



September News!

2023

Happy New School Year!

It's great to see all of our students and staff back in the halls. They are picking up right where they left off in the Spring and learning the expectations. 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!

I hope you are able to join us at the **PTC Meet n Greet on Monday, September 18**. Come and enjoy some family fun, walking tacos, and a short meeting to learn about our PTC. They do so many wonderful things to support our school including purchasing items for classrooms, sponsoring field trips, and providing family engagement opportunities throughout the school year.

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 *Thursday, September 21* for our *Fall Environmental Site* trip. Teachers will be contacting you for chaperoning opportunities.

Ms. Lee

Important

Important Dates:

September 7 Bridging Brighter Smiles Dental Clinic

September 8 Picture Day!

September 11 Cub Scout Visit (Lunch time)

September 12 Cub Scout Sign Up Night!

7:00 - 8:00 P.M. - Gym



September 18 PTC - MEET AND GREET!

5:15 - Meal

5:45 - PTC Meeting

5:45 - Activities for Students

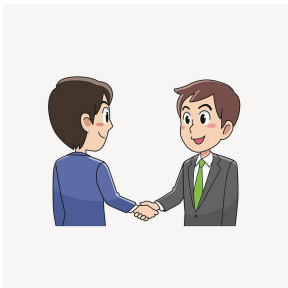
September 21 Environmental Site Field Trip

All School - departing @ 9:15a.m.



September 22 Homecoming!

Information will be coming home soon!!



October 5 Parent Teacher Conferences

4:00 - 7:30 P.M.

October 10 Parent Teacher Conferences

4:00 - 7:30 P.M.

October 11 Picture Retake Day!!

October 13 **NO SCHOOL!!**

October 16 **NO SCHOOL!!**

Teacher PD Day





Attendance Guide

Morning Drop-off

Please drop off
your child between
8:20 - 8:30.

Late/Tardy/Unexcused/No Call

If your child is dropped off between 8:35-9:00 they will be considered "Late" → After 3 "Lates" they will turn into "Tardies" which are considered **Unexcused absences**.

If your child is dropped off after 9:00 without a legitimate reason (ex. Appt/Out of town) they will be considered "Tardy"

If you do not call in your child that is considered an "Unexcused/No contact"

After 5 unexcused absences (late, tardy or no contact) you will receive a letter stating that your child is on the verge of being truant.

After 10 unexcused absences you will be contacted for a pre-truancy meeting to discuss how to improve your child's attendance.

Excused

Letters are also sent when your child has **10 or more excused absences**. Parents are allowed up to 10 absences. After that absences will turn into **unexcused** unless accompanied by a Doctor's note, indicating they could not be in school.

For more information
please see Wisconsin
State Statute 118.15

School attendance is a key component of success at school. Please support your child getting to school daily. When they are sick, please call and notify the school. Working together to keep children at school is important.

****Bus Passes:** Students will be dropped off at their homes unless we receive a note or phone call from parents telling us otherwise. Upon receipt of the note we will issue a bus pass.



*****Medications:** If your child needs to take medication at school, we will not be able to dispense UNLESS you have provided the school with a "Physician Order for School Medication Administration" form signed by the medical provider (Dr.)(OTC) Over the counter medications, i.e. cold medicine, tylenol, etc will need to have a "Non-Prescription Medication Administration Form" filled out and signed by parent/guardian to be administered to your child.





We have been busy learning how to be kindergarteners. We read *The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School* and baked our own gingerbread men. Like most gingerbread men do, they escaped! We spent a few days following their rhyming clues and chasing them

around the school. Luckily those gingerbread men helped us tour the school and meet all the teachers and staff during our chase. We finally found them and got to enjoy the tasty treat! More adventures to come in kindergarten.



Third Grade News!

We are busy bees in Third Grade! We have been learning about how to grow our brain by having a positive mindset! We are also learning how to be an active listener, a good sportsman, and how we can be a helpful, respectful and kind peer. By doing this, we are setting ourselves up for success as we start the school year together. I am SO excited to continue to see my wonderful Third Grade students grow!

Ms. Wildner



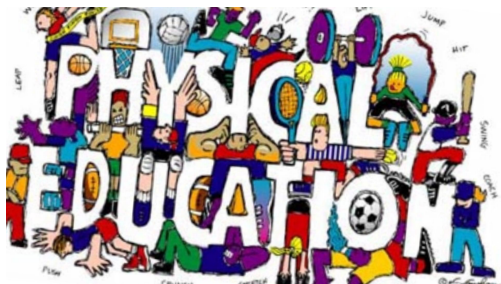
① First Grade News!



We've had SO much fun the first few days of 1st grade!



Filling our bookbags with FUN books, sipping our first day butterflies away with "Jitter Juice" and becoming REAL scientists! This year is going to ROCK! Love:
Mrs. Gully's Firsties



Hello I am Coach B or Mrs. Blomquist and I am your child's Phy Ed teacher! Your child will have PE on Tuesday and Thursdays. Please remind your child to bring PE appropriate shoes and a water bottle to school.

Girls and Boys in Grades 3&4 If you are interested in playing Mini-Mustang basketball, sign up is by September 15th. Click the QR Code to learn more.

Do you know of another sport or family friend activity that is happening in our community?

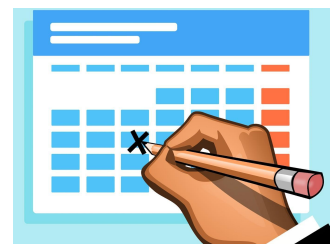
Email jamie_blomquist@msd.k12.wi.us.



Music Notes!

Hello Downsview Families!

Mark your calendars for **Monday, December 11th**, for our Winter Concert! The concert will be at River Heights Elementary with Kindergarten and 1st grade performing at 5:30pm, and 2nd-5th grade performing at 6:30pm. We are so excited to spread some holiday cheer, and show our families what we have been learning in music!



Please access the September Library newsletter at:

<https://www.smore.com/wtd5e>

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WELCOME NEW STAFF!!



Hi! I'm Ms. Lee

I will be starting my 23rd year in Education and first year at Downsville Elementary. Before accepting the job as Downsville Principal, I enjoyed working as an Elementary School Counselor for Chippewa Falls School District and Menomonie Area School District. In the summer, I also coordinate the Summer Programming for SDMA.



I have two daughters- Lauren (19) and Mary (17). Lauren is enrolled at CVTC and Mary is a senior at Menomonie High School. We enjoy athletics and I am often cheering on the Mustangs at cross country meets, volleyball matches, and basketball games. You may even see me keeping scorebook for several Mustangs sporting events.



Raising my daughters and having my family in Menomonie is truly a blessing. This community has so much to offer our youth and I can't wait to work with the Downsville community.



Hey! I am Ms. Lone!

This is my second year as a teacher and I am so excited to be continuing my education experience at Downsville teaching 5th grade! I graduated from Stout, and did my first year of teaching at River Heights. I fell in love with the Menomonie area and the school district.

I live in Menomonie with one of my best friends. You can often find me venturing to the farmer's market, a local coffee shop or walking around town! I love to get outside and explore all that the area has to offer.

I can't wait for the year to begin and be a part of Downsville!



Mrs. Blomquist



Hello! I am the Physical Education teacher at Downsville & Knapp. This will be my tenth year as a teacher, 14th in education, 4th year in the Menomonie School District and my 4th year at Downsville, but my first as a Physical Education teacher.

My husband, who works at 3M, and our family reside in North Menomonie. We have 2 children, Barrett (8) and Raegan (6) who attend Knapp Elementary and two dogs. We love spending time at our cabin in Gordon, WI. Our favorite past times are working in our large garden, fishing, kayaking, and hiking. When at home, we love watching our children participate in things they love. Our son loves to rock climb, wrestle, play football and baseball and our daughter loves to dance, do gymnastics and theater. I am excited to be back and a part of the Tiger Family!



Downsville Elementary 2021

Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt

NAME: _____

Work your way through the alphabet with this scavenger hunt.

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| A Read about your favorite animal. Initials _____ | B Read on top of a blanket. Initials _____ | C Read a chapter book. Initials _____ |
| D Read a digital book. Initials _____ | E Read a book with exciting facts. Initials _____ | F Read a fiction book. Initials _____ |
| G Read a book that was a gift. Initials _____ | H Read about a holiday. Initials _____ | I Read a book from an author with your last initials. Initials _____ |
| J Read a joke book. Initials _____ | K Read a book to another kid. Initials _____ | L Take a trip to the library. Initials _____ |
| M Read a magazine. Initials _____ | N Read a nonfiction book. Initials _____ | O Read outside. Initials _____ |
| P Read a poem. Initials _____ | Q Read under a quilt. Initials _____ | R Read on a rainy day. Initials _____ |
| S Read a book in a series. Initials _____ | T Read under a table. Initials _____ | U Read a book under the stars. Initials _____ |
| V Read on vacation. Initials _____ | W Read a book wearing sunglasses. Initials _____ | X Read a book with ex-pression. Initials _____ |
| Y Read a book to your family. Initials _____ | Z Read about a zoo animal. Initials _____ | |

Please initial when a letter is completed. Return to Mrs. Holcomb at the beginning of the 21/22 school year for a reading prize. Happy Reading!

Proud!

We are proud of the following students who worked their way through the alphabet reading this summer.

Ella Buchholtz

Grace Buchholtz

Anthony Boughton

RaeLynn Gullickson

Cash Carrier

Bentley Iverson

Each student received a prize for completion.

hello

Downsville Elementary
Intervention Specialist (Title 1)



Contact Info.

Mrs. Sara Holcomb
(715) 664-8546, ext. 80115
Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00



Intervention Specialist Goals

- Understand and help develop Schoolwide Building plans
- Use data to provide interventions in literacy and mathematics
- Plan and provide parent involvement activities
- Provide professional development for teachers to use in the classroom.
- Provide the most appropriate intervention for students needs in literacy and mathematics

Student services will be determined based on team discussions, data and student needs.



What is Title 1?

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.



Looking to Show Your Leadership Skills?

Downsville Student Council is about to begin.



I will be talking to the students about what student council entails and they will be bringing home a letter of intention, if they are interested in being part of it. Students who are interested will be selected by their classmates through a voting process.

Qualities that we work toward in student council:

- being in charge
- having a plan
- listen before you talk
- everyone can win
- work first, then play
- together is better
- how balance feels best

Facts about Student Council:

- each member will learn 7 habits of HAPPY kids
- it will take place from 8:15-8:45am., two Fridays a month
- all 2nd-5th grade students are welcome to run and be elected

Student council members represent our school and will strive to be their best.



With Leadership Skills In Mind, Mrs. Holcomb
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DOWNSVILLE ELEMENTARY FALL FESTIVAL

Theme Basket Raffles

Food-come hungry

Face painting

Music

\$1 admission

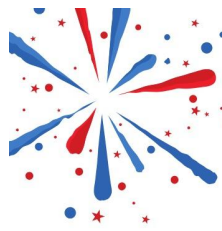
Games

Lots of fun!

COMING IN NOVEMBER STAY TUNED FOR THE DATE!

5:30-8:00PM

More information to come!



Menomonie Homecoming Brings Spirit Week at Downsville School-



Sept. 18-Sept. 22

USA Theme

Monday

Career Day-dress up like a job you would like to do someday



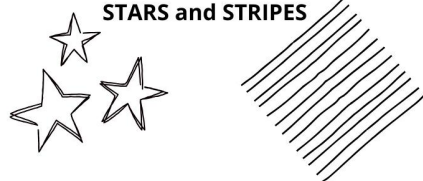
Tuesday

dress up in patriotic clothing (red, white, and/or blue)



Wednesday

dress in any type of STARS and STRIPES



Thursday

dress in Menomonie attire/colors



Friday

dress in DN attire/colors



Menomonie High School Homecoming Parade @4PM

Chris Kroeze @ Wilson Park Bandshell @4:30PM-6:30PM

Menomonie High School Homecoming Football Game Mustangs VS Eau Claire North @7PM



It's Homecoming week in our school district- Let's Celebrate!

Greetings from the Downsville Elementary Parent-Teacher Committee (PTC)

Please take a few moments to answer the follow and make note of an important date and activity!

Turn completed form into Office by Friday, September 1st!!



Meet-and-Greet PTC and Title-I Activity Night

Monday, September 18th

Food at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting/ Activity from 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Please fill out and return this form whether you are able to attend or not!!!

Family Name _____

Number Attending _____

Email Address _____



APPAREL STOCK IS LIMITED

We have several adult sizes, but very limited youth sizes (nothing available in x-small or small).

If we had an open "store" for short-sleeve t-shirts and hooded sweatshirts, would your family be interested in ordering? If so, what sizes would you be looking for in both youth and adult AND what style t-shirt or sweatshirt?

Youth T-shirts: _____ Youth Sweatshirts: _____

Adult T-shirts: _____ Adult Sweatshirts: _____