

March 2019

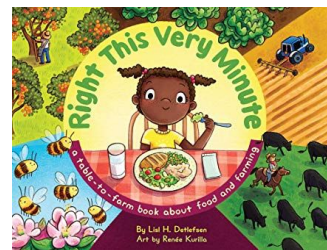
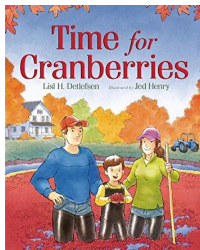
March feels like the shortest month of the year this year! This week 5th grade will begin the the Wisconsin Forward Test. This state test is for all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. 4th grade will test the week of April 1st and 3rd grade the week of April 8th.



Mark your calendars for our next **Family Night Monday April 29th!** Dinner begins at 5:30. At 6:00 author Lisl H. Detlefsen will share stories of being a writer. She will read her book RIGHT THIS VERY MINUTE, share photos of her life as an author on a cranberry marsh, and briefly explain her books. There will be time for a Q&A from the audience and book signing.

Additionally she will provide a writing workshop for grades 3-5. They will discuss TIME FOR CRANBERRIES, the differences between fiction and non-fiction, and students will hear earlier drafts of the book and learn about the revision process.

Her books are available at Amazon. If you'd like to purchase one, she will sign them that night.

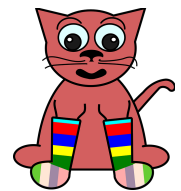


Important Dates

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

- March 18 - PTC Meeting - 5:30**
- March 21 - FUTP60 Field Trip**
- March 22 - Student Council "Fun Day" - "Silly Socks".**
- March 25 - 29 - SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL**

- April 1 - School Resumes!**
- April 12 - 2nd and 3rd Grade Field Trip to National Eagle Center**
- April 19 - NO SCHOOL - VACATION DAY**
- April 22 - Make Up School Day - School in session!**
- April 26 - K, 1 & 2 Field Trip to Eau Claire Children's Museum**
- April 26 - 3-5 Mr. Popper's Penguins - Oxford Theater**
- April 26 - Student Council - Silly Sock Day!**
- April 29 - Title Literacy Night! (Meet the Author!)**
- April 29 - Next years' Kindergarten Visit Night.**





Here's What's Happening!

Kindergarten- Dear Families, Despite all of the Snow Days, we accomplished a lot in Kindergarten during the month of February! We are happy Spring is on the way! In Reading, we are working on becoming Avid Readers. In Writing, we just finished our personal narrative unit and are starting to write "How to Books". We started this unit with learning how to make a bouncy egg! In Math, we are using number bonds to help us add, subtract and write number sentences. In Science, just finished our



Materials and Motion Unit and are now learning about living things. Two Goldfish joined our room and we named them Goldie and Starburst. We will study Goldie and Starburst to learn more about living things.

Your Friends,
Mrs. Fiege, Miss Birshbach & The Kinder Kids

First Grade- WOW! March is flying by in first grade! We are so busy learning about how to write our own poetry and songs, working on place value, comparing numbers, and comparison of numbers. We are learning that first grade readers have BIG jobs to do including: phonics, fluency and comprehension! And we are excited to begin to learn about plants and animals after spring break! Have a beautiful Spring!

Love: Mrs. Gully's Classroom

Second Grade- *We wish you a happy spring time, we wish you a happy spring time, we wish you a happy spring time, and lots of sunshine.*

Science brings investigating **INSECTS AND PLANTS** in our lessons.

We are beginning a new module called Foundations of Multiplication and Division. How exciting!!! These students are on their way to being a 3rd grader.

We look forward to two field trips to enhance our learning, National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN, and the Eau Claire Children's Museum. We sure are lucky at DownsVille School.

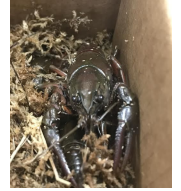
We welcome a UW-Stout student teacher, Ms. Klatt, on April 4th to our classroom. Enjoy what Spring time has to offer.

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

Here's What's Happening!

Third Grade- Wow! This year continues to fly by! I can't believe we are coming up on Spring Break already! The third grade class continues to learn all sorts of new things! In Reading and Writing we are working on researching nonfiction and will be writing our own

research-based nonfiction book. We are excited about starting our next Science unit- Structures of Life. We will be starting the unit by learning about the structure of crayfish, observing their behaviors, learning about their habitat and how they are alike and different from other animals. In Social Studies, we are learning about the American Revolution. I hope everyone has a great Spring Break!!!

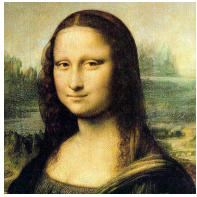


Fourth Grade- These fourth graders continue to work hard and learn new things! In math, we are continuing our fractions unit. In reading, we are continuing our social issues unit, and in writing, we are starting our fiction writing unit! We are especially excited for science this trimester as we get to use different living creatures in our investigations, such as mealworms and pill bugs! We will begin Forward testing the week before Spring Break and will continue with the testing when we return. So much to be proud of!

Fifth Grade- Happy Spring (hopefully!) from 5th grade! This month we are busy starting many new and exciting topics throughout all of our learning areas. In Math, we are finishing our Adding and Subtracting fractions unit and moving on to Multiplying and Dividing Fractions. In Reading, we are finishing our Independent Author Study with a live Museum! Our 5th graders will be showing off their favorite authors in a variety of different ways! In writing, we are continuing to work on our Literary Essay unit, in which we discuss our ideas about texts that we read. In Science, we will be starting our Living Systems unit. We will discuss how parts of our world interact with each other. In Social Studies, we are continuing to discussing the construction of Early America.

March is a month of trade-offs. While we are getting warmer weather, it also means Forward Testing is here too. We are hard at work preparing for our tests! Make sure your students are well rested and get a good breakfast the week of testing in order to help them succeed to their best ability.

Thank you and have a great spring break!



In the art room...

Hello Downsville!

If you haven't yet, please check out the 5th grade paintings at Tabby's Caffe in Menomonie! They are raising money for the Dunn County Humane Society.

If your child is bored during Spring Break, have them complete this drawing challenge!

- Day 1: Set some objects on a table or desk, and draw the objects you see!
- Day 2: Draw a picture that reminds you of summer!
- Day 3: Draw a picture of something you are doing during the break!
- Day 4: Draw a picture of a toy you have, but change the colors!
- Day 5: Draw a picture of a place you would like to go to someday!



Each drawing should be done on separate sheets of paper, and your child should work on the drawing for at least ten minutes. Students who complete the drawings and bring them back after break will be put into a drawing for a prize!

Thank you!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE SECOND TRIMESTER!

Congratulations: We had 15 students who had perfect attendance from December 4th - March 5th. Awesome Job!

*K -Nix Skorczewski
Jazmine Quinn
Sadie Peinovich*

*2nd - Ian Peinovich
Hunter Quinn*

4th - Mason Pfeilsticker

*1st -Myranda Creaser
Christopher Ankrum*

*3rd - Nora Skorczewski
Alyssa Polus
Matthew Althardt
Gabriel Grutt*

*5th - Addison Bowell
Kalyn Fisher
Connor Engeldinger*



*These students pictures are posted above our Food Service bulletin board!
Stop by to see!!*

SAVERS!



Congratulations Downsville Families!

*In January we had received 642 milk caps - \$32.10 for our school.
We will let you know the total for the year after our final mail in at the
end of the month of March.*

*We had received 2 gallons of pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald house.
And students had turned in Box Tops totaling \$46.70.*

*These funds have been used to purchase PBIS incentives the students earn with their
"Downsville Dollars", and other items for students.*



DOWNSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN VISIT DAY!

All students who are planning on attending Kindergarten at Downsville School in the fall are invited to come to Downsville School on:

Monday
April 29th
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Kindergarten Classroom



Students and parents will do the following:

- meet the Kindergarten teacher
- see the classroom
- tour the school.

Parents will be informed on various school procedures and activities that occur at our Downsville School.

Please plan to stay for our *Title I Literacy Night: “Meet the author”*
Dinner will be served @ 5:30 and author 6:00 – 7:00.

Please call the school (715-664-8546) with a count for how many will stay to enjoy dinner and our Title I Family Night.

We hope to see you there!



Counselor Connections

Deb Hoage -School Counselor

MORE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Downsville school continues to encourage daily practice of social emotional learning in building positive relationships with others by using 'zones of regulation', mindfulness, and our PBIS expectations.

Empathy is an important relationship skill for children to learn. The following is an excerpt from 'Raising Caring Kids, a free family resource parents can access through the following link:

<https://parenting.uwex.edu/raising-caring-kids>

“Empathy is the ability to understand and share someone else’s feelings.

What we know: When children are asked to think about how other children feel, it can help them to better understand and share someone else’s feelings.

Children who can see and know how someone else feels are more likely to get along with other people.

When children consider how other people feel, they are more likely to reach out and help others.”

Respectfully,

Deb Hoage -

Downsville 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 18 and May 3, 2019.

Test tips for Home:

- Keep to a daily routine for meals, homework, chores, bedtime, and family time.
- If possible, plan extra family events & appointments in a way that allows students to participate in regular scheduled test dates and test times.
- Ensure students get a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before taking a test.
- Offer praise and encouragement for achievement and improvement with testing.



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Music Update

Mrs. Orf's Classroom



What is going on in Music?

Kindergarten: Learning about different voices;

(singing, speaking, calling & whispering)

1st Grade: Learning about high and low sounds. (So & Mi)

2nd Grade: Transferring rhythms to instruments.

3rd Grade: Movement/singing in rounds (different groups)

4th Grade: Dancing in rhythm and Recorder Karate

5th Grade: Recorder; focusing on rhythm and articulation



Save the Date!

May 7, 2019

K-2 Informance

6:00pm

River Heights

Gym

A Note From Mrs. Orf

Dear Families,

Please, don't forget about
our upcoming K-2
Informance

This is like a concert, just
structured differently.

Look for more information
soon.

-Mrs. Orf



Library Newsletter



MARCH

District Elementary Library Media Specialist: Jessica Graham
jessica_graham@msd.k12.wi.us



Battle of the Books Update

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.

Here are the top teams from each school that will go on to compete at the state level:

Wakanda: "The Readers"



Elliott Berrier,
Kierra Weiker,
Sydney Norby, and
Noah Scofield

Downsville: "Murphy Mutts"



Nolen Ayres
Nathan Kruschke
Tyler Nelson
Jackson Pfeilsticker



River Heights: "Bookworms"
Noah Winder,
Eleanor Beck,
Max Davis, Carly
Weber



Oaklawn: "The Tri-Wizard Champions"

Logan, Jenifer,
Levi and Jack



Knapp: "The Whoppers"
Landon
Mittlestadt,
Cole
Christenson,
Danica
Holcomb, and
Kyah Barnhart

READ

Headphones Needed

The library is in need of headphones. If you have extra, in good condition, please consider donating them to the library! Simply send them to school with your child to be dropped off, or stop in the library to donate them in person. Thank you so much for supporting our students and schools!

What's Flying Off the Shelves

WAK: Pinkalicious Series, Books by Kate DiCamillo, Roald Dahl, Beverly Cleary, Andrew Clements

RH: Books on Gaming, Amulet Series, Fly Guy

DN: Bad Guys Series, Graphic Novels

OAK: Ballet and Dance books, Wings of Fire series, Unofficial Fortnite series

KN: Bad Guys Series, Graphic Novels



Explore

THE UNITED WAY SPRING CARNIVAL

4:30-7 PM WED. APRIL 24

1715 5TH STREET W, MAIN ENTRANCE

MENOMONIE HIGH SCHOOL →



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*Interpretas Disponibles
en Español*



FREE EVENT FOR ALL AGES 
+ GAMES + ACTIVITIES &
+ MEAL RESOURCES
+ PRIZES

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