

DOWNSVILLE TIGER TALES

MARCH / APRIL 2018

It's hard to believe it is April already!! We will begin state testing in grades 3-5 beginning April 12th. It is important for students to have a healthy breakfast and have an appropriate amount of sleep. This is their opportunity to "show what they know"!

We have many upcoming field trips in April as well as the K-2 Informance. This is an opportunity for K-2 students to showcase the work they have been doing in music class for their families. There will be lots of singing and instrument playing!

April is National Tornado Awareness month and we will be participating in the state wide tornado drill on April 12th at 1:45. This is just one of the ways we practice being safe at school.

Thank you for all you do for Downsville School.
Mary Begley, Principal

Grade Level News

First Grade: The last month in first grade has been full of fun and laughter! We have been writing poems and songs about things we love in Writers Workshop such as: pets, family members, hobbies, and special items. Now in April we will be starting to write realistic fiction stories. In Readers Workshop we have been working on fluency, phonics and comprehension as we discover that "Readers have BIG Jobs to do!" We will begin in April to learn about meeting new characters and learning lessons from them. In math we are wrapping up our place value, comparison, and addition/subtraction to 40 module. Finally, in Science we are learning about "The Spinning Sky" which deals with the sun, shadows, daily patterns, stars and seasons. We look forward to wrapping up our wonderful year in first grade with Mrs. Gully for the next few weeks until her baby arrives and Mrs. Rachel Tilseth after that! Mrs. Tilseth will teach for the remainder of the year after Mrs. Gully is gone!

Second Grade: In math we are building a foundation in multiplication and division to prepare for third grade. We are also working very hard to remembering to **look** and **listen** before we **do** in the classroom. Spring is in the air and we are cherishing our last months together as a class!

~Mrs. Holcomb & The Learning Owls Community

Third Grade: March and April are busy months for the third grade students! In Social Studies, students were put into groups and had the job of researching different acts and present on them. We are now finishing up our Revolutionary War unit. In Reading, we are starting a new unit on Biographies. Third graders are finishing up their fifth math module dealing with fractions and are moving on to reading and making graphs. The third grade students will be taking the Forward State Test for the first time towards the end of the month. We continue to enjoy writing back and forth to our UW-Stout Pen Pals and are looking forward to a visit from them this spring. We are also looking forward to some field trips at the end of April including Crystal Cave and the Environmental Site!

Fourth Grade: The fourth grade class continues to be busy and work hard! We have been spending a lot of our time finishing our research projects on our countries of origin. We have taken our information and created feature articles with descriptions and pictures describing a variety of characteristics about each country. In math, we continue to work hard on fractions, mixed numbers, and showing different representations of each. We will be having two students from UW-Stout join us starting next week. They will be providing different nutrition lessons each week throughout the month of April. We are preparing to take the Wisconsin Forward exam in April as well. We are learning a lot and growing so much every day!

- Mrs. Minnich and the fourth grade class

Fifth Grade: "This has been such an exciting month with transitioning towards a Middle School mindset. Our students have been working on independent projects in the realms of an Author Study and Robotics. It is amazing to watch our students grow as individuals and take their learning in their own hands."

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Menu Changes: **April 16th** – Pizza
California Blend
Garden Bar & milk

April 19th –
Baked Beans will served
Instead of Peas

Important Up-Coming Dates:



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| Apr | 10-12 | Forward Testing
Grade 5 |
| | 11-12 | Bridging Brighter Smiles
Dental Clinic |
| | 16 | Girl Scouts – 3:30- 4:30 |
| | 16 | PTC Meeting, 5:30 PM |
| | 17-19 | Forward Testing
Grade 4 |
| | 18 | 5 th Grade Field Trip – 3M |
| | 20 | NO SCHOOL – PD Day |
| | 23 | K – 1 st – Field Trip
“Dome Ranch” |
| | 24-26 | Forward Testing
Grade 3 |
| | 26 | K, 1, 2 – Spring “Informance”
6:00 p.m. – Downsview Gym |
| | 27 | All School – Environmental Site
Field Trip |
| | 27 | SPIRIT DAY!! - Camo Day! |
| | 30 | 2 nd – 3 rd Field Trip
Crystal Cave. |
| May | 7 | Girl Scouts – 3:30- 4:30 |
| | 9 | All School Lyceum - 2:15- 3:00
“In Capable Hands” |
| | 10 | 5 th Grade Field Trip
Fort Snelling |
| | 16 | Fifth Grade – Track and Field Day! |
| | 17 | 4-K Kindergarten Visit
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. |
| | 21 | Girl Scouts – 3:30- 4:30 |
| | 21 | PTC Meeting, 5:30 PM |
| | 25 | SPIRIT DAY!! – Rainbow/Tie Dye Day! |
| | 28 | NO SCHOOL – Vacation! |
| June | 4-5 | 5 th grade Camping Trip |

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF EAU CLAIRE
is hosting a

Family Free Night!



THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Join us for a **FREE** evening of play!
This night is open to all families in the
School District of the Menomonie Area



No registration needed.

Questions? Check out our website www.childrensmuseumec.com
or call (715) 832 - 5437

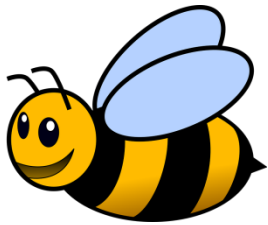


K-2 Informance

When? April 26, 2018

Time? 6:00pm in the Downsville gym

What is an Informance? An informance is much like a concert where students will present their learning in front of an audience! An informance allows for students to showcase more of what they are learning in music class.



Who can come? It is just like a concert open for anyone who would like to see what the students have learned to come!

What kinds of things will they be doing? Students will be able to demonstrate their skills by playing instruments, singing, playing musical games and more!

Should they dress up? Students can wear any kind of nice/dressy clothes.

Contact: If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Libby Orf at elizabeth_orf@msd.k12.wi.us .

Counselor Connections

Deb Hoage -School Counselor

THE GIFT OF GRATITUDE

In a popular study, psychologist, author and researcher, Dr. Martin Seligman demonstrated that one simple activity makes people happier. Because the human mind often focuses on what is wrong, rather than what is right, doing an exercise that directs attention back to the positive can make us happier.

Recall the good things that have filled your bucket each week either by keeping a written record (gratitude journal) or just having a conversation with a friend, as a family, or in the classroom.

Thinking about what filled your bucket helps you notice the good, the fun, and the meaningful. It could be a visit with friends or family, a day outdoors, a school or work accomplishment, or a clean bill of health. Simply put, recalling what we're grateful for fills buckets.

Respectfully,
Deb Hoage
School Counselor



WI FORWARD TESTING

What is the Wisconsin Forward Exam?

The Wisconsin Forward Exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do in order to be college and career ready. The Forward Exam is administered online in the spring of each school year.

Who takes the exam? Grades 3, 4, 5 in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics with Grade 4 also testing in science and social studies.

When does the Forward Exam take place? The Forward Exam will be given in schools between March 19 and May 4, 2018.

Downsville WI Forward Schedule

5th Grade: Testing April 10, 11, 12

3rd Grade: Testing April 24, 25, 26

**4th Grade: Testing April 12, 17, 18,
19, 23, 28**

Happiness = A Full bucket

Children learning to be bucket fillers gives them a great start on the road to happiness. When children are in secure relationships with people who take time to be with them, they thrive and feel good about themselves.

'Lifelong happiness' can begin with two important truths:

- 1). You can love, care about, and help others when they need it. (*You fill other's buckets*)
- 2). People can love, care about, and help you when you need it. (*Others can help fill your bucket*)

Happy people are caring, responsible people who have learned how to receive from and give to others. When we teach these life lessons to children (and practice what we teach), we are all better equipped to live truly *happy* bucketfilling lives.

Respectfully,
Deb Hoage

'Too Cute' True Bucket Story

I had a young student come to me and give me a big hug. The student shared that they had a bad morning but now their bucket is full. The student explained being mad at a friend this morning & although there were attempts at "sorry's" it just wasn't working out. Finally the two peers decided to "let the past be over" and were friends again, "so now our buckets are full and we are both so happy!"

NATIONAL HIGH FIVE DAY-April 19th

The third Thursday in April is

National

High Five Day. This is a fun day

where you can

"High Five" everyone that you see.



JOIN THE CLUB

4-H is open to

all youth in grades K-13.

4-H is a place to meet new friends, try new things,

a time for some family fun, build leadership skills, and the chance to use your head, heart, hands, and health "To Make the Best Better".

Join a 4-H Club near you today!

For more information about 4-H contact:

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Menomonie middle school Family Night

Tuesday, April 24th from 5-7:30 pm

Free dinner of hot dogs, chips, bottled water, and a Dairy Queen Dilly Bar served in the cafeteria. Then meet teachers, explore the pods, play games and take home free items from each rotation!

Elementary Library Newsletter March Edition

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Classroom/grade level battles have concluded. Pictured below is the top team from each school who went on to compete in the online state battle. Congratulations to all who participated!

Wakanda
"The Non-Titled"



Downsville
"Mythic World Readers"



Knapp
"The Whoppers"



What's Flying Off the Shelves

River Heights
"Creaser's Crew"



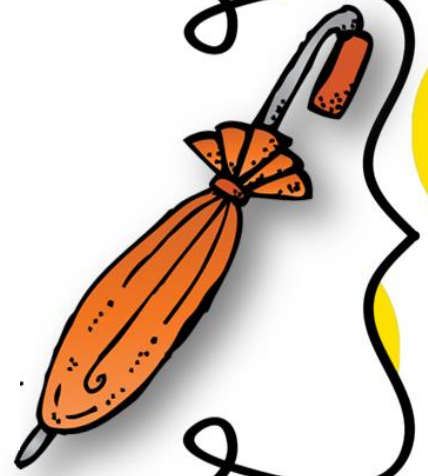
Oaklawn
"Fuzzy Mustaches"



RH	OAK	WAK	DN	KN
Junie B. Jones Series by Barbara Park	Books by Jake Maddox	Enola Holmes Series by Nancy Springer	Diary of A Wimpy Kid Series by Jeff Kinney	Dragon Breath Series by Ursula Vernon
Atlas	Joke Books	Wonder by R.J. Palacio	Dork Diaries Series by Rachel Renee Russell	Minecraft Books



April



K-5 Library Newsletter



What's Flying Off the Shelves?

Downsville:

Elephant and Piggie Books

Knapp:

Star Wars books

Oaklawn:

Jake Maddox books,
Dork Diaries Series

Wakanda:

The Amulet Series

River Heights:

The Harry Potter Series
and "How to Draw"
books



Plastic in the Oceans

Third graders have been talking about plastic in the ocean. They've discussed possible causes and solutions to this problem, as well as identified people & resources who could help. In April, a person or business from the community will be stopping by each school to talk about recycling (among other environmental topics related to our lessons) with the 3rd graders! Fun!

Poetry Month

April is poetry month! Our Kinder and 1st grade students are learning about different kinds of poetry as well as reading and writing poetry!

Watch for some poetry to come home!

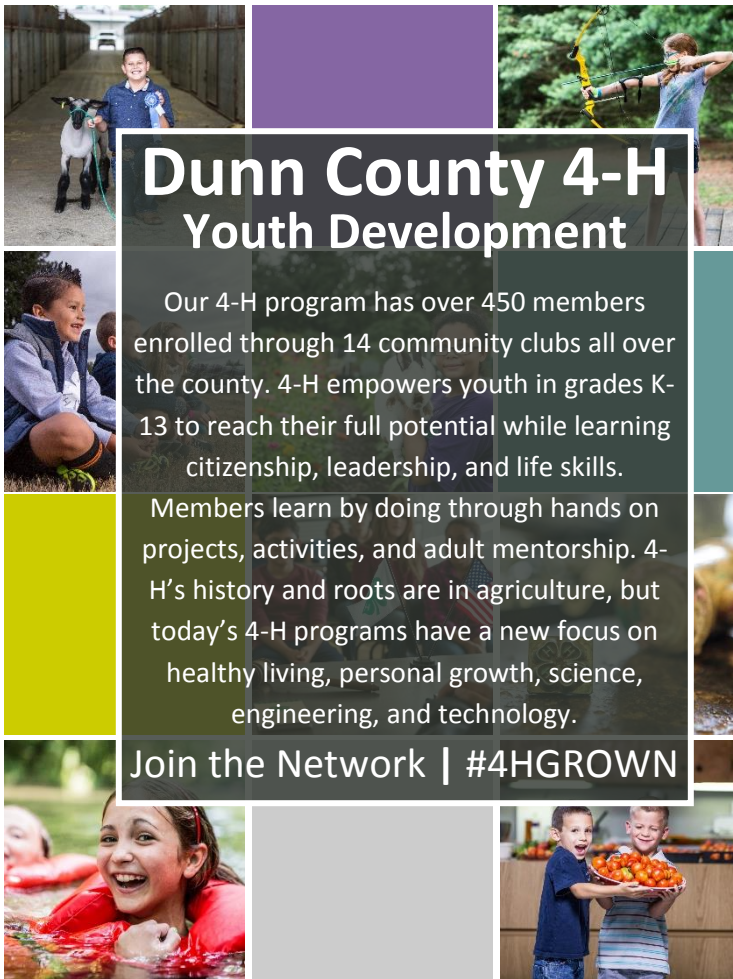
Rain, Rain,
GO AWAY!



Battle of the Books

The competition has concluded! I am so proud of all the teachers and students who worked so hard- their efforts paid off! RH tied for 15th place, OAK tied for 17th place, WAK and KN tied for 19th place, and DN tied for 58th place. Congratulations!





Dunn County 4-H Youth Development

Our 4-H program has over 450 members enrolled through 14 community clubs all over the county. 4-H empowers youth in grades K-13 to reach their full potential while learning citizenship, leadership, and life skills.

Members learn by doing through hands on projects, activities, and adult mentorship. 4-H's history and roots are in agriculture, but today's 4-H programs have a new focus on healthy living, personal growth, science, engineering, and technology.

Join the Network | #4HGROWN

4-H Projects

4-H members sign up to do projects during the year. Project bulletins and guides are provided. Here is a list of some projects. Leadership; Citizenship; Self-Determined

Animal Sciences:

Beef	Cats	Dairy
Dogs	Horses	Horseless Horse
Pocket Pets	Rabbits	Veterinary Science

Arts & Communications:

Arts & Crafts	Clowning	Computers	Videography
Leather Craft	Photography	Drawing & Painting	Puppetry

Family, Home & Health:

Child Devel.	Clothing	Crocheting
Foods	Home Envir.	Knitting

Mechanical Sciences:

Aerospace	Electricity	Scale Models	
Small Engines	Woodworking	Tractors	STEM

Natural Resources & Environmental Education:

Backpacking	Bicycling	Birds
Canoeing	Insects	Sport Fishing

Shooting Sports, including:

Archery	Pistol	BB gun/Air Rifle	.22 Muzzle loading/ Shotgun
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Plant & Soil Sciences:

Crops	Flowers	House Plants
Plant Crafts	Small Grains	Vegetables



JOIN THE CLUB

4-H is ... open to all youth in grades K-13

⇒ K-2nd graders sample a variety of projects in our Cloverbuds program.

⇒ 3rd graders and older youth select their own project(s) with 3rd graders also having the option to choose the Exploring program in addition to other projects to sample a variety of projects.

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4-H is ... open for year round enrollment for new members with the new 4-H year beginning in September!

Join a 4-H Club near you today!

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