

# January 2019

## Baby it's (sometimes) Cold Outside!

While this Wisconsin weather is really throwing us a curveball students still need to have appropriate outdoor gear.

**As a right of passage 5th grade is not required to wear snowpants.**

If your child does not have snowpants and boots they may be asked to stand against the wall.

We have extra gear in the office that your child may use for the season.

Please let us know if we can help.

An extra pair of gloves/mittens and socks are always helpful.



### Be a Part of Building the Next Generation by Inspire Young People to Embrace a Successful Future

When asked "What is the highlight of your JA Experience?" Tammy McCartney replied, "Making a difference and connecting the generations."



Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization that partners with local business and community members to bring programs on work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy to area school students. Through JA, students learn how to run a business, how to budget, skills needed to keep a job and are more inspired to create realistic goals for their future careers. The unique part of JA programs are the community volunteers in the classroom. Volunteers share real-life experiences to students and provide insight about career success.

Volunteering for Junior Achievement is a rewarding way to give back to the community. We have an array of volunteer opportunities. We also provide training to help you make the most of your classroom experience. The only requirement we ask is to have a desire to learn and share with students.



**To learn if this position is right for you, please contact Mainhia Yang at [myang@jawis.org](mailto:myang@jawis.org) or 715-318-1460. If you aren't able to volunteer, consider sponsoring a student at your school for just \$25**



**Hi, my name is Amanda Repinski and I am the new Intervention and ELL Teacher. In this position, I will provide academic support for students in a small group setting or within the classroom. I graduated from UW-La Crosse with my teaching degree and Spanish minor. This fall I worked as a Special Education Paraeducator at River Heights Elementary. I live in Menomonie and am excited to create relationships with the students and staff at Downsville!**



## Here's What's Happening!

**Kindergarten-** Dear Families, Kindergarten is off to a great start in the new year! In Science, we revisited our adapted tree. We have been studying what trees look like in the Winter in Wisconsin and in warmer places. Did you know we have more than 6 different varieties of Evergreen Trees on our playground. Some have needles and some have scales. We made bird feeders to hang in our tree so the birds would visit our tree and have food to eat.



**First Grade-** Happy New Year from the First Grade Crew! We are starting many new things in our classroom! We are learning how to perform our books by bringing our characters to life, Writing Reviews of books, movies etc. and learning about sound and light! We hope to continue working on being kind to friends, teachers and Downsview in the new year!

**Second Grade-** Happy New Year! We begin the year by learning about famous events and people in Black history, Solids and Liquids, and a review our classroom expectations. We are busy earning cotton balls to fill our all school snowmen. We are looking forward to an all school "snow" time reward. We continue to build on our social emotional skills through our Second Step lessons. We recently focused on using self talk and being assertive. Remember, January is the perfect month to snuggle up and read books!



~Love, Mrs. Holcomb and the  
2nd grade **Master Learners** community



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**Third Grade-** Happy New Year to our Downsview Families! In Third Grade, we have had so much fun in Science! We have been learning about different systems, the forces that act on those systems and the patterns of motion those systems create. We have loved exploring how to make and modify wheel-and-axle

systems, twirly and tops. We continue to study nonfiction in Reading and Writing. In Social Studies,



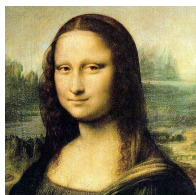
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we have finished up our unit on Menomonie History and will be taking a field trip to the Rassbach Heritage Museum.

**Fourth Grade-** Happy 2019!! Fourth grade is starting off the year with our historical fiction unit in reading. The kids are excited to participate in book clubs for this unit. We are also learning about parts of a paragraph in writing, along with continuing our division unit in math. We will continue our energy and circuits unit in science. The kids continue to work hard. I am so proud of each of them!

**Fifth Grade-** Happy winter from 5th grade! Though for Wisconsin, it hasn't really felt like it yet! January has had a great kick-off getting back into our learning routines. In Math, we are finishing up multiplying and dividing decimals and starting our adding and subtracting fractions unit. In Reading and Writing, we are knee deep in our argument and advocacy unit. We are learning how to research effectively and persuade others using 5th-grade language and conventions. In Science, we are learning all about mixtures, solutions, and what it means to be a scientist. In Social Studies, we are continuing to learn about the early settlers in the New World. Now that it's nearing the halfway point of the school year, we are also starting to think about what it means to be a Middle Schooler and how we can transition from 5th to 6th. It is an exciting time to be in 5th grade!



### In the art room...

Kindergarten is starting to learn how to draw animals, such as dogs, cats, and even dinosaurs!

First grade is learning about the value of honesty, while making clay pinch pots.

Second grade will be learning about portraits.

Third grade has been studying different artists, from Georgia O'Keeffe to Jeff Koons.

Fourth grade is learning about repetition in art by making Wayne Thiebaud inspired projects.

Fifth grade has finished their cat portraits for the Catfe. We hope to have them hanging up by the end of the month. The fifth graders will have a note sent home detailing the dates and information.



### PERFECT ATTENDANCE FIRST TRIMESTER!



We are very proud of 14 of our students who had *PERFECT ATTENDANCE* for the 1st trimester of school this year. (Their pictures are posted above the food service bulletin board for recognition!) These students attended school all day from September 4th through December 3rd!

Congratulations!!



Rylee Baron  
Helene Marsh  
Kayla Lezama  
Conner Styer  
Piper Weir

Christopher Ankrum  
Kinsley Fisher  
Vincent Weir  
Gabe Grutt  
Jaydon Baron

Andrew Hoff  
Dylan Hoyt  
Matthew Ankrum  
Connor Engeldinger

### Clothing Donation!!

A big "THANK YOU" to the families that donated "generic" sweat pants and/or leggings to our health room. There is always a need of to have items on hand when students require a change of clothing. We have many sweat shirts and tops but our pants supply runs very low.

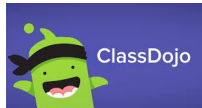


If your child has outgrown items and they are in good shape - we would appreciate the donation. All sizes welcome!

**Thank you!**



# Connecting with Families



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STAY TO PLAY

## AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER CLUB

Elementary School Pick-up Games



COED 3RD-5TH GRADE  
3:30-4:30 PM

**DOWNSVILLE: 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12**  
**WAKANDA: 1/23, 1/30, 2/13, 2/20**  
**KNAPP: 1/24, 1/28, 2/11, 2/19**  
**RIVER HEIGHTS: 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15**  
**OAKLAWN: 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21**

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



# *Counselor Connections*

## *Deb Hoage -School Counselor*

### **'SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING' a FRESH START TO THE NEW YEAR**

Social emotional learning includes skills that allow people to handle emotions, make (and keep) friends, be positive participants in their community, learn fair & safe choices, and use good communication to work well with others. These skills help with school success, less behavior problems, and give a more positive sense of self.

Downsville School has been working with all grades to introduce social emotional learning through using Zones of Regulation, a curriculum that teaches understanding and self-regulation of emotions. Parent information on 'Zones' was sent home in December.

Later this month, families will also be able to receive, *Raising Caring Kids*, a free resource from the University of Wisconsin Extension for parents and caregivers of 1st-5th graders. Through short articles and videos, *Raising Caring Kids* provides parents with ideas to teach and practice different social and emotional skills at home, and links to additional family-friendly resources.

Articles will be made available monthly through the Skylert system for parents to access at home. Paper articles can also be sent home by family request through the school office.

Feel free to check in for more information on *Zones*, *Raising Caring Kids*, or other social emotional resources.

***Respectfully,***

Deb Hoage

Downsville Elementary School Counselor

### **ENERGY ASSISTANCE & OUTREACH SCHEDULE**

For households interested in eligibility to receive a one-time heat or electric benefit, applications and appointment checklists are available through Dunn County Social Services or through the school counseling office.

Outreach Clinics are scheduled at various locations for easier access in working one-to-one with a DCSS worker to complete your application. Appointments occur on a first come, first serve basis.

Please be sure to pick up or request a copy of the ***outreach appointment checklist*** prior to meeting so you will have all items needed to verify your application.

**Call Dunn Co Social Services at  
715-232-1116 for more information.**

### **Energy Assistance Outreach Schedule**

<b>Thu 1/10</b>	<b><i>Stepping Stones</i>-1620 Stout Rd, Menomonie</b>	<b>10am-12pm</b>
<b>Thu 1/17</b>	<b><i>Dunn Energy Coop</i>-N5725 600th St, Menomonie</b>	<b>1pm-3pm</b>
<b>Fri 2/8</b>	<b><i>Stepping Stones</i>-1620 Stout Rd, Menomonie</b>	<b>10am-12pm</b>
<b>Thu 2/21</b>	<b><i>Dunn Energy Coop</i>-N5725 600th St, Menomonie</b>	<b>1pm-3pm</b>



District Elementary Library Newsletter

# January

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## Library Bins

Due to generous donations from 3M and the Kari Bostrom Memorial Fund, each elementary school library in the district will receive bins to better organize the non-fiction section for our students and staff. Below is a picture of how they will look.

We are very grateful to be given this opportunity, and look forward to seeing all the positive effects it will bring!



## Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer to help in the library, both River Heights and Knapp Elementary are looking!

Please reach out!

River Heights:  
katie\_shay@msd.k12.wi.us

Knapp:  
nan\_becker@msd.k12.wi.us

## Library Book Reminders

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!



## What's Flying Off the Shelves



**Knapp:** Holiday books, Bad Guys Series, "Battle of the Books" books

**Downsville:** Holiday books, Big Nate books, "Battle of the Books" books

**Oaklawn:** Holiday books, Pokemon and Lego books, "Battle of the Books" books, playaways

**Wakanda:** Amulet and Dog Man series, "Battle of the Books" books, and playaways

**River Heights:** Heidi Heckelbeck books, Boxcar Children Series



# Listen to a Tale

TRACY CHIPMAN

AT THE COMPANY COFFEE HOUSE



DOWNSVILLE, WI

*Thursday, January 17th*  
*Kids Session: 6p-6:45p*  
*Adults Session: 7p-7:45p*

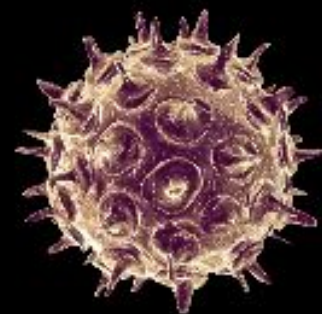
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**... AN ANCIENT, LIVE, INTERACTIVE EXCHANGE  
BETWEEN LISTENER AND TELLER.**

**STORYTELLING IS VAST, IT IS A WEB, A BRIDGE  
AND A SOMETIMES A LIFELINE.**

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COMPANYCOFFEEHOUSE.COM**

# VARICELLA (Chickenpox)



Varicella, also called chickenpox, is a very contagious disease. It is caused by the varicella-zoster virus. The virus causes an itchy, blister-like rash, tiredness, and fever. The rash first appears on the stomach, back, and face and can spread over the entire body. The virus is easily spread from person to person.

## How is it spread?



- ▶ The chickenpox virus spreads easily by contact with the virus particles that come from the blisters and breathing the tiny droplets when an infected person breathes or talks.
- ▶ A person who has the virus can spread the disease one to two days before the rash and until all their chickenpox blisters have formed into scabs, typically five to seven days.

## What are the signs and symptoms?



*Symptoms that may appear one to two days before rash:*

- ▶ Fever
- ▶ Tiredness
- ▶ Loss of appetite
- ▶ Headache

*Description of the rash:*

- ▶ Rash that causes itchy, fluid-filled blisters that turn into scabs. The rash usually starts on the middle of the body and spreads to the arms, legs, and face.

## What are the treatment options?



- ▶ Treatment focuses on relieving symptoms and prevention of skin infections.
- ▶ Calming lotion and colloidal oatmeal baths can help relieve some of the itching.
- ▶ Keep fingernails trimmed short to prevent skin infections that may occur if scabs are scratched.

## How can it be prevented?



The best way to prevent chickenpox is to get the vaccine! Talk to your health care provider about protecting your loved ones.

- ▶ Children should get two doses of chickenpox vaccine; the first dose at 12-15 months and the second at four through six years of age.
- ▶ Older children and adults also need to be protected.

For more information on the vaccine, please see: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/varicella.pdf>

