

November 2018

It is hard to believe December will be right around the corner and we are at 50+ days in school! It is around this time of year that everyone becomes comfortable with each other and we see a rise in conflicts in the classroom and on the playground. We utilize the language and tool below to help children understand the social context of interactions with their peers. We encourage you to use this language at home when you are discussing situations with your child that occur at school.



CONFLICT	RUDE	MEAN	BULLYING
Occasional	Occasional	Once or Twice	Is REPEATED
Not planned; in the heat of the moment	Spontaneous: unintentional	Intentional	Is planned and done on purpose
All parties are upset	Can cause hurt feelings; upset	Can hurt others deeply	The target of the bullying is upset
All parties want to work things out	Based in thoughtlessness, poor manners or narcissism	Based in anger; impulsive cruelty	The bully is trying to gain control over the target
All parties will accept responsibility	Rude person accepts responsibility	Behavior often regretted;	The bully blames the target
An effort is made by all parties to solve the problem			The target wants to stop the bully's behavior, the bully does not
Can be resolved through mediation	Social skill building could be of benefit	Needs to be addressed/ should NOT be ignored	CANNOT be resolved through mediation

Source: Jennifer Astles, DASA Newsletter, January 2014, TST BOCES

Downsville Elementary would like to thank everyone who came and supported our Fall Festival on Friday, November 2nd! This is Student Council's main fundraiser and event which helps support many projects and events for our students and school. With your help we were able to raise so much money! Another big thank you to all who sent in theme basket items, baked goods for the treat walk and food donations for the kitchen!

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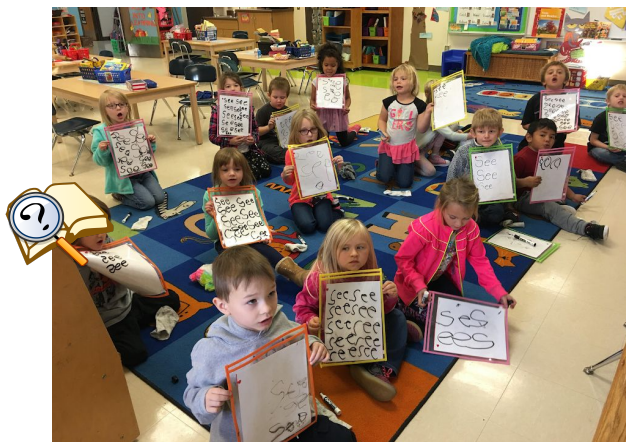
-Mrs. Gully and Mrs. Holcomb
(Student Council Advisors)



Here's What's Happening!

Kindergarten- Kindergarten is busy rereading "old favorite storybooks". We read the books many times as a class and act them out. Then, we re-read privately and with a partner. In Writing, we just finished learning how to illustrate pictures. We are using what we learned in our Illustration Unit, to illustrate our own books about things we know about. In phonics we are learning how to be experts at the alphabet, label pictures, and learn snap words. In Math, we have been practicing writing the numbers 1-10 and recognizing dot patterns that match. In Science, we are exploring the properties of wood! We get to do lots of experiments! We got to build a raft and see how many passengers it could carry. We also made particle board!

Mrs. Fiege and the Kinder Kids



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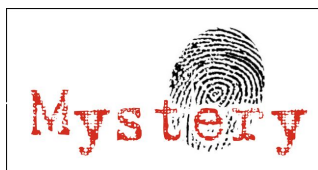
First Grade- This month in First Grade we are going to be starting to learn about Non-fiction in both reading and writing! We will begin a new math unit: Introduction to place value through addition and subtraction. We are wrapping up our science unit on Air and Weather and starting a new Social Studies Unit about Holiday Traditions. We are also finishing up our phonics unit on: The Mystery of the Silent E! Lots of fun and learning in first grade! :)



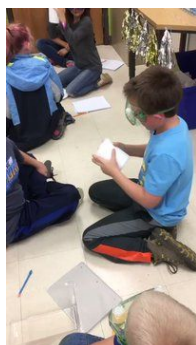
-Love: Mrs. Gully and her 1st Grade Cowpokes

Second Grade- The Super second graders are busy learning about writing and reading through nonfiction topics. We just recently completed a fabulous field trip and learning about life long ago and pioneers. The learning of place value is happening in math and we are continuing to be geologist in science.

Third Grade- November continues to be a busy month for the third grade students. In Math we are working on multi-digit addition and subtraction along with rounding and estimating. We have just wrapped up our Social Studies unit on Jamestown and learned a lot. In Writing, we are finalizing our persuasive speeches on what we would like to see changed around our community and school. We get to be detectives in Reading as we go through our Mystery unit and try to solve crimes before we read about them. The third graders continue to stay busy and are working hard!



Fourth Grade- We continue to learn and grow in fourth grade! We are learning how to do three and four digit multiplication in math and are doing lots of hands-on learning in our Soils, Rocks and Minerals science unit! In reading, we are continuing to learn about non-fiction texts and are beginning our persuasive essays in writing! I am so proud of the hard work the fourth graders show every day!



Fifth Grade- This month in November, 5th grade has been hard at work with their learning, but also with their Tiger Talker program! In Math, we have begun multiplying multi-digit numbers in preparation to multiply decimals. In Reading and Writing, we have been exploring Feature Articles in which we will teach our readers about a subject we're passionate about. In Social Studies we have been learning how to DO history with our guest teacher, Mrs. Kneeland! In science, we are continuing to learn about the relationships between the parts of our solar system. Our 5th graders have also just begun our peer mediation program, the Tiger Talkers!

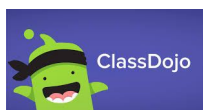


Important Dates

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

November 19th -	PTC Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
November 21, 22, 23 -	NO SCHOOL!
December 3rd -	End of 1st Trimester
December 5th -	Report Card goes home
December 18th -	Winter Concert - 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade.
	1:15 - Dress Rehearsal - River Heights Gym
	6:00 p.m. River Heights Elementary Gym

Connecting with Families



@downsvilleES

Counselor Connections

Deb Hoage -School Counselor

Keeping Traditions

For many, late fall & early winter is that time to start planning for the traditional 'holiday season'.

At Downsview school a different tradition began on November 9th as our 5th graders became peer helpers over the lunch & recess period through the Tiger Talker program.

Peer helpers are an established practice that teaches young people to be active listeners & problem solvers in helping others to work through conflict.

Peer helping contributes to a climate of care and respect. Having a peer program teaches children how to help, not hurt, others and demonstrates the value of service to others.

Thank you 5th graders & parents for your support in this important tradition of service to our school!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING,
Deb Hoage-School Counselor



Christmas Miracle Program:

Christmas Miracle is all about the kids! This program supports families for ages newborn to 14 years old. Applications are available at the school and once completed can be turned in to Jake Farrah at Integrity Auto (513 Oak Ave, Menomonie). All gifts will be handed out at a local Christmas Miracle event on Dec. 8 or 15th. **Applications due Nov. 16.**



Family Resources: Clothing:

Clothing Closet: *Free clothing for all ages.* Open first Wed of the month from 5-7pm and the first Sat of the month from 10:00a-2:00p. Menomonie Holiness Heritage Church of the Nazarene, 1004 8th St, Menomonie.

Grace Episcopal Church Thrift Store: Everything priced at \$1 or less. Clothing, household items, toys and books. Open Fridays and Saturdays from 9a-4p. E4357 451st Ave, Menomonie. **Open to public.**

Heating & Energy needs:

Dunn Energy Cooperative

Provides energy assistance and helps pay winter heating bills. 715-232-6240 or 1-800-924-0630.

Economic Support

Dunn County Human Services at 715-232-1116. Emergency Assistance Program. Energy crisis services through Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, 1-855-792-5439.

West CAP, 1421 Stout Rd, Menomonie, 715-235-4511.

WHEAP: Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program. 1-866-432-8947.

District Elementary Library Newsletter November



At the Public Library

Santa Claus Then and Now will be Thursday, Dec. 6th at 6:30. This presentation by author David Tank, will provide an entertaining look at Santa through the ages.

There will be a **Santa and Mrs. Clause open house** on Monday, December 10th from 4:00-6:00 at the public library's meeting room.

It's FREE! You can:

- bring your cameras
- make a craft
- enjoy cookies and milk

Internet Discount Finder

Low- income households in WI may be eligible for discounted Internet. Tip: searching by city yields more results than physical address.

See what's available!

<http://maps.psc.wi.gov/apps/DiscountPrograms/>

Overdrive has a Font to Help Students With Dyslexia

Overdrive, our digital library, is available for free through our school district. It offers a dyslexic font option to help struggling readers.

If your child is dyslexic, or struggles with reading, try using this feature when reading Overdrive Ebooks. The font makes each letter unique, and this modification is discreet. You can find this option in your account settings!

Please try it and let me know how you like it!

What's Flying of the Shelves

Downsville

-Paranormal Books
-Who Would Win Books

Knapp

-Bad Guys Books
-Halloween Books

River Heights

-Percy Jackson Books
-39 Clues Books
-Halloween Books

Oaklawn

-Joke Books
-Weird But True Books
-The Book With No Pictures

Wakanda

-Wimpy Kid Series
-Dog Man Series
-13 Story Treehouse Series



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NEED HELP PAYING FOR PRESCRIPTIONS?

Pharmacy vouchers are available for Dunn County patients struggling to afford out-of-pocket expenses for prescriptions specific to **diabetes** or **cancer**.



REQUEST A VOUCHER FORM AT THE FOLLOWING PHARMACIES:

The Medicine Shoppe - Menomonie, WI
Mayo Clinic Red Cedar Pharmacy - Menomonie, WI
Colfax Health Mart Pharmacy - Colfax, WI
Spring Valley Drug - Spring Valley, WI

GO TO WWW.CFDUNNCOUNTY.ORG/VOUCHER FOR MORE DETAILS

Made possible by the CJ Diabetic Care Fund and the
Garding Against Cancer Fund of the Community Foundation of Dunn County

PICTURES WITH SANTA



Santa Clause will be stopping by the
Downsville Community Museum



Saturday, December 1st, 2018



10:00 am until 1:00 pm



Bring your kids and your cameras

We will have hot beverages and snacks



PARENT TEACHER COMMITTEE



NOVEMBER MEETING

When: Mon, Nov 19th, - 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Secretary's Report
- III. Treasurer's Report
- IV. Old Business
 - Fall Festival Recap - *Teacher Representative/Tammy*
 - Library Bins update - *Mary B*
 - Holiday Visit/books update - *Lexi/Tammy/Mary B*
 - Book Fair - did dates get changed? *Tammy*
- V. New Business
 - Yearbooks - have we heard anything from Lifetouch yet?
 - January Skating Party - set committee and date
- VI. Principal's Report
- VII. Next PTC Meeting - December 17th at 5:30 pm
*Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month.