

May 2019



I can't believe it is almost the end of the school year! We have been very busy with end of the year learning experiences, assessments and special celebrations. The last day of school is Friday June 7th. We will have a school recognition ceremony starting at 9:30 followed by outside fun activities. Students will then gather back in their classrooms to prepare for lunch.

The last day of school picnic will begin at 11:30. Please return your slips if you are planning on joining us for lunch. You are welcome to take your child home with you after the picnic. ***Please check out with your child's teacher and get their report card prior to leaving.*** If you would like your child to leave with another family a note will be required. Also please check **lost and found** as well as stop by the office to pick up any unused medication. Have a wonderful relaxing summer with your families and I look forward to seeing you next year!

Please consider joining our wonderful Downsville PTC next year. Their work provides for many experiences for our children including field trips, book give-aways, and much, much more. Our first meeting in the fall is September 16th. Mark your calendars now!

Want to prevent Summer Slide? Keep your kids reading! Here is a wonderful way to help your kids track their reading minutes this summer! [Scholastic Read-a-Palooza Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Important Dates

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



May 23 - 25 - 5th Grade Camping - Environmental Site.

May 27 - NO SCHOOL - Vacation Day!

May 29 - Summer Reading visit from the Public library

May 30 - Title I Spring Meeting - 7:30 a.m.

Student Council Dress Up Day! - "Twin Day!"

May 31 - ALL SCHOOL - Environmental Site Field Trip

5th Grade Recognition - 5:00 p.m.

June 3 - Top Fundraisers Celebrate with Mrs. Begley

June 4 - Student Council Dress Up Day! - "Sports Day!"

June 5 - Moving Up Day and Yearbook signing

June 6 - ALL SCHOOL - Wakanda Water Park Field Trip

June 7 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Report Cards Go Home!



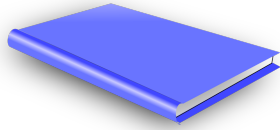
Menu Change on May 30th:

Hamburger on Bun

Peas

Garden Bar

Milk



YEAR BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

There are extra yearbooks available if you missed the deadline! (Cost is \$10.) Please feel free to contact the office to make sure you get your copy of this years memory book! They will be handed out the last week of school!



Here's What's Happening!



Kindergarten - Dear Families, We are winding down in Kindergarten as we count down to the last day of school. We are completing final assessments, and projects. We are also thinking back on the Kindergarten year and reflecting on how much we have learned and grown. We are celebrating these amazing accomplishments! We will be making a Memory Book and a photo book to bring home and keep as a memory of our Kindergarten Year!

Thank you to all of the families for your support, communication, and involvement this year! It has been a privilege to work with all of you! Thank you for sharing your children with me too! I feel lucky that I got to be a significant part of their life, and teach them that anything is possible if you just believe you can do it!

Sincerely, Julie Fiege and the Kinder Kids

First Grade- We are having so much fun wrapping up our first grade year. We graduated from our Phonics curriculum with the help of our friendly Lion Rasheed, now we are teaching him the ABC's of first grade to show everything we have learned!

We are also reviewing all of our favorite writing units and are continuing to meet and learn from new characters in readers workshop.

In math we are beginning to learn about shapes and graphing. Yeeehaw! We can't believe our year on "The Gully Ranch" is almost coming to an end!

Love:
Mrs. Gully's Classroom



Our **Second Grade** Is Over and We Are Leaving for the Summer!
 We will see you all next year.
 Good-bye! Good-bye! Good-bye!



Some of our favorite things from this school year.

Mrs. Holcomb: enjoyed singing together.	Brody: enjoyed W.I.N. time.	Kinsley: enjoyed our songs, poems, and games.	Bella: enjoyed recess and playing with friends.	Bryan: enjoyed math, choice time, and reader's workshop.
Jayden: enjoyed math and the problem sets.	Hayden: enjoyed reading, math, games, and I-pad time.	Gage: enjoyed math, writing, W.I.N., art, and gym.	Grace: enjoyed popcorn Fridays, reading, and writing.	Harper: enjoyed playing Prodigy, writing, reading, and gym.
Justin: enjoyed Legos, I-Pad time, Holcomb's store and lunch.	Zoe: liked writing, mayor's share, ABC countdown, and recess.	Ian: enjoyed the ABC countdown, reading, and Dog Man books.	Frankie: enjoyed the Prodigy website and science	Hunter: enjoyed writing, math, reading, and "mayor's" share
Drew: enjoyed swinging, playing dodge ball and kickball at recess, and the Smart Board	Alejandra: enjoyed our books, and the "special" classes. Also, the great friends at school..	Lexi: enjoyed the mystery walkers, bubble gum, and the Pippi Long stocking book and movie	Madelyn: says "it is a really tough decision, she really liked everything". Gym(gymnastics, art, watched learning videos and science.	Tyler: enjoyed reading with partners, W.I.N. time, and morning meeting.
Ezra: enjoyed math, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory book and movie, and reading.				



Third Grade- Wow! Can we really be down to the last few weeks of school already?! In third grade we are wrapping up our Biography Reading Unit.

We will end with a culminating activity where students have to choose someone to research, gather information, create a poster and then present it.

In Writing, students have chosen a fairy tale that they would like to adapt to make their own. We are continuing to learn more about perimeter and how to solve word problems in Math. I hope everyone enjoys the last few weeks of school and your summer break!

Ms. Miller



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Fourth Grade - How crazy that the end of the school year is already here! What a wonderful year it has been with these great kids. To wrap up the year, we are finishing our decimal unit in math and our journalism unit in reading & writing. We are working on creating posters to display our mealworm data that we have collected over the past two months. The kids are very excited for our Madison field trip with fifth grade. They are working hard right to the end! I am proud of all the work they have put in this year and the fantastic individuals they are growing up to be. I hope all families have a fantastic summer! -

Mrs. Minnich



Fifth Grade - Even though it's May, that doesn't mean we're slowing down! This month we have been working hard to get ready for a couple weeks of fun with all of our field trips (Track and Field Day, Madison, Fort Snelling, and the Camp Out!) In Reading, we have been diving deeper into our Fantasy Book Clubs and exploring their complexity. In Writing, we have begun crafting Memoirs that leave our readers with life lessons. In Math, we have been finishing up our Fraction Multiplication and Division. We have also been starting our Volume unit!



Track and Field Day was a huge success for our Downsville students, as we represented our school in the best way possible: By great sportsmanship!

Our Madison trip was also a blast. Our students had a great time discovering what our state capitol has to offer. This trip really helps our students understand what it means to be a member of our community!



DUNN COUNTY **Summer** FOOD RESOURCES

DUNN COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES

Stepping Stones Food Pantry

1620 Stout Rd PH: 715-235-2920
Menomonie, WI 54751
Monday, Thursday, Friday 11am-2pm
Saturday 10am-Noon
Proof of residency (driver's license, utility bill, lease, etc), Photo ID, and household's gross monthly income needed.
<http://www.steppingstonesdc.org>

Caring Ministries Food Pantry

715 University Ave
Colfax, WI 54730
Emergency food for residents in the Colfax postal code or school district.
By appointment only.

Feed my People -1010 High Street, Colfax, WI
4th Tuesday each month Bring bags/boxes

Food Harvest Ministry, Inc: Distribution starts at 10 am. Suggested donation \$20. Bring your own bags/boxes. *Boyceville Community Center:* 1223 Charlotte St, Boyceville. Third Saturday of each month.
Knapp Harvest Ministry: 508 Hwy 12 West, Knapp. Fifth Saturday of each month.

Ruby's Pantry

207 University St, Elk Mound, WI 54739
Church 715-879-5115/Ruby's 320-629-7400
Tuesday & Wednesday 3-6 pm
Third Monday each month.
Register at 4:30pm/Distribution at 5:30pm
\$20 cash donation requested.
Everyone welcome. Bring boxes
www.rubyspantry.org

West Cap Food Pantry

823 Main St PH: 715-977-1191
Boyceville, WI 54725
Thursdays: 3 pm-7 pm
Fridays: 9 am-1 pm
Free Produce Distribution: Wed 5-7 pm

Project SAM: Free weekend meal program for children ages 3-18. Distributed 6/17-7/18/19 Thursdays at MHS or River Heights and Boys & Girls Club through 8/23/19. (**Children don't need to attend summer school to receive SAMS**). Each bag contains enough food for 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches for one child. Each child in the home is eligible. Contact 715-235-2920 or foodpantry@steppingstonesdc.org.

Free Summer Meals

**For all children-under 18 yrs old
(Do not need to be in summer school)**

Breakfast 7:30-8:15a

Lunch 11:25a-12:00p

River Heights: Mon-Fri

6/17-6/27, 7/8-7/29, 8/2-8/9

High School: Mon-Thurs

6/17-6/27, 7/8-7/18

Free Community Meals

Thursday's Table-Each Thursday 5-6 pm

First Congregational Church
420 Wilson Ave PH: 715-235-5838

Tuesday's Table-Each Tuesday 5-6 pm

St. Joseph's Church
910 Wilson Ave PH: 715-232-4922

LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS

Boyceville Food Market

Andy Pafko Park Hwy 170
Boyceville, WI
June-Oct Mondays 2-6pm

Menomonie Farmer's Market

Wilson Park-9th Avenue,
Mid-May-Oct, Wed 11-6p
Sat 8a-1p

Elk Mound Market

E220 Menomonie St
Elk Mound, WI
June-Oct Fri 8am-6pm



News



In Our Elementary Libraries

Summer Slide

It's important to keep reading over the summer so skills learned during school are not lost or forgotten during the summer. Here are some easy ways to help avoid that summer slide:

1. Visit the public library
2. Make time to read every day
3. Bring a book for car rides
4. Practice reading out loud
5. Read at bed time
6. Attend summer school



End of Year Dates

May 20-24: Last Week of Library

May 24: Last day students can check out books

May 31: All student books must be returned to the library

June 3: Library notices will be sent home for lost/overdue items

June 7: Last day of school for students



What's Flying Off the Shelves

Knapp

Bad Guys Series, Phoebe and Her Unicorn Series, military books, dog and cat books

River Heights

Bone Series, Wonder, Elephant and Piggie Books, Cookbooks

Wakanda

Wimpy Kid Series, Elephant and Piggie Books, Wings of Fire Series, Playaways, 13 Story Treehouse Series

Downsville

Pokemon Books, Lego Books, Minecraft Books, Fairy Tales

Oaklawn

Books of Elsewhere Series Spiderwick Chronicles, Creepy Pair of Underwear, Bruce's Big Move, Wings of Fire Series, Phoebe and Her Unicorn Series

Overdrive Digital Library.

[www.tinyurl.com/
sdmaoverdrive](http://www.tinyurl.com/sdmaoverdrive)

Steps to Checking Out
A Book

1. Click the Overdrive icon on the K-5 Portal or use the link above
2. Log in to Overdrive using your student number for the username and password
3. Look for a book to read
4. Hover over the book icon and choose "Borrow"
5. Click "Go to Checkouts"
6. Choose "Read In Browser"
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Join us for the 5th Pancake Breakfast



No charge
Free-will
Donation

SATURDAY MAY 25, 2019

8:00am until 11:00am

**At the Museum on
County Rd C in Downsville**

Homemade Buttermilk Pancakes with Fruit Toppings, Real Maple Syrup,
Sausage from Springbrook Meats, Juice & Coffee

For our 2019 Grand opening

Come meet Local Artist

Dan Burleigh Phillips

We will have his art from years-gone-by
as well as current paintings

Learn more about Dan on his website
- <http://danburleighphillips.com/AbouttheArtist> or

The Museum's website
- www.downsvillecommunitymuseum.com or

Like us on Facebook



— 26TH ANNUAL —
DUNN COUNTY
dairy breakfast

JUNE 8TH, 2019
7:00AM-11:00AM

HOSTED BY ALFALAWN FARM



**OWNERS: RANDY, DAVE, AND
DALE STYER, AND FAMILIES**

Address: N285S 290th St., Menomonie, WI 54751
From Menomonie: Take Hwy 25 south to Downsville,
turn right on Hwy 72. Farm is located 4.5 miles west
on Hwy 72- look for signs for the dairy breakfast!

**DAD'S BELGIAN
WAFFLE BREAKFAST
FARM TOUR
PETTING ZOO
ICE CREAM
CHEESE CURDS
PUDDING**



**\$6/PERSON- KIDS 5
AND UNDER EAT FREE**

Checked out on Facebook!
• DUNN COUNTY DAIRY PROMOTION BREAKFAST
• ALFALAWN FARM

Sponsored by the Dunn County Dairy Promotion Board