



DOWNSVILLE TIGER TALES

OCTOBER 2016

Dear Downsville Families,

We're off to a terrific start of the school year! Thank you for attending parent/teacher conferences. Our staff is very committed to partnering with you to maximize the learning experience here at Downsville Elementary School. We continue to provide a high standard of learning to each and every one of our students. We believe all students are capable of deeper and more challenging learning. Our district goal is to have every child ready for college or career.



Downsville Elementary School has exceeded in closing our achievement gap for students. We strive to have our students work at or above grade level benchmarks and to have all students demonstrate learning growth. Next month we are excited to share our State Report Card scores with you. Staff have viewed and analyzed our report card and the scores are embargoed to the public until November 17th. Our teachers have been trained and continue with ongoing professional development offered for grade-by-grade curricula in reading and math designed to meet ambitious 21st-century expectations and global standards. Teachers have learned the newest thinking on reading instruction and writing workshop through the Lucy Calkins resource. Lucy Calkins has developed a reading/writing program that has decades of research, curriculum development, and has worked in thousands of schools.

On October 31, we will celebrate our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS). Downsville staff have planned a fun filled afternoon to reward our students for their achievements with positive behavior choices. We have multi-age group activities planned from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Students will then return back to their respective classrooms and regroup for the costume parade through town. Parents are welcome to arrive at 2:15 p.m. to assist students with costumes and makeup. We plan on leaving our school around 2:30 p.m. to start our parade route through to our downtown area. Parents, grandparents and other family members are welcome to join us.

After we return back to school, parents may take their child(ren) with them. With it being the actual Halloween holiday, we need to be accountable for all our students and their whereabouts after the school parade. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated as not all students walk with their respective classrooms in the parade. A letter will be sent home soon for you to verify your family's plan.

Please mark your calendar for our annual grand community celebration: **Fall Festival on Friday, November 4 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.** Please share the news and all are welcome to celebrate with us!

Always know I have an open door policy and would love the opportunity to chat with you! Feel free to stop in with any questions, concerns or ideas.

Have a wondrous Fall!

Mary Henry, Downsville Elementary Principal



September Peace Builders!

- K – Drew Wittig
- 1 – Braydon Wolf
- 2- Colton Baldwin
- 3- Tyler Nelson
- 4- Jonny Kittelson
- 5- Cody Dahms

NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION:



Hello! My name is Scott Weber and I am the new Education Support Specialist at Downsville Elementary.

One day after reading a book to my son's class, Ms.

Henry caught me leaving the building and asked, "Hey, Scott, would you be interested in the ESS position we have?", and the rest is now recent history. :)

I join the staff with several years of teaching experience at the primary level and am excited to be at Downsville Elementary! Being from this area, I know Downsville Elementary is a great school with great students, a great staff and a supportive community.



Important Up-Coming Dates:

- Oct. 26 Windy City Players presents:
"Sleeping Beauty". 10:30 a.m.
- 27 K – 1 Field Trip (9:20 -1:00)
Maple Leaf Apple Orchard
- 31 PBIS Celebration
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
- 31 Halloween Parade – 2:30 p.m.
- Nov. 1 Girl Scouts Outreach in
Library – Lunch Recess
- 3 Picture Retake Day!
- 4 FALL FESTIVAL!!
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- 8 Girl Scouts Outreach in
Library – Lunch Recess
- 10 Veteran's Day Program!
10:30 a.m.
- 15 Girl Scouts Outreach in
Library – Lunch Recess
- 18 Building Brighter Smiles
Dental Clinic
- 21 2ND Grade Field Trip –
Chippewa Valley Museum
- 21 PTC Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
- 22 Girl Scouts Outreach in
Library – Lunch Recess
- 22 Hearing and Vision Checks
K, 1st, 3rd & 5th grades.
- 22 End of 1st Trimester!
- 23 NO SCHOOL! – Teacher
Professional Development
- 24 Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL!
- 25 NO SCHOOL – VACATION.

Counselor Connections

Deb Hoage -School Counselor

“Bucket Fill-osophy”

Have your children come home saying they are a ‘bucket filler’ or that someone helped ‘fill their bucket’?

At the start of the school year through guidance class, K-5 students heard the story, ‘Have you Filled a Bucket Today’ by Carol McCloud. The book explains that we all carry an invisible bucket that keeps our feelings about ourselves. When our buckets are full, we are happy; when they are empty, we are sad. It’s important to know that we can fill our own bucket and so can others. The best way to fill up our own bucket is by doing things to fill the buckets of others. This is the idea made clear in Carol McCloud’s book.

The bucket filling message is one that every person can follow. There is a choice to be a bucket filler or a bucket dipper. The way to fill a bucket is to be kind to someone. A smile or a compliment is an excellent way to fill a bucket and it makes you happy, too. On the other hand, a person can dip into your bucket by name calling, pushing, or ignoring and then you feel sad. If someone keeps dipping in your bucket you can put a lid over your bucket (such as ignoring them) and they cannot make you feel bad anymore. It is important for children to report hurtful incidents to a teacher or another caring adult. If someone’s bucket is completely empty, then that is an *emergency* and we need to make sure that we fill their bucket right away.

Throughout the year, we will be speaking with Downsville students and engaging them through classroom and school-wide activities to encourage bucket filling in and out of school.

For more ideas or to receive a weekly newsletter you can visit the bucket fillers website at www.bucketfillers101.com

We want everyone to feel welcome and appreciated at Downsville Elementary School!

Have you filled someone’s bucket today?

Bucket Filler Ways-A to Z List

Ask if you can help
Be a bucket filler
Cheer up a friend
Donate to a special group
Excited to fill buckets
Friends have fun
Give a little of your time
Heroes look out for others
Invite someone to join the fun
Joyful when you give a hug
Kindness brightens your day
Listen when people talk
Make a bucket filling card
Notice helpful things
Offer to help
Practice daily bucket filling
Quit any bucket dipping
Respect everyone
Smile and see what happens
Tell your family you love them
Use kind words
Volunteer to do some work
Watch out for bucket dipping
EXtra-special is a friend
You do your best
Zero you can’t work out

Giving tree program

Downsville Elementary School along with Arby's will once again be sponsoring a **Giving Tree** program for our school children. Information about participating in this program will be available mid-November.

With parent or guardian permission to participate, a list of items such as clothing with sizes, toys, or other needs are turned in to the office, classroom teacher, or school counselor.

Children's age, gender, & gifts requested are written on a paper ornament and placed on the Arby's Giving tree. Local sponsors take a name, buy the items, gift wrap, and return packages to Arby's or to the school counselor office. Families are contacted for pick up of gift wrapped items prior to Holiday break.

If you have any questions or need further information about the Giving Tree Program, please contact Deb Hoage-School Counselor or Connie Harmon-Arby's Rep & School Food Service Worker.

Student counselor at our school



Emily LePage, Stout School Counseling Graduate student, will be working with Mrs. Hoage on Mondays during the fall semester of this school year.

I graduated from UW-Whitewater with a BS in Psychology. While there, I tutored students with disabilities and I worked in a toddler cognition lab. I am currently a second year graduate student in the school counseling program at UW-Stout. In my spare time I tutor at elementary schools in the area and volunteer at the humane society. I look forward to learning and contributing in the school counselor department and getting to know so many wonderful students this semester! I have a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from UW-Whitewater and am a Master's School Counseling Candidate at UW-Stout.

The Caring Closet

Free clothing available on: 1st Wednesday, 5-7 pm and 1st Saturday, 10 am-12pm of each month. Located in lower Church basement at

**HOLINESS HERITAGE - CHURCH OF NAZARENE
1004 8TH STREET, MENOMONIE, WI**



Drum Roll Please!!!

Mrs. Gully, Mrs. Holcomb and the
Downsville Students and Staff are
Proud to Announce the Members of
the 2016-2017 Student Council...



2nd Grade

Ethan Fick
Lilly Radle

3rd Grade

Xaden Carlson
Aiden Litscher
Aiden Christianson

4th Grade

James Hoff
Masyn Lawrence
Autumn Kistner
Parker Jacobs

5th Grade

Amber Remington
Maddie Fick
Addie Collinsworth
Lainey Terrana

**Watch out...Good things are
coming our way Downsville
School!**



Yea!
We're going on
a
FIELDTRIP!



**2nd
Grade!**

Chippewa Valley Museum

Eau Claire, WI

Monday, November 21

Board the bus at 9:45 and return to school at 2:15.

Agenda for the fieldtrip:

- Farm Life Tour (future Social Studies unit)
- Pioneer Lesson (current Social Studies unit)
- Quill Writing, Recreation
- Ice cream parlor seating and auditorium viewing
- We will be attending with 2nd grade from Knapp Elementary.

Come One Come All!

Downsville Elementary School

Fall Festival

Friday, November 4th

5:30-8:00pm



Carnival Games

Bring family and friends!

\$1.00 Raffle Tickets

\$1.00 admission fee!

Music!

Theme Baskets!



Come hungry! Great FOOD!

Pie the principal-\$6

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FALL FESTIVAL

Downsville Elementary Fall Festival...

Classroom Theme Baskets

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Downsville Elementary Fall Festival planning has begun, and this is our second year of doing classroom theme baskets for raffling as a way to support our school!!!

You can purchase tickets at the ticket table to win one of the grade level baskets.

Each classroom will have a “theme” for its basket and children are encouraged to bring something to put in their classroom basket.

These are the themes for each classroom:

K-Snow Fun Basket

1- Movie/Game Night

2-Candy/Treats

3-Arts and Crafts

4-Favorite Kids' Toys

5- Mystery Basket

Staff- Holidays

The Fall Festival is on **Friday, November 4 from 5:30-8pm**, so keep your eyes open for some exciting items to support the class basket. You may bring them in anytime on or before Tuesday, November 1st.



1st Graders Favorite Activities to Do During Fall!

Matthew: "Jump in leaf piles!"

Ellie: "Rake leaves!"

Chloe: "Go Trick-or-Treating!"

Kloie: "Play in the leaves!"

Bryan: "Make a leaf pile and jump in it!"

Holly: "Jump in leaves!"

Evelyn: "Go to a friends house!"

Camron: "Fall in a leaf pile!"

Jack: "Jumping in a very big pile of leaves!"

Gabriel: "Play in the leaves!"

Leah: "Jump in piles of leaves!"

Jadyn: "Make leaf pictures and jump in leaves!"

Andon: "Raking leaves so the yard looks clean!"

Sidney: "Go trick-or-treating and burying my brother with leaves!"

Via: "Jump in leaves!"

Alyssa: "Cover myself with leaves!"

Cashton: "Play in the sand!"

Remington: "Sweep up the leaves!"

Louis: "Drive my 4-wheeler through leaves!"

Vincent: "Make leaf piles and drive in them with my 4-wheeler!"

Brayden: "Jump in leaves!"



Third Grade Volcano

After spending weeks learning about rocks, minerals, and landforms, the third grade students had a chance to build their own volcano! The students were put into small groups and went through the planning, creating, and constructing process for their volcano. Once they built and painted their volcano, we erupted each and every one! We had such a great time doing this project!



"It was messy but it was fun!"



"Making volcanoes is so fun!"



"It was really cool!"



How to Build a Volcano

Written By: Third Grade Class

Step 1: Get Supplies (tin tub, plastic cups, tape, flour, water, newspaper, baking soda, vinegar, food coloring and dish soap)

Step 2: Stack cups bottom to bottom and tape them together

Step 3: Tape the cups to the tin

Step 4: Fill a container with water and mix it together with flour

Step 5: Use this mixture to paper mache newspaper around cups to form a volcano

Step 6: Let dry for one day

Step 7: Paint your volcano

Step 8: Erupt your volcano (Mix together flour, warm water, food coloring, and baking soda. Add the vinegar to erupt)



FIFTH GRADE NEWS!!

D.A.R.E



D.A.R.E is a program that 5th graders do. You learn about how to stay away from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. Deputy Rod Dicus comes into class and teaches us that you can become addicted to them and they are harmful to your health. We are also learning how to deal with peer pressure. It's better just to say no and D.A.R.E is a fun education thing to do.

In D.A.R.E we are learning about how to stay away from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. And other bad things that goes in your mouth that is not food or water that affects your body. There is a bad substance called nicotine and if you try something with nicotine in it it will make you addicted to that thing you tried. We are also learning about how bad this stuff is for you. Like there are more than 200 none chemicals in tobacco. Using these things may cause health problems like smoking can put a hole in your throat, and chewing tobacco can cause mouth cancer, and tooth loss. Plus if you mix all that together it that just makes it worse and could kill you. We are also learning about if your friend is pushing you to try drugs, tobacco, or alcohol just say no in a nice calm voice. Teens bodies are still growing so they should not smoke, drink alcohol, or be doing drugs, it is a big health effect. More than 50,000 people die from secondhand smoke, which is where someone you live with or is with you a lot smokes you could die from it. D.A.R.E is a very important subject that you should listen to. This is not a joke. Be safe don't smoke, use tobacco in anyway, or drink alcohol. Thanks and that is what we learned in D.A.R.E so far.

By: Addie Collinsworth and Collin Hathaway.
The top is done by Collin and the bottom is done by Addie.



Science

Science is really fun because we are mixing stuff with water and then we separate them. And all of us got at least one separated from the water. The things we mixed were diatomaceous earth, salt, and gravel.

We are trying to learn about solutions and mixtures. A mixture is a thing you put together with a different thing and it doesn't change. A solution is where you put two things in a place and they become one.

Some of us put two things in a cup and they go to separate them back into two separate things.

What we had to do is research on the computer to find out how to separate water from gravel, water from d-earth, and water from salt. It was fun but we still have a lot to learn.

THE END

By cody dahms #7, Deven#4, wyatt





5th grade stickers

Right now in art the 5th graders are making stickers for each activity that we are working on. Some of the activities are: D.A.R.E, Science, Student Council, homework, Tiger Talkers, reading logs, Social Studies, Science Olympiad, and assignment notebooks. We are making them as rewards for completing assignments and other tasks. We have many artist in our classroom. Most of us liked making them. Addie said "I liked making up our own ideas"

I think they will end up great! What do you think?

By: Parker, Ava, and Brooky

Fall festival Baskets

By Elijah peterson and Brian Styer



The fall festival is a celebration in the fall where we have many games, activities, and food for all. Every class picks a theme for the fall festival and then you pay for raffle tickets and if you are chosen you will win a basket from the fall festival. Lots of people come to the fall festival every year and the parents can talk while the kids go around and have fun playing games and eating tasty food.

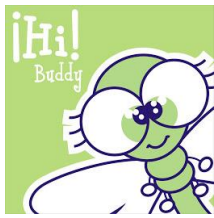
- Fifth grade is a mystery basket. The 5th graders can buy random items for the basket. It will be fun!!!
- Fourth grade's basket is an animal basket so 4th grade can buy animal things and put it in the basket.
- Third grade is doing arts and crafts so all of the 3rd graders can buy paint, pencils, and more.
- Second grades' basket is a Candy/Treats basket so they can buy loads of candy and treats and put it in their basket.
- First grade is doing movie and game night so all of the 1st graders can get movies and games.
- Kindergarten is doing a snow fun basket so they can buy snow things and put them in their basket.

In the past we have had music in the lunchroom and sometimes we have even had a DJ!

By Elijah Peterson and Brian Styer



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5th GRADE BUDDIES!

At Downsville the 5th Grade have Kindergarten buddies. It's where we buddy up and do projects together and make new friends.

The first time we saw our kindergarten buddies we all said "They are so cute!" Ms. Graham calls the kindergarteners "kindergarten cuteness" when they walk by. We just can't wait until we see them again. The kindergarteners are wonderful! They are so well behaved, they are easy to talk to, and the kindergarteners are so quiet in the hall. We can't even hear them out there. There so amazing! The first time we saw our buddies they made books and they were about family, friends, and their 5th grade buddies. They are amazing writers and drawer's. If parents were here they would be so proud of them. Our kindergarten buddies are so good at "give me five". I think Mrs.Fiege did a good job teaching them all.

By Amber Remington, Lydia Long, and Lainey Terrana



Recess

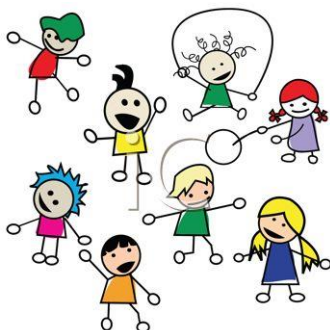
At recess some of the fifth graders play dogs. There would be a master, and the master would throw a stick and the dog would get the stick. Sometimes we will make a fort out of pine needles and make a nest. The dogs will protect their house and keep away predators. Also, since all the dogs aren't the same they have different personalities. Some will be very loyal, but some can be the most destructive pet of all. Some can be a genius. The kind masters always find ways to spend time with their dogs as much as they can. The dogs always run off when they feel like it.

When I asked Collin what he plays at recess he said, "Anything that everybody else plays."

When I asked Amber and Lydia what they play at recess this is what they said, 'We normally play on the swings or in the bushes.'

Some of the other kids will walk around and talk about their day or what they are going to do on the weekend. Some will just make Dale fly you in the air, well some people!! Here are some things everyone plays: football, kickball, soccer, and basketball. That was just a few. We also play cops and robbers. We love to play outside! It is the best!

By Aiden Ayres and Jaylynn Cornellier.



Narrative Writing

In class we are doing narrative writing. The colors were red, blue, green, and purple. Red means intro conclusion. Green means transition and blue means place, time and change. Purple means elaborations. That is what our teacher taught us. A narrative story means you write a true story about your life. It is something that gives you education for writing. It also gives people inspiration to be a writer. Here are some stories from classmates.

Our teacher wrote a story called Brutus. He was a mean vicious dog and once he was off his chain. This is a story from a girl named Beth she wrote a story about her friend Abby. This is what happened! Abby was my best friend till Abby met the new girl named Morgan. She was making Abby follow her.

This is a story from a girl named Maddie and she wrote a story about getting her first puppy. She loves her new puppy, it is great!

One story is about a girl named Ava and she went bear hunting and she gets a bear. A boy named Cody is writing a story about Metropolis! He's going there for his cousin's birthday party, he is in a big city.

The narrative story is a lot of fun and a narrative is a true story. They mean things and we made them from the heart and we made them for our grade but we love them.



By Maddie and Beth



SAVERS FOR DOWNSVILLE SCHOOL

Congatulations "Downsville Savers"!!

Over the summer you collected:

- 2 gallon bags of tabs
- 771 milk caps (\$38.55)
- 803 Campbell's soup labels
- and just over 1500 box tops equaling just over \$150.00.



WAY TO GO!





Coat Closet

A mission of the Boyceville United Methodist Church

August 2016

It is that time of year again when we are preparing for the winter cold. Just to keep you up-to-date, here are the totals of items we have given away since we began our program in the fall of 2002.

<u>Coats</u>	<u>Boots</u>	<u>Hats</u>	<u>Gloves/ Mittens</u>	<u>Snow Pants</u>	<u>Scarves</u>
4,768	1,964	3,672	3,528	1,726	1,539

Grand Total of items given out is **17,197.** Last year alone, we helped 94 families stay warm. We are in the same building as last season. Our building is much smaller, so will have some adult size items **but we will be concentrating on collecting and distributing mostly children's sizes.** At this time we have enough coats- both adult and children sizes. Attached is a poster with our distribution dates and times.

How can you help?

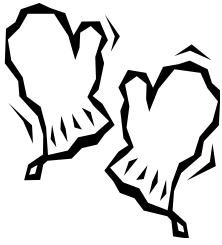
- Collect children's coats and other outer garments at your church or business.
- Help publicize the Coat Closet distributions so those in need can be warm this season.
- Monetary donations. We take advantage of "End of Winter" sales or sometimes we need to buy specific garments for a person in need. Donations may be sent to:
United Methodist Church
PO Box 94
Boyceville, WI 54725
- Drop off winter outer wear at the following locations: Peoples State Bank, Tiffany Creek Elementary School, Boyceville High School/Middle School Office, Boyceville Public Library and Cenex in Boyceville

Our biggest needs:

- **Boots – all sizes**
- **Snow pants – all sizes**
- **Waterproof Gloves and mittens- all sizes**

(Please be sure all items are new or CLEAN and GENTLY USED)

If you have any questions, please call Sonya Zebro (715)308-8435 or Marguerite Blodgett (715)643-2164.



Coat Closet



Winter Coat & Outerwear Distribution

Sponsored by the Boyceville and Grace (Wheeler) United Methodist Church

Where: 510 Winter St. Boyceville

(Entrance is in alleyway behind This, That & Everything)

When: Sat. Oct. 1 9:00 – 12:00pm
Sat. Oct. 8 9:00 – 12:00pm
Sat. Oct. 15 9:00 – 12:00pm
Sat. Oct. 22 9:00 – 12:00pm
Sat. Oct. 29 9:00 – 12:00pm
Sat. Nov. 5 9:00 – 12:00pm

Come to the Coat Closet if you need winter outerwear for you and your family and can't afford it.

If you have Winter Outerwear Items to donate: Drop boxes are at Cenex, Library, Post Office, Bank, and Schools in Boyceville

Items donated need to be clean and in good condition

Questions: Sonya Zebro 715-308-8435

Marguerite Blodgett 715-643-2164