

September 2018

The year is off to a great start. Please take a minute to read through all the wonderful things that are happening at Downsville Elementary. Students have started to earn Downsville Dollars for positive behavior. The staff has been working hard at catching kids being safe, respectful and responsible. We have also been conscious of being very specific for the behavior that earned the Downsville dollar.



Junior Achievement is looking for engaged parents to lead interactive programs at our school!
"The highlight of my experience includes seeing the kids really make sense of things that are so big picture, and be excited to do so!" -Tabitha (JA Volunteer)

Through JA, you can help our students learn about businesses, entrepreneurship, and managing money. There will be volunteer openings for this year in 2nd - 5th grade classrooms at Downsville Elementary

Here are the details about volunteering with Junior Achievement:

- Work with teachers to schedule times that work for you and the class
- Sessions are 5 visits, up to 45 minutes each
- You can team teach with a coworker or friend
- Lesson plans, materials, and a training are provided by Junior Achievement
- You get the chance to leave your office (or your house) and make a difference in the lives of young people

To learn if this position is right for you, please contact Allyson Barka at abarka@javis.org or 715-214-1125.



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.

Medication:

The staff at school are not allowed to give medication to a student unless they have been provided 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 need to have a "Non-Prescription Medication" form filled out and signed by a parent/guardian. School district medication forms are available at the school office.



United Way
United Way of Dunn County

October 10
4PM-7PM

Where?
C-3 Center
1620 Stout Road
Menomonie, WI

Questions?
Call 715-231-3066

WINTER WEAR OPEN HOUSE

Items for all ages **FREE** While supplies last

COATS HATS GLOVES BOOTS SNOW PANTS

All items are new or gently used

PosterMyWall.com



Here's What's Happening!

Kindergarten- Dear Families, The Kindergarten Class is off to a great start! We spent the first month getting to know one another, our school helpers, and our school expectations. The students made a map of our school, and filled it with many things in our school. They helped our Teddy Bear friend get from place to place safely by telling him the PBIS expectations for each area of our school. We will keep our map up all year long to help us remember how to be safe, learn and have fun at Downsville School!

Mrs. Fiege, Miss Simcock and the Kinder Kids



Here's What's Happening!

First Grade- On "The Gully Ranch" we are really diving into our learning! We have begun learning about Sums and Differences to Ten in Math, How to Build Good Reading Habits in Readers Workshop, How to Illustrate a Picture in Writers Workshop and Talking and Thinking about Letters in Phonic Time. In Science we are studying Air and Weather and have just finished up talking about Families, Self and Safety in Social Studies time. We look forward to a great year of learning on "The Gully Ranch!"



Second Grade-Wow! What a great start in our Second Grade Super Star World! We are busy learning about Pebbles, Sand, and Silt in Science, farm life in social studies, getting our minds back into mathematician mode, and growing like beanstalks in reading and writing. We have officially named our classroom community this year, we are the "Master Learners". We are focusing on working like busy bees. ~Mrs. Holcomb



Third Grade- The third graders are off to a great start to the school year! We have been focusing on building a positive, kind, and respectful classroom environment! We are looking forward to a great year!

Kindness
is the most important
superpower

Fourth Grade-We are off to a wonderful start in fourth grade! We are staying busy learning about place values in math, character traits in reading, and personal narratives in writing! We have also started our first science unit about soils, rocks, and minerals. The kids are doing an awesome job, and I am looking forward to a great year of learning and growing together!



Fifth Grade-Hello Downsville families! We have been hard at work getting into the nitty-gritty of 5th grade. In Language Arts, we are learning about how to take stock of our reading by generating and writing ideas for what we read and also how to write great personal narratives. In Math, we are diving into plotting points and looking for patterns on the coordinate plane. In Science, we are exploring the relationship between the Sun and the Earth by investigating the world around us. In Social Studies, we are reviewing our map skills as well as looking at the regions of the United States.



Important Dates

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

September 28th - Picture Day!
October 5th - All School Field Trip - Environmental Site
October 11th and 16th Parent Teacher Conferences
October 12th - Bridging Brighter Smiles - Dental Clinic
October 15th PTC meeting 5:30
October 18th - 19th - NO SCHOOL for Students!

Nutrition News!

Did you know.....

School breakfast is FREE to ALL elementary and middle school students!

Our lettuce on the Garden Bar at lunch is organic and locally grown!

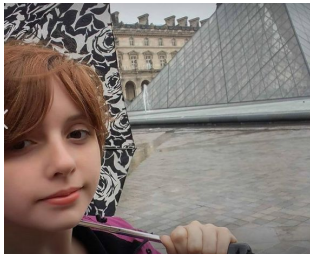
Most of the hamburger that we use in our spaghetti, BBQ and hot dishes is from organic, grass fed beef and from a local farm!

I want to hear from you!

If you are interested in a one-time parent meeting with me to discuss our program and the menus please email me by September 24, 2018. Please include the school your child attends.

Michelle Kloser, Director of Food and Nutrition Services

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Welcome Miss Murwin!

Hello Downsville parents and guardians! My name is Olivia Murwin, and I am teaching art at Downsville Elementary, as well as Knapp Elementary and Menomonie High School. I am a recent graduate of UW-Stout currently living in River Falls. When I am not teaching, I am either working on my fixer-upper of a house, or adjusting to my new life as a cat mom!

Downsville PTC

Our PTC is a parent-run organization that works to support our school. Each year the group helps to fund additional field trips and add resources to our classrooms. Parents are encouraged to help out in whatever way suits their family best (time, donations, and/or service).

Our PTC would love to have you whenever you can maketime.

PTC meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30.

Please consider joining us!

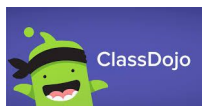
President-Lexi Marsh

Vice President-Jessica Davis

Secretary-Tawny Nelson

Treasurer-Tammy Christianson

Connecting with Families



@downsvilleES

Counselor Connections

Deb Hoage -School Counselor

Why an Elementary School Counseling Program:

Elementary Counselors...

...see children individually and in small groups on a short term basis.

...facilitate classroom guidance activities for all students.

...work with teachers, administrators and community agencies.

...work with parents to help their children achieve their fullest potential.

The elementary counselor encourages parent involvement. Parents are invited to contact their child's counselor with any concerns, input and/or requests for assistance regarding their children.

An elementary school counselor helps...

...children develop a better understanding and acceptance of themselves & others.

...children cope with family changes.

...children develop decision making and problem solving skills.

...students understand themselves in relation to their own career development.

...assists parents in understanding their child's emotions, behaviors, and learning styles to meet their child's needs.

...teachers and administrators in understanding and meeting the needs of all students in intellectual, personal, social and emotional areas.

...parents and teachers together develop services to make the school an optimal learning environment.

Downsville & Knapp Elementary School Counselor:

Debra Hoage

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Downsville:

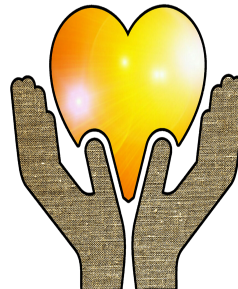
Mon & Wed 7:45-3:45 PM

Phone: 715-664-8546 ext 81103

Knapp:

Tues & Thurs 8:00-4:00 PM

Phone: 715-665-2131 ext 20109



*Have a
great new
school year!*

LOCAL

FOOD resources:

Food Harvest Ministry, Inc:

Distribution starts at 10 am. Suggested donation \$20. Bring your own bags/boxes. ***Knapp Harvest Ministry:*** 508 Hwy 12 West, Knapp. Fifth Saturday of each month.

Boyceville Community Center: 1223 Charlotte St, Boyceville. Third Saturday of each month.

Stepping Stones Food Pantry-

Phone: 715-235-2920

1620 Stout Road

Menomonie, WI 54751

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 11am-2pm

Saturday: 10am-Noon

Proof of residency (driver's license, and household gross monthly income needed).

<http://www.steppingstonesdc.org>

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Welcome!

We are so excited to see all the kiddos in library this year! If you need anything we are here to help!

Mrs. Becker: Knapp and Downsville
Mrs. Navarro: Wakanda
Mrs. Schemenauer: Oaklawn
Ms. Shay: River Heights



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who paid outstanding library fines at the end of last year or the start of this year! This allows the library to repurchase lost copies for students to enjoy! If you haven't yet paid your fine, you can do so at any time. Simply stop and see the librarian or seal it in an envelope and send it to school with your child.

We appreciate it!

DONATIONS NEEDED!!

Math Games for Student Checkout

The elementary libraries are partnering with the district math coach to offer math games for students to check out. We are hoping to start later this school year! If you have any of the following games, and are willing to donate them, please drop them off at your elementary school library. We will also take incomplete sets for extra parts! If you have any questions, please call Ms. Graham at (715) 232-3987. Thanks so much!

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| -Checkers | -Farkle | -Hi Ho Cherry-O |
| -Chess | -Yahtzee | -Tiny Polka Dot |
| -Battleship | -Cribbage | -Qwirkle |
| -Dominos | -Rummikub | -Clumsy Thief |
| -Rack-O | -Tenzi | -Tilting Turtles |
| -Sequence | -Guess Who | -Prime Club |
| -Phase 10 | -Dice | -Rush Hour |
| -Skip-Bo | -Cards | -Other Math/Strategy Games |



Contact Information Ms. Graham
jessica_graham@msd.k12.wi.us

Free Books!

There are two different ways for you and your child(ren) to access digital books at home for free. The first is through the school district, using the Overdrive App. The second is through the Menomonie public library using the Libby App.



Directions for using Overdrive are on the next page. You can opt to read in your browser or download onto your Kindle device. You only need your child's student ID, which is also their library number.

The Libby App requires a public library card. The app walks you through every step and is very easy to use.

Happy Reading!

MUSIC 2018-2019

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Music Update

Mrs. Orf's Classroom



What Are We Learning?

- K- The difference between high/ low and fast/slow
- 1-Keeping the beat on Instruments
- 2-Reading and playing rhythms on instruments
- 3-Rhythms through dance
- 4-Staff notes and beginning recorders
- 5- Reviewing staff notes and instruments

Save the Date!

Nov. 9, 2018
3-5 Veteran's Day
1:30pm
Downsville
Gym

Dec. 18, 2018
3-5 Winter Concert
6:00pm
River Heights
Gym

May 7, 2019
K-2 Informance
6:00pm
River Heights
Gym

A Note From Mrs. Orf

This year we have decided to move our Concerts and Informances to River Heights due to space. We have out grown our Downsville Gym, which is a great problem. We hope that the experience will allow for all families to sit comfortably and be able to see their child shine. If you have any questions feel free to contact me. I look forward to another year working with the students at Downsville Elementary.

-Mrs. Orf

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