions, finding fractions on a number line and finding equivalent fractions. We continue to work on our multiplication facts so we have all facts 0-10 mastered by the end of the year! In Writing, we are learning how to write a literary essay. Each student chose a text and will be writing an essay about that text. We are finishing up our Motion and Matter unit in Science. The third graders have turned into engineers and have been building carts and modifying them to travel the longest distance. Lastly, in Reading, we are learning about Character Studies. We are reading books with strong characters and discussing the struggles and motivations of each character. We also look forward to our field trip to the Rassbach Heritage Museum!

Fourth Grade- I am so proud of this class! They continue to work hard as we learn together! In math, we are currently learning how to use area models to show equivalent fractions. In reading, we are finishing our historical fiction book club unit and in writing, we are just beginning to do our research for our feature articles about the country our ancestors came from. We are excited to learn about each other through this unit! Congratulations to Mason Pfeilsticker, Ethan Nelson, Ethan Barron, and Matthew Ankrum, as they were our top fourth grade Battle of the Books team! They will compete against the top fifth grade team this month in a final battle. Also congratulations to Makenzie Kitchner and Dylan Hoyt for being the top two finalists in the 4th and 5th grade Spelling Bee! They will be competing in the District Bee at the middle school later this month as well. I am so thankful to be learning and growing with this awesome group of kids!!

Fifth Grade- It's crazy to think, but our 5th graders are over halfway through their last year before middle school! It shows with what they are working on this month throughout our classes. Through February we will have worked Adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. In Reading and Writing, we have been working on a self-directed Author Study project. In Science, we are continuing our work with what it means to be a scientist and studying mixtures and solutions. In Social Studies, we are continuing to learn about Early America.



In the art room...



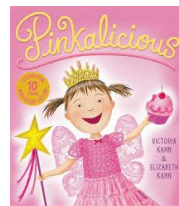
Culver's
1330 Stout Road
Menomonie, WI
715-233-0330

FUNDRAISER NIGHT Monday, March 18th 2019

Mention **Celebrating The Arts** at the counter or drive thru when ordering and 10% of your total will be donated to the Menomonie Area School District's Art Department.

Join us for supper as members will be volunteering from **5-8pm**. We will be showcasing student artists work 😊

If you can't make it to supper hours, Culver's will be accepting donations in a jar at the counter and mentions of the organization (while ordering) all day from **10am-10pm**.



Pinkalicious

All students will be attending the play Pinkalicious at the Mabel Tainter on Wednesday February 20th. We will leave approximately 9:10 and return at 11:00. HUGE thanks to PTO for funding this wonderful theatrical experience for us!

Important Dates

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

February 18 - PTC Meeting 5:30 @ Downsville Library

February 19 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30.

Book Fair during conferences

February 20 - "Pinkalicious" @ Mabel Tainter

All school field trip

February 21 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30.

Book Fair during conferences

February 22 - NO SCHOOL

March 22 - Student Council "Fun Day" - "Silly Socks".

March 25 - 29 - SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

District Elementary Library Newsletter



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Golden Archer Book Awards

The Golden Archer Award is given at the primary, intermediate, and middle/junior high levels.

There are 5 nominees each year, which have been selected by a committee based on books read by Wisconsin Students.

During library, our K, 1, and 2 students read each book and do an activity to help them remember the book and their favorite parts.

When all 5 titles have been read, students do a quick review, and then vote for the book they feel should win the Golden Archer Award.

This year the nominees are:
Bruce's Big Move
Stick and Stone
Wolf in the Snow
Horrible Bear
Creepy Pair of Underwear

Parent Teacher Conferences

If your child has any lost, damaged, or long overdue books you will receive a notice at parent teacher conferences. Payment and replacement information will be on your letter.

Please contact your school librarian if you have any questions. They are here to help you!



What's Flying Off the Shelves

Wakanda: Weird But True Books, Series of Unfortunate Events, Amulet Series, Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series

Oaklawn: Piggy and Gerald Books, I Spy books, Dog Man Series, Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown

Downsville: Animal Books (Wild and Tame), Dog Man Books, Playaways

Knapp: Bad Guys Books, Tiptoe Into Scary Places Series, Playaways

River Heights: Babysitter's Club Graphic Novels, Dog Man Books, Magazines

At the Public Library

The public library has their Books and Beyond Winter session from January 7-March 18th. This is Mondays only, from 4:15-5:00. There is no session on February 4th.

Books and Beyond is a book club for boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Contact the Public Library Youth Services for more information.

