



Newsletter 2022

Dear Downsville Families,

Downsville students and staff have been working so hard! Spring brings the return of some field trips and events that have been on the back burner for a while. We have the Science Olympiad, 5th Grade Track and Field Day, 4-5 Trip to Madison to tour the capitol, Grade 1 to the Menomonie Public Library, Grade 2 to the Chippewa Valley Museum, the Music Concert, a Talent Show, and more. It feels wonderful to have these experiences return to school.

Our **Science Olympiad** team began practicing and are preparing for the district competition on April 23. The team is open to students in grades four and five. They each sign up for events on a variety of topics-ponds, aerodynamics, classifying, and a group is even building a catapult. Mrs. Anderson and a group of parents are helping lead the students in these challenges. Menomonie Middle School and Menomonie High School both have a strong tradition in the Science Olympiad. It's great for kids to get involved.

The **PTC Fundraiser Read-a-Thon** wrapped up and students should bring in their pledges this week. Our PTC is very generous, sponsoring the coach bus for grades four and five to Madison to see our capitol, purchasing pizza for the 5th grade campout, books and prizes for the students, and sponsoring school fun events. We are looking for a couple of parents to help in this group, as some members are finished with a term or their children are leaving Downsville for the middle school. Reach out to a member or me if you can help with this wonderful support group.

Forward (state) testing started this week with the fourth graders. Attendance at school is always important, but please try hard **not** to schedule appointments or miss school during these days. Grade 4 tests this week, Grade 3 on April 12-14 and Grade 5 from April 19-22.

Watch for details- we are going to have an **ABC Countdown** for the last 26 days of school. Each day will have a theme or special activity that corresponds with a letter of the alphabet.

If you haven't already, we would love your input on our annual family [survey](#). It only takes a couple of minutes. We are planning already for 2022-23 and we do value your feedback.

Have a great month!

Mrs. Drout

Important Dates:



- April 8 - Bridging Brighter Smiles Dental Clinic
- April 12 - State Capitol Visit - 4th and 5th Grade
- April 15 - **NO SCHOOL**
- April 18 - Teacher PD Day! - **NO SCHOOL for students.**
- April 18 - Next Years' Kindergarten - Visit Day
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- April 19 - Science Olympiad Practice 3:30 - 4:45 p.m
- April 22 - Student Council Meeting - 8:15
- April 22 - Earth Day, 2022
- April 23 - Science Olympiad Competition
@ Menomonie Middle School - 8:00 a.m. - Noon
- April 28 - 2nd Grade Field Trip - Chippewa Valley Museum

- May 11 - Kindergarten and 1st Grade Field Trip
- May 17 - Student Council - End of Year Celebration
3:30 - 4:45 P.M.
- May 18 - 5th Grade Track and Field Day
1st Grade Trip to the Public Library
- May 19 - 5th Grade Track and Field Day - Rain Date
- May 23 - Music Concert @ River Heights
- May 26 - All School Environmental Site Field Trip
- May 26 - 5th Grade Overnight Camping Trip
@ Environmental Site
- May 30 - **NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day!**

- June 2 - Tentative Date for 5th Grade Recognition
- June 3 - Last Day of School!

Art in the Community

Downsville Elementary School

HOSTED BY

Scatterbrain Cafe

About Art In The Community

My name is Nicole Seidler and I am the art teacher at Downsville Elementary. Every year, your students create an abundance of amazing pieces of artwork. I hang artwork in the hallways, but I wanted to share the wonderful talent of these students with you and the entire Downsville community. The Scatterbrain Cafe graciously allowed me to hang up some of the students' artwork in their cafe! I will be hanging artwork at the Scatterbrain Cafe and will change it out every month. I plan to send out a letter to update you on which students were chosen to have their artwork displayed so you can take a visit to see it at Scatterbrain. Please reach out if you have any questions!

April Artists

Kindergarten // Annabelle Marshall

1st Grade // Morgan Kreutzer


2nd Grade // Aubriella Larrabee

3rd Grade // Daunte Hang

4th Grade // Kayla Lezama-Acevedo

5th Grade // Kinsley Fisher

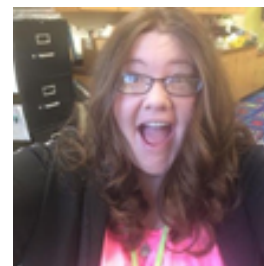
Questions? Email me at nicole_seidler@msd.k12.wi.us

Remember to check out my art teacher's Instagram account to see your students' artwork and updates.  [artwithmisseyidler](https://www.instagram.com/artwithmisseyidler)



This month's Library newsletter is being shared in digital format.

<https://www.smores.com/q3j2g> April News!!



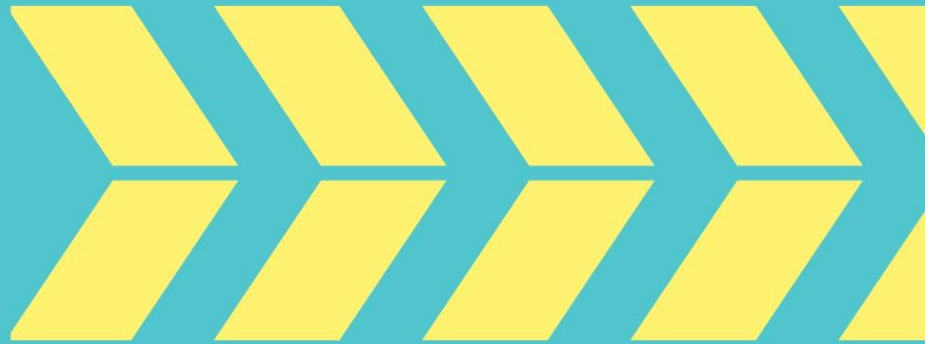
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Downsville School is having a Talent Show



GOT TALENT? AUDITION!

**OPEN
TO ALL**

MUSICIANS, SINGERS,
DANCERS, HULA HOOP,
READ A POEM, ACTORS,
COMEDIANS, MAGICIANS,
ETC.

WHERE

DOWNSVILLE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEN

MAY 25, 2022

audition forms coming home the first week in
April, the Talent show will take place during
the school day, more information to come

**Hey Downsville
Student Council**

Students... 2, 4, 6, 8

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Please join us for a game of
KICKBALL.

**Tuesday, May 17
3:30pm-4:45pm**

**Your child will stay after school and will need to be
picked up at 4:45, at school.**



Any questions? Contact Mrs. Holcomb

**We will enjoy a
snack, play a game
of kickball, and chat
about what we have
learned this year in
student council.**

[Summer Dates](#)

[Click here](#) to view the online course book.

You may request a "Paper Copy" of the course book by contacting the Downsville Office @ 715-664-8546.



Summer Academy 2022

Save the Dates

Session 1:

June 13-16, 20-23, & 27-30

No summer school July 4-8

Session 2:

July 11-14 & 18-21

Fine Arts Camp: July 25-29

TEAM Camp: August 1-5

Together Everyone Achieves More

STEAM Camp: August 8-12

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math

Field Trip Fridays:

June 10th Farm Visit

June 17th Fishing in Knapp

June 24th Field day @ MHS



Highlights

- Over 100 different course offerings
- Online & In-person options available.
- Increased reading & math recovery options
- Free classes for all students
- Free breakfast and lunch everyday
- Free busing all weeks of programming
- Wrap-around care for students ages 8 and up after normal summer hours through our local Boys & Girls Club! Contact (715) 233-2540

Questions?

Please contact John Samb with any questions you may have.

Email: (Preferred)

john_samb@msd.k12.wi.us

Phone:

(715) 232-2609 x41015

Brochures and Registration

Brochures will be available after Spring Break. Online only registration will begin on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

No Computer Access?

Computers will be available at the Administrative Services Center (ASC) 215 Pine Ave. E., by **appointment only**. Please call the ASC at (715) 232-1642 to make a reservation for computer use starting on Monday, April 4, 2022. Appointments can be scheduled from Monday, April 11 through Friday, May, 20th.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE GREATER CHIPPEWA VALLEY

SUMMER CAMP

Menomonie

GRADES
2nd - 5th



WHEN?
JUNE 13TH to
AUGUST 19TH

COST?

\$15 YEARLY CLUB
MEMBERSHIP

\$60 WEEKLY SUMMER
FEE PER CHILD



**FISHING
ARTS & CRAFTS
SPORTS GAMES
MUSIC SWIM
FUN!**

Hours

FULL DAYS
7:30am to 6pm
HALF DAYS
1pm - 6pm



FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION VISIT: **CVCLUBS.ORG**
OR CONTACT US AT: **715-233-2540**
River Heights Elementary School 615 24th Ave W
Menomonie, WI 54751

PARTNERING WITH



PTC secretary's report April 4th 2022

Attendees: Lexi Marsh, Keila Drout (Principal), Tawny Nelson, Zachary Rozmiarek, Karli Gullickson, Kelli Kistner

Call to order: Lexi called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

Secretary's report: Kasey moved to approve the minutes, Rachel seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report: *See attached* Kasey moved to approve the report after corrections are made, Kelli seconded.

Old business: Keila provided the thank you card for Cubby. Lexi will provide a check as well, and deliver.

PTC did cover the cookies for the PBIS cookies.

Reading minutes and pledge sheets will be turned in this week. We will purchase gift cards for the top reader in each class. We also talked about a pizza party for the top class for funds raised.

Final yearbook order has been sent. 57 yearbooks were ordered. PTC ordered 9 extra. We do receive 4 complimentary copies.

We need to finalize payment for the Madison trip bus fees.

5th grade graduation will be outside again, on the 2nd to last day of school, during the school day. We will plan on doing tie dye t-shirts again. We will have a reception after with cake and punch. PTC can provide the refreshments for this event. The entire school can come view the graduation, the reception will be only for 5th graders and their families.

No update for a walk a thon at this time.

Elections will be held at our May meeting. We will need to elect at least 3 officers. President, Vice-President, and Secretary are available for next school year.

New business: Mr. Rozmarieck has requested funds for the outdoor club. They are having a guest speaker and are requesting donations. Rachel moved to approve the request, Keila seconded. Kasey suggested we also ask for donations from parents of students who are in the outdoor club.

Mr. Rozmarieck has also requested money for pizza during the 5th grade camp out. He is requesting \$100 to cover this and snacks. Lexi moved to approve the motion, Kelli seconded this motion. We would like to solicit donations for this next year.

Mr. Voss is requesting donations for the 2nd graders to go to the Chippewa Museum. He is asking for \$102. Kelli motioned to approve, Tawny seconded.

Teacher appreciation week is May 2-6. In the past parents donated breakfast.

Mr. Rozmairek would like more opportunities for the outdoor club to help around the school and community.

Principal's report: It is very exciting to see all the field trips coming up this year!

Next year with the fundraiser Keila would like to see more of a kick off event to get kids excited.

The school is doing an alphabet count down for the last 26 days of school. During that they will have goodies with grown ups one day when adults who are dropping off kids can stop in for coffee and treats.

Meeting adjourned: Lexi adjourned the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for May 16th at 5:30 PM. Meeting will be in person at Downsville Elementary.

***Meetings are generally scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month.**

***No meetings are scheduled during the summer months.**

*Respectfully submitted,
Tawny Nelson, Secretary*

On Fridays starting on April 22 - May 27, 2022 - The Girl Scouts organization will be doing an outreach program for Kindergarten - 5th grade girls during the lunch and recess periods. They can choose to participate on any particular Friday that they wish during their lunch/recess time.

Please see the attached flier that they have shared with our school.



REACHING OUT

Our Reaching Out program serves around 4,000 girls per year. Reaching Out breaks down barriers and brings the benefits to Girl Scouts to all girls outside of a traditional troop setting. These positive, skill and character-building programs are possible with the support of GSNWGL staff, AmeriCorps members, interns, volunteers, and financial supporters. The counties Reaching Out serves are Adams, Brown, Calumet, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Outagamie, Portage, Vilas, Waupaca, Winnebago, and Wood. All curricula support the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



Shine

A school collaborative program for girls in grades K-5. Shine is usually offered weekly for 8-12 sessions and takes place before school or during lunch recess. Girls learn about important topics through interactive games, crafts, and other activities. Shine offers a safe place for girls to make friends, try new things, and learn positive values in the presence of their peers.



Shine Like a Diamond (SLAD)

This collaborative program for girls in grades 4-6 seeks to unpack the issues facing girls in your school. From bullying to body image - Girl Scouts has a unique all-girl, girl-led philosophy and program that will help girls feel confident and advocate for themselves and others. Shine Like a Diamond is offered in small grade level groups of 12 and takes place during lunch and lunch recess. Through our collaboration we are able to identify specific topics that would be beneficial for girls and we invite school guidance counselors or social workers to attend sessions as they see fit.



Community Connect

A program specifically for girls ages 5-17 in partnership with other youth-serving organizations such as Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, and domestic abuse shelters. These programs typically take place during after school programs and summer programs. Through our collaborations, we are able to break down barriers that prevent girls from participating in Girl Scouts. Our curriculum varies depending on the girls we serve and the expressed needs or interests of the partner organization.

* Curriculum for both Shine and Community Connects includes topics like bullying, diversity, self-esteem, health and wellness, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math), team building, and community service.

Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes (GSNWGL) provides opportunities for every girl, everywhere.



New Visions

A specially designed program for at-risk teens and tweens. Currently, New Visions takes place at juvenile detention centers, shelter care facilities, alternative schools, and residential treatment facilities. The curriculum varies depending on the needs and interests of the girls participating and topics requested by facility staff. Frequently-covered topics include healthy relationships, teen pregnancy, decision making, goal setting, career exploration, drug and alcohol abuse, self-esteem, music/media literacy, and community service. New Visions is typically offered on a weekly basis. It gives girls the opportunity to talk to caring, positive adult role models while learning to identify their own strengths through interactive, engaging girl-directed activities.



When girls participate in Girl Scouts, they benefit in 5 important ways:

Girl Scouts' mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes is proud to be part of an organization that has a 100 year+ history of being welcoming and inclusive. We value diversity and inclusivity and do not discriminate or recruit on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, national origin, or physical or developmental disability. Through our programming, called the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls develop skills to advance diversity and promote tolerance in the twenty-first century.



Strong Sense of Self

Girls have confidence in themselves, their abilities, and form positive identities.



Positive Values

Girls act ethically, honestly, responsibly, and show concern for others.



Challenge Seeking

Girls take appropriate risks, try things even if they might fail, and learn from mistakes.



Healthy Relationships

Girls develop and maintain healthy relationships by communicating their feelings directly and resolving conflicts constructively.



Community Problem Solving

Girls desire to contribute to the world in purposeful and meaningful ways. They learn how to identify problems in the community and create "action plans" to solve them.

Youth who develop these 5 outcomes...

Are happier, healthier, and less likely to engage in problem behaviors or be victimized.

Achieve more academically and feel more engaged in school.

Become strong job applicants.

Become successful, well-adjusted adults.

Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes operates five regional service centers throughout the northern two-thirds of Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula, serving 58 counties, 18,000 girls, and more than 6,000 adults.