



# OCTOBER NEWS

## 2023

Happy Fall Y'all!

It's great to see all of our students and staff back in the halls. Our theme for the school year- Eye of the Tiger, was introduced to students at our first Tiger Team Assembly. We are learning ways to stay focused, motivated and ready to learn!

Our behavior goal this month is- Be ready to FOLLOW DIRECTIONS THE FIRST TIME. Students are rewarded with stickers throughout the day to complete our pumpkin and we are hoping to play BINGO at the end of the month. Check out our progress when you come to conferences later this month.

We've kicked off our school WALKING PROGRAM and each class is asked to walk 2 mornings a week. As they walk laps (miles) they will earn a lanyard and little plastic feet (toe tokens) to attach to it. It's amazing to see how the miles add up. Grades K/2/4 will walk on Tuesdays and Fridays and grades 1/3/5 will walk on Mondays and Thursdays. On the other days, students are free to choose walking or playing on the playground.

Finally, a reminder to you all about attendance. Students with good attendance tend to achieve higher and don't miss out on learning opportunities. Attend every day! Letters will be sent at the end of the month for any students we are concerned about.

Mark your calendars for *Wednesday, October 18th- Unity Day* in the School District of Menomonee Area. Students are asked to wear orange as a reminder to be kind and keep others safe from bullying behaviors.

Ms. Lee

# Important

## Important Dates:



October 5 Parent Teacher Conferences  
4:00 - 7:30 P.M.

October 6 Student Council Meeting  
8:15 in Library

October 10 Parent Teacher Conferences  
4:00 - 7:30 P.M.

October 11 Picture Retake Day!!

October 12 Firefighter visit for "Fire Safety"

October 13 **NO SCHOOL!!**

October 16 **NO SCHOOL!!** - Teacher PD Day

October 16 PTC Meeting - Library - 5:30 p.m.

October 17 Vision and Hearing Testing - K, 1, 3, & 5

October 18 **"UNITY DAY" - Wear Orange!**  
**Students against Bullying**

October 20 Student Council Meeting  
8:15 in Library

October 31 Halloween Parade - 2:30 p.m.

November 3 Student Council Meeting  
8:15 in Library

November 9 Veterans Day Program  
10:30 a.m. - Gym

November 17 End of First Trimester

November 3 Student Council Meeting  
8:15 in Library

November 20 - 24 - **NO SCHOOL**

November 29 Report Cards go Home



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# FIRST GRADE APPLE ORCHARD FUN!



*Hello Fall*



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## Second Grade News

Here are the exciting things happening in 2nd grade this month!

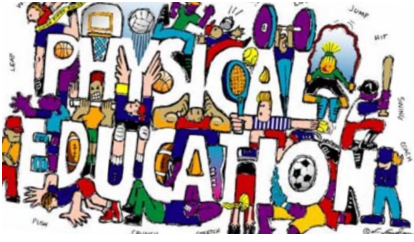
We will be working on following directions the 1st time in our school as part of the school wide behavior goal this month. Ask your child about how they follow directions the 1st time at school!

In literacy we are continuing our study of non-fiction texts and writing about animal habitats. In math we will begin our unit on adding and subtracting using double digit numbers before we dive into three digit numbers at the end of the month. In science we will continue learning how the land changes due to erosion and how we can map the land around us in social studies.

Finally we will be saying goodbye to Ms. Reisner, our student teacher, at the end of the month. Please watch for the note sent home at the beginning of the month detailing how you can help create a goodbye gift for her last day.

Have a great month and thank you for your support this first month of school!





## Mrs. Blomquist's Sideline Report for PE:

In Phy Ed this month we have focused on Sportsmanship and Respect. I would like to encourage families to play board games at home and continue to work on good sportsmanship, playing fair and by the rules.

Giving your child reminders of:

- this is just a game
- we will accept the outcome, no matter what
- encouraging them to say "Good Game" or shake hands at the end of the game

3rd graders work together to collect resources in a cooperative game.



Looking for a family fun activity? Consider hiking the Hoffman Hills, which is located east of Menomonie! This is a perfect place to admire the changing leaves. Are you adventurous enough to climb the 60 foot observation tower?



# PICTURE RETAKE DAY IS COMING!

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**  
**miércoles, 11 de octubre, 2023**

Retake Day! Downsville Elementary School

You can still order on  
[mylifetouch.com](https://mylifetouch.com)  
with your Student ID  
or Picture Day ID:  
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Scan to order!

¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA NUEVA TOMA FOTOGRÁFICA! Aún puedes encargar en mylifetouch.com con tu ID de estudiante o la ID del Día de la Foto. ¡Echa un vistazo para encargarte!



# **DOWNSVILLE MUSIC CONCERTS**



Last year we got to Rock and Roll in the spring, and this year we will be having a winter concert with all of our Downsville musicians!

Mark your calendars for Monday, December 11th for this year's concert!

*K-1 will perform at 5:30pm*



*2-5 will perform at 6:30pm*



As the holiday season approaches the children become increasingly interested in talking about, and participating in, activities and songs related to major winter holidays. While most of our winter concert songs are non-religious winter songs, please email [amy\\_groskreutz@msd.k12.wi.us](mailto:amy_groskreutz@msd.k12.wi.us) if you would like your child to refrain from singing songs related to holidays from a variety of cultures, or if you have any questions related to our concert.

Thank you!  
Ms. Groskreutz





# Art News!

The students have been working hard in Art Class! Come check out the Downsville student Artwork displayed in the community for the month of October.

## ***Culver's in Menomonie:***

Cash Carrier  
Hadley Fisher  
Mckenna Mannes  
Charlie Sol  
Kara Kistner  
Temperance Wolfe  
Annabelle Meyer  
Hazel Lablonde  
Adah Nielsen  
Arya Ocampo Kapp  
Cecil Ptak  
Robbie Lablonde



## ***Scatterbrain Cafe in Downsville:***

Bravin Berg-Rudie  
Rylee Baron  
Brenden Steele  
Teo Perez Munos  
Kenia Lezama Acevedo  
Eleanor Wolf  
Zoey Leach

Thank you,  
Chealsey Gerth  
Knapp, Downsville, and MHS Art Teacher





**Please access the October Library newsletter online:**

<https://www.smore.com/qmyrj>

Below is the table of contents for this month. In the newsletter there's also a link to archived months if you ever want to go back.

Enjoy!

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**5th grade students quietly reading their Battle of the Books, books after checkout.**

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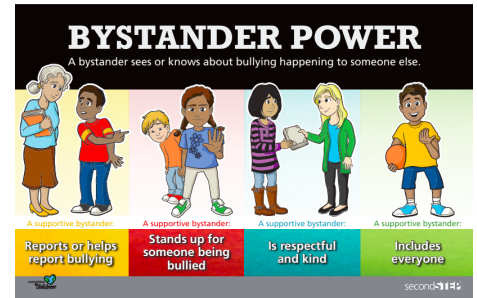
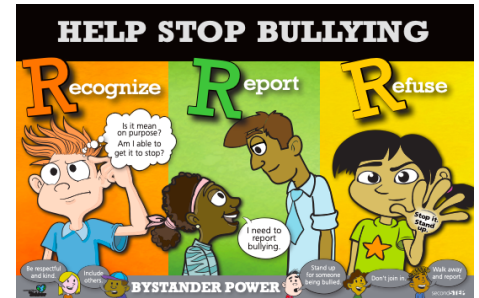
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# October is Bullying Prevention Month!

Is it Bullying? What is it?

- **Teasing**
  - Everyone is having fun
  - No one is getting hurt
  - Everyone is participating equally
- **Conflict**
  - No one is having fun
  - There is a possible solution to the disagreement
  - Equal balance of power
- **Mean Moment**
  - Someone is being hurt on purpose
  - Reaction to a strong feeling or emotion
  - An isolated event that does not happen regularly
- **Bullying**
  - Attacked physically, socially, or emotionally
  - Unequal balance of power
  - Happens more than once over a period of time
  - Someone is being hurt on purpose



October is National Bullying Prevention Month! To help our school be a safe and respectful place, we are going to use the *Second Step* Bullying Prevention Unit. In the lessons, your child will learn specific skills to help stop bullying. Students will learn how to:

- **Recognize** when bullying is happening
- **Report** bullying to a caring adult
- **Refuse** to let bullying happen to themselves or others
- Be a **bystander who stands up and is part of the solution to bullying**
- **Fourth and Fifth Grade will also learn how to Recognize, Refuse, and Report cyber bullying when they see or know about it happening**

And we need your help, too! Get involved in making our school a safe and respectful place by letting us know if you hear about bullying at our school. Make sure your child knows to tell you or someone at school if he or she is being bullied. And give your child the clear message that it is never okay to bully others.

Make sure to join [SecondStep.org](http://SecondStep.org) with the activation code for your child's grade level to get information about what your child is learning in the *Second Step* program!

- Kindergarten (BPUK FAMI LY00)
- First Grade (BPU1 FAMI LY01)
- Second Grade (BPU2 FAMI LY02)
- Third Grade (BPU3 FAMI LY03)
- Fourth Grade (BPU4 FAMI LY04)
- Fifth Grade (BPU5 FAMI LY05)

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**Bretta Snyder**  
(she/her/hers)

Elementary School Counselor  
Downsville Elementary School 8 am-4 pm (M, W, F am)  
715-664-8546 ext. 81103  
Knapp Elementary School 8 am-4 pm (T, Tr, F pm)  
715-665-2131 ext. 20109



Dear Downsville Elementary Families,

We are thrilled to share some exciting news that will surely bring an extra dose of warmth and joy to our school community. Starting this November, we will welcome a very special addition to our school team—a **facility dog!**

Our new furry team member, Hank, is a certified facility dog specially trained to work alongside school social worker, Shanda Henning. This amazing canine companion has undergone extensive training to provide emotional support, comfort, and a sense of calm to students and families facing various challenges.

Hank will play a crucial role in supporting the emotional and social well-being of our students. Dogs have a unique ability to connect with individuals, offer comfort during stressful times, and create an inclusive and welcoming environment.

Some of the ways Hank will contribute to our school community include:

- Providing emotional support during counseling sessions
- Assisting with classroom activities that promote social-emotional learning
- Easing anxiety and stress for students during challenging moments
- Encouraging a positive and nurturing atmosphere in our school

Before Hank officially joins us in November, Mrs. Henning will introduce him to students through in person or video presentations. This will help familiarize students with our new friend and educate them on how to interact safely and respectfully.

We understand that some students may have allergies or apprehensions around dogs. Rest assured that we are taking all necessary precautions to ensure the safety and comfort of everyone in our school community. If your child has allergies or concerns, please reach out to us so we can address them accordingly.

We are incredibly excited to embark on this wonderful journey with Hank and look forward to the positive impact this addition will have on our school's culture and the well-being of our students.

**If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact Shanda Henning at [shanda\\_henning@msd.k12.wi.us](mailto:shanda_henning@msd.k12.wi.us) or (715) 232-3798 Ext. 50103.**

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we can't wait for you and your child to meet our newest team member this November!

Warm regards,

Stacy Lee, Principal and Shanda Henning, School Social Worker



We want to congratulate the following students for being elected to our 2023-2024 **Student Council** Team.

**Ella Buchholtz**

**Aly Kluge**

**Hazel LaBlonde**

**Mickinzley Hoffman**

**Helene Marsh**

**McKenna Mannes**

**Zeke Skoug**

**Sadie Peinovich**

**Trinnity Larrabee**

**Grace Buchholtz**

**Robbie LaBlonde**

**Everett Weir**

**Grace Bignell**



A big shout out to all the students who ran for student council. You should be proud!

Downsville Elementary announces a...

# WINTER

*Festival*

Stay tuned for more information coming in  
December!

We are changing up the original Fall Festival to a  
Winter Festival this school year. It is tentatively being  
planned for the end of January 2024.



# Downsville Pupil Services Newsletter

Welcome to School!  
Fall 2023



Dear Downsville Families,

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 school year! We are excited to be back and look forward to an amazing year. We wanted to take this opportunity to explain who we are and what we do at Downsville to help assist you and your child(ren). If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, please feel free to reach out via email or phone.

## Who We Are

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**School Counselor - Mrs. Snyder** (at Downsville Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning)  
(715) 664-8546 ext 81103 or [bretta\\_snyder@msd.k12.wi.us](mailto:bretta_snyder@msd.k12.wi.us)



Mrs. Snyder supports all children in reaching their academic potential mainly by teaching and fostering healthy Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) skills. Some of the things Mrs. Snyder does:

- Teaches SEL lessons in all classrooms. Topics include self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, responsible decision making, and relationship skills.
- Provides small SEL groups
- Short-term individual counseling for topics, such as grief, friendship, emotion regulation and family change. If ongoing services are needed, Mrs. Snyder can provide the family with community counseling resources.
- Crisis support and intervention.

**School Psychologist - Mrs. Kocik** (split between Menomonie Middle School and Downsville)  
(715) 232-1673 ext. 30630 or [allison\\_kocik@msd.k12.wi.us](mailto:allison_kocik@msd.k12.wi.us)



Mrs. Kocik helps foster children's success academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally by partnering with families, teachers, community professionals, and other school staff. Some of the things Ms. Kocik does:

- Completes psycho-educational evaluations including assessments measuring academic, cognitive, social/emotional, behavior, & functional skills
- Consults and collaborates with teachers, school staff, and community professionals to connect students with the best interventions
- Implements small SEL groups and short term one-to-one counseling
- Crisis support and intervention.

**School Social Worker - Mrs. Henning** (at Downsville Tuesdays)  
(715) 232-3798 ext. 50103 or [shanda\\_henning@msd.k12.wi.us](mailto:shanda_henning@msd.k12.wi.us)



Mrs. Henning helps reduce non-academic barriers to academic success. She serves as a liaison between home, school, and community, working with students, caregivers, teachers, administrators, and community agencies. Some of the things Mrs. Henning does are:

- Provide information about community resources
- Monitor attendance
- Meet with students one-on-one and in group settings
- Assist with implementation of district programs and policies

## Community Resources

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# DUNN COUNTY ONLINE RESOURCE GUIDE



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THE GUIDE!

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