



January 2020

January has started off with some wonderfully warmer temperatures. Here's hoping we will not accumulate the number of snow days as last year! Please check your Skyward Family Access account to ensure all numbers are up to date. This will ensure you receive the school cancellation notices from Dr. Zydowsky.

Even as the temperatures plummet we still spend plenty of time outside. Our temperature guideline is **outside play** if the temperature is zero or above (including wind chill). Please make sure your child has the **BIG FIVE**, snowpants, coat, boots, gloves (mittens) and a hat. It is also very helpful to have a second pair of gloves or mittens to keep in their backpack as they tend to get very wet.

We are looking for a coach(es) for SCIENCE OLYMPIAD. If you are interested, please contact the school for more information.



Hello Downsville Elementary families!

The snow and cold are here! With that, it is important for students to dress with the Big 5: Coat, snow pants, hat, mittens, and boots. If you are struggling to get these items for your student(s), please reach out to me at (715) 232-3798, Ext. 50103 or shanda_henning@msd.k12.wi.us. I will do my best to connect you with resources to meet this need!

Shanda Henning, School Social Worker



Important Dates

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

January 14 - Bridging Brighter Smiles Dental Clinic

See information in newsletter

January 20 - NO SCHOOL - PD Teacher Day.

January 20 - PTC Meeting

5:30 p.m. @ Cubby's

January 22 - After School Soccer Club

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

January 28 - Downsville Ice Skating Party!

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

February 4 - Back up date for "Skating Party"

February 6 - S.T.E.A.M Family Night

5:30 - 6:00 Meal

6:00 - 7:00 S.T.E.A.M. Activities

February 11 - After School Soccer Club

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

February 18 - Parent Teacher Conferences

4 - 7:45 p.m.

February 19 - After School Soccer Club

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

February 20 - Parent Teacher Conferences

4 - 7:45 p.m.

February 21 - NO SCHOOL

February 25 - After School Soccer Club

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Here's What's Happening!



Kindergarten

Dear Families,

We are off to a great start in January! As a part of our CARES (Cooperation, Assertion, Respect, Empathy, and Self-Control) curriculum, we are focusing a lot on self-control this month and reviewing cooperation. We are learning how to use self-control with our voice, body and our mind. We are finding that by using more self-control, we are better at cooperating with our friends and teachers!

“Alone we can do a little, but together we can do GREAT things!”

Mrs. Fiege and the Kinder Kids



First Grade

In first grade we are transitioning from Non-Fiction reading and writing to new units of study! In reading we are diving into learning about characters in our books and how we can bring them to life by using our voices, actions and body through dramatic read alouds. In writing we will soon be starting a unit on sharing our opinions, which is always very fun and includes writing: book, movie and restaurant reviews! In science we are continuing to learn about sound and enjoying all the hands on experiments we are doing! We are also taking the month of January to revisit school expectations like: self Control, respect, being polite and many more!



Second Grade

As we begin the new year I want to give you all a quick update of what is happening in second grade.

In Reading we are continuing to work on nonfiction reading by beginning book clubs that will focus on discussing different topics in the nonfiction genre. We are beginning a new Writing unit that will challenge the students to write lab reports on various science experiments they conduct.

In Math we continue to learn different strategies to add and subtract two and three digit numbers as we quickly approach our introduction to multiplication.

In Science we are focusing on the states of matter and have begun to investigate liquids and the different properties that make liquids unique as well as useful.

Finally in Social Studies we will begin to study our county and the historical events/people who defined America as a nation throughout history.

Mr. Voss



Third Grade

We are getting back in the swing of things after the break!

Students are learning about area in math...ask them to find the area of an object.

They are writing poems and reading all about true things and people in biographies.

We will try to skate on the ice a couple times in addition to the skating party on the 28th.

Thanks for your support in helping your child grow!

Ms. Repinski



Fourth Grade

Fourth grade is excited to start a new year! When we got back from break, we wrote down our goals and resolutions for 2020.

I look forward to watching each student grow as they work towards achieving these! In math, we continue to work on our long division. It has been hard work but I am proud of how we have done our best and not given up. In reading, we are starting our historical fiction unit and in writing, we are beginning our literary essay unit. We will continue studying and exploring energy in science. I am excited to continue to grow and learn alongside of these awesome kids!

Mrs. Minnich

Fifth Grade

Happy New Year Downsville Families! Here's what's going on in 5th grade this month!

Math: In our math units this month, we are shifting gears from multiplying large multi-digit numbers (in the thousands!) and decimals to DIVIDING large and small multi-digit numbers.

Reading: In our Reading unit this month, we are working on crafting debates and learning how to present them in a 5th grade way.

Writing: In our Writing unit this month, we are learning how to craft an argumentative essay by researching whether or not we should have chocolate milk served at lunch.

Science: In our Science unit for Trimester 2, we are learning all about the characteristics of mixtures, solutions, and chemical/physical reactions!



Downsville School offers a...

S.T.E.A.M.



Family Night!!

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math)

Thursday, February 6, 2020

5:30-6:00 pm Meal Served

6:00-7:00 pm STEAM Activities



It's a New Year! Try new things, but don't forget to celebrate how super you are right now. Try to celebrate even more of YOU.

Downsville Learners are "Reaching for the STARS" as we start to wrap up January STAR Assessments.

These assessments "pick our brain" to see what we have learned since we began school this past fall. Each student at Downsville School is doing a huge job of showing what they know through our STAR Renaissance Assessments. This assessment is taken three times a year (fall, winter, spring). It is an assessment that is used in the SDMA for screening toward proficiency levels on WI State Assessments.

Our school uses this assessment, along with other formal and informal assessments, to determine how your child might best be served during W.I.N. (What I Need) time. We will celebrate our completion of this Winter Test on Friday, January 17th, with an all school Glowing STAR party!

The Learning Adventure Continues...

With Downsville Students In Mind,



Mrs. Holcomb





AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER CLUB

Elementary School Pick-up Games

COED 3RD-6TH GRADE
3:30-4:45 PM

DOWNSVILLE: 1/21, 2/11, 2/19, 2/25
 WAKANDA: 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12
 KNAPP: 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17
 RIVER HEIGHTS: 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20
 OAKLAWN: 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14
 ST JOSEPH'S: 1/28, 2/4, 2/18, 2/24

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for FREE program
<http://mhsfieldhouse.maxgalaxy.net/BrowseActivities.aspx>
 (Sports and Rec tab)

Bridging Brighter Smiles is holding their next dental clinic at Downsville Elementary 290 on:

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

It is not too late to enroll! Get your smiles winter ready!

Sign up online at:

<http://enrollment.bbsmiles.org/>

Professional Dental Services Provided Right at School Include:

- **Oral Screening**
- **Dental Cleaning**
- **Fluoride Varnish Application**
- **Dental Sealant Placement**
- **Oral Health Education**
- **Referral Assistance**

Forward Health (BadgerCare) Accepted!

(Other Private Dental Insurance Not Accepted)

Not sure if your child is enrolled, or due for care? Call Bridging Brighter Smiles at 262-896-9891, or email coordinator@bbsmiles.org.

January

District Elementary Library Newsletter



What's Flying Off the Shelves

River Heights: Spirit Animals Series, Ghoulfriends, Fly Guy Books, OLOGY Books

Wakanda: Mo Willems and Raina Telgemeier books, Christmas/Holiday books, Weird But True series, Battle of the Books books

Oaklawn: Minecraft books, Dog Man Series, Christmas/holiday books, You Choose series, Wings of Fire series

Knapp: Guinness World Record and King and Kayla series, The Polar Express, Moby Shinobi books, superhero and snowboarding books

Downsville: Fortnite, Pokemon, and Minecraft books, Piggie and Gerald books, Dog Man series

Library Book Reminder

When a student checks out a book, they have two weeks to return it before it becomes overdue.

Please encourage your child to return their books on time. They can also always renew them if they want to keep them longer!

Thanks!



Battle of the Books

America's Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program for students. They read pre-selected books and come together in groups to demonstrate their abilities and to test their knowledge of the books they have read.

Every elementary school has at least one class participating in 4th and/or 5th grade. Classroom/school battles will begin this month and into February. The winning team from each school will go on to compete at the state level at the end of February.

Wish everyone luck!



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