



DOWNSVILLE TIGER TALES

SEPT EMBER 2017

Dear Families,

We are off to a great start at Downsville Elementary!

Downsville Days is the official kickoff to the start of the school year! Despite the rainy weather it cleared up in time for parade participation led by Mrs. Holcomb and Mrs. Minnich. The Knapp and Stout Coffee House matched donations for beverages during Downsville Days and we received \$257.34 which will be used for purchasing items for children, supplies, field trips and any other needs as are necessary. We are very thankful for the generosity of the community.



You can feel the excitement of the students and staff at Downsville as the new school year begins. This week we have been learning and practicing PBIS behavior expectations. The PBIS team has worked hard through the summer updating PBIS documents. Please see attached matrix.

We are fortunate to have been awarded a Meemic Foundation Grant for \$100.00 to purchase books for our new bookroom.

It is going to be a great year for learning at Downsville Elementary!





EXPECTATIONS	PLAYGROUND	HALLWAY	ASSEMBLIES	CAFETERIA	BATHROOM	ARRIVAL / DISMISSAL	BUS	CLASSROOM
<u>Be Respectful</u>	Keep hands and feet to yourself Use kind words Play fair	Use quiet voices Mindful greeting Eyes, not hands on displays	Eyes and ears on the speaker Face forward Raise hand to speak	Eat only your food Use good manners Use quiet voices	Give privacy to others Whisper voices Be patient	Listening to the supervisor and crossing guards	Listen to bus driver Use kind words and quiet voices	
<u>Be Responsible</u>	Come in when the bell rings Return all equipment Seek wise people	Be where you are supposed to be Keep belongings organized	Follow the given directions Respond to adult signals	Clean up after yourself Wait in line patiently	Do job and be quick Keep bathroom clean Wash and dry hands	Get in line and stay in line Keep hands and feet to self Backpacks in line Be on time	Keep the bus clean Take all belongings with you	
<u>Be Safe</u>	Use equipment properly Stay in boundaries	Walk forward Keep hands, feet, and belongings to self	Enter/leave in a line, keeping hands and feet to yourself Stay in your spot with your class	Sit on bottoms Always use walking feet Wash hands	4 students in bathroom at one time 1 student per stall Use toilets, sink and urinals appropriately	Use sidewalks and crosswalks Walk	Sit in your seat Keep hands and body to self Use the railing getting on and off the bus Wait for bus to stop before entering	

Downsville School Mission:

The Mission of the Downsville Elementary School is to provide a safe and nurturing community for all to learn and grow in an atmosphere of respect, support and enjoyment.



Downsville PTC Meetings:

**PTC meetings are
scheduled for the 3rd
Monday of every month at
5:30 p.m.**

**See you on Sept. 18th for
“Meet and Greet”, Title
Kick Off and 1st PTC
Meeting!**

Downsville School Enrollment:

At this time the enrollment at Downsville School is as follows: Kindergarten – 22, 1st Grade – 20, 2nd Grade – 20, 3rd Grade – 19, 4th Grade – 16 and 5th Grade – 15 for a total of 112.



Medication:

If your child needs to take medication at school, **we are not allowed to give it to him/her unless you have provided us with a school district medication form.** A doctor must sign an order to give a prescribed medicine. Un-prescribed medicine, i.e. aspirin, cold tablets, etc. will have to be signed for by the parent/ guardian. School district medication forms are available at the office.

Food Service Food Service Program:

We offer a full range of Food Service programs: Breakfast Snack, Hot Lunch and Cold Lunch Milk. The Lunch Program menu will be sent home every month with students. Information about these programs, including menus, payment, etc. are available by calling the Food Service Office at 715-232-2794.

This year students will not be allowed to purchase a school lunch or cold lunch milk if they have a negative balance.

Parents will receive notices from the food service office when an account reaches below a \$10.00 balance. Again, this year we offer a free snack/ breakfast program.



Attendance Process:

Students who come to school between 8:35 and 9:00 will be marked tardy. All students **must** report to the office if arriving after 8:35 a.m. If they have been marked absent their attendance will be corrected at that time.

Illness:

Your child must stay at home from school for **one full day, fever free**, before returning to school. Please contact the office (715-664-8546) if your child will be absent from school. If the school does not receive a call before 9:15 an automated call will be placed to your number on record.

Attendance Policy:

The Board of Education has established a truancy plan that addresses the step-by-step process to be used when there are excessive absences from school or tardiness in arriving at school. State law defines truancy as being absent/tardy more than five (5) times in a semester. Tardiness is also considered as an absence by state law. Excused absences include illness, doctor appointments, funerals, religious observances, extreme weather conditions, and prearranged absences approved by the principal. If you have any questions regarding attendance policies and how it affects you please call the school.

Student Handbook:

Please reference the student handbook for additional information regarding:

- Attendance at School
- Student Records, Report Cards & General Information
- Field Trips
- Fees / Party Invitations
- Food Service Department
- Health & Safety
- Inclement Weather / Early Dismissal
- Visitors / Volunteers / Drills
- School Supplies
- PBIS-Student Conduct
- Bus Transportation & Walking to School

Go to sdmaonline.com.

Select a School (Downsville Elementary School).

Under the "Parent Resources" drop down you will find "Student Handbook".

DISMISSAL TIME: 3:20p.m.



The daily schedule for students is 8:30 AM to 3:20 PM. We ask that children who walk to school or are brought to school by their parent **NOT arrive at school earlier than 8:15 AM.**

School Office Hours are 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM daily. **Please call the school secretary before 9 AM if your child is going to be absent. Please provide a written note when your child/children returns to school.**

When students arrive at school after 8:35 AM or must be excused before 3:25 PM a note needs to be provided to the Office and **you must either sign in or sign out your child. A child needs to get check into the office if coming to school after 8:35 AM.**



Bus Passes:

Students will be dropped off at their home unless we receive a note from a parent. Upon receipt of the note we will issue a bus pass. Frequently at the end of the day a student will approach us and inform us that they are to go to a friend's house. **Unless** we have a note or a telephone call from a parent or guardian authorizing us to drop a student off at a different stop or ride a different bus the student will go home on their regular bus.



Volunteers:

Because our school is a community school we welcome volunteers!

Please sign in and out at the Office.

Please ask at the office for a "School Volunteers" form if you have not done so and wish to volunteer. Background checks are done on all employees and volunteers to ensure the safety of the district's children. All information collected is kept strictly confidential.





Downsville Staff:

<i>Mary Begley</i>	<i>Principal</i>
<i>Julie Fiege</i>	<i>Kindergarten</i>
<i>Karli Gullickson</i>	<i>1st Grade</i>
<i>Sara Holcomb</i>	<i>2nd Grade</i>
<i>Erin Miller</i>	<i>3rd Grade</i>
<i>Rebecca Minnich</i>	<i>4th Grade</i>
<i>Jonathan Strege</i>	<i>5th Grade</i>
<i>Debra Hoage</i>	<i>Guidance</i>
<i>Mary Begley</i>	<i>Title</i>
	<i>Intervention Specialist</i>
<i>Jaclyn Arnold</i>	<i>SPED</i>
<i>Megan Steinkraus</i>	<i>Art</i>
<i>Elizabeth Orf</i>	<i>Music</i>
<i>Seth Stanchik</i>	<i>Phy Ed.</i>
<i>Wendy Hayes</i>	<i>Speech</i>
<i>Nan Becker</i>	<i>Library Para</i>
	<i>Educator/Secretary</i>
<i>Kay Wolfe</i>	<i>Office Secretary</i>
<i>Keith Krista</i>	<i>Custodian</i>
<i>Connie Harmon</i>	<i>Food Service</i>
<i>Nan Becker</i>	<i>Supervisory Aid</i>
	<i>(Mornings)</i>
<i>Dale Moe</i>	<i>Supervisory Aid</i>
	<i>(Lunch Time)</i>



Important Up-Coming Dates:

Sept.	18	PTC Meet & Greet – 5 pm
		PTC Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
	19	Boy Scout Sign Up
		7 – 8 pm – Gym/Cafeteria
Oct.	5	Picture Day!!
	6	Homecoming! 4:00 Parade!
	12	Parent Teacher
		Conferences 4:00-7:45 pm
	16	PTC Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
	17	Parent Teacher
		Conferences 4:00-7:45 pm
	18	All School – Environment Site
		Field Trip
	19	NO SCHOOL! – Teacher
		Professional Development
	20	NO SCHOOL!
Nov.	2	Picture Retake Day!
	9	Veteran's Day Program!
		10:30 a.m.
	20	PTC Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
	22	NO SCHOOL! Teacher
		Professional Development
	23	Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL!
	24	NO SCHOOL – VACATION.

NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS:

MRS. MINNICH

Hello, my name is Becca Minnich. I am the new fourth grade teacher at Downsville this year! I grew up in Eau Claire, WI and received my elementary education degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. I am very excited to join the staff at Downsville and being to be a part of this great community!

This last year has been very busy for me! I graduated from college in May, got married in August and received my first teaching position here! My husband is the fifth grade teacher at Knapp Elementary School and we moved to Menomonie a few weeks ago. I am excited for this new experience and to be able to work alongside the awesome staff and students here!



MR. STREGE



Hello, my name is Jonathan Strege and I am the new 5th grade teacher here at Downsville elementary. I am originally from Marshfield, WI and I received my degree in elementary education at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. This is my first year teaching after working as a special education aide in an elementary school in my hometown, so I am ready to learn and grow as a teacher alongside my students.

I already feel so welcome here in this district and especially here at Downsville. The students, parents, and staff make this feel like a close community. I am excited to see how the year goes!





MR. STANCHIK

Hi, my name is Mr. Stanchik and I am the new physical education teacher at Downsville Elementary. I am also the physical education teacher at Knapp Elementary as well as the Environmental Site Coordinator.

Originally from Hudson, WI, I am very excited to start my first teaching position here and still be close to my family and friends. I graduated from the University of North Dakota where I was fortunate enough to play football. There I also received a bachelor in Kinesiology and a minor in Health Education. I'm so excited to be a part of Downsville Elementary and this community.



WANTED! SAVERS FOR DOWNSVILLE SCHOOL

We ask that you continue to save the following as they earn cash for our school to spend on items for students (field trips, admissions, classroom supplies, etc.).

Boxtops for Education:

Our Family Labels: (we save the UPC codes)

Empties for Cash: (ink cartridges that fit in your hand)

Aluminum can tops turn into money for the Marshfield Ronald McDonald House

Kwik Trip: (Milk Moola) Milk caps and milk labels

Loaves 4 Learning: Please collect UPC's from *Country Hearth* and *Village Hearth* products.

Coborn's – (MarketPlace Foods). Food Club-Labels for Learning! Points will be listed on a separate printing attached to store receipt. (Very bottom of receipt!) Just bring in that portion of the receipt!!

Your support of our students and staff is greatly appreciated. Please send these items to school as you collect them.



Online Forms



There are a number of “online forms” that parents need to fill out for their students. Thank you to the many families that have already taken care of this. We have some families who have not been online to date. Please do so as soon as possible. Online forms can be filled out at home if you have internet access. You would need to use your “Family Access Code”. If you do not remember your “Family Access” login/password you can obtain it by:

Going to www.sdmaonline.com.

Click on “**Parents and Community**”.

Under “Parents and Community”, 3rd column over is **Parent Tools** and at the bottom of the list is “**Skyward Family Access**”. Click on this.

You will be able to retrieve your login information by selecting the "Forgot Login/Password" Link on the Skyward login screen. This will send a link to the email that you have listed in Skyward.

If you do not have internet access at home, you may come to school and we will assist you in accessing your account to fill out the forms. **Please** call the Menomonie Schools Administrative Service Center at [715-232-1642](tel:715-232-1642). Ask to speak with Morgan Seguin at extension **11142** and you will be provided with your **username** and **password**. Please bring this information with you to school and we will assist you. If you would prefer printed copies of the forms – please send a note with your child and they will be provided.



School Wide Title I

What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federally funded pre-college education program in the country. It provides funds to school districts in order to ensure that all children have a fair, significant, and equal opportunity to obtain a high quality education, and meet high academic achievement standards.

How is Downsville eligible for Title I?

Schools in which the percentage of low-income families (as measured by our free and reduced lunch count) is at or above federal guidelines are eligible for Title I.

Downsville Elementary is a School-Wide Title I school. But what does that mean? Through federally funded monies, **ALL** Downsville Elementary students, regardless of their family's income, are provided with supplemental support to aide in their learning in both math and literacy. We have a wide variety of flexible and timely support systems implemented for our students that are decided by our staff.

Partnership Pledge

There is a saying that says, "It takes a village to raise a child." This is true academically too. Your child's education success is determined by the partnership between you, your child, and the teachers. That is why at Parent Teacher Conferences in October, parents/guardians, students, and teachers sign a pledge of agreement outlining the role of the school, family, and student in a learning partnership. This shared responsibility greatly increases the chance of student success.

If you have any further questions about the Title I program, please feel free to contact Mrs. Begley, Intervention Specialist for Downsville Elementary.



Welcome



PTC Invites you to:

Meet –n- Greet

&

ALL SCHOOL TITLE KICKOFF!

NO NEED TO COOK –

ENJOY DINNER WITH YOUR FAMILY AT SCHOOL

When: Monday, September 18th

Time: 5:00 pm

PTC Meeting & Title Kickoff following!

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP

Name:_____

Phone/email:_____

Number of People Attending:_____

Opportunities to help:

☐ **Set-up & serve**

☐ **4:30 – 5:00**

☐ **5:00 – 5:30**

☐ **Clean-up - 5:30**

Please return by Thursday, September 14th.

Thank you for your support!