

December Newsletter 2021

Hello Downsville Families,

We have worked hard all fall and wrapped up the first trimester. We have accomplished a lot in these first few months. Thank you to students, teachers, and families for all of their efforts to create a successful learning environment at school. It's comforting having some of our normal routines and activities return this year. We continue to hope that spring brings even more.

If you haven't heard, Downsville school improved two levels and is now **meeting expectations on the state report cards** since the last report from Spring 2019 testing. The staff and students have worked hard for this. We can be proud of this achievement, and know that we continue to work hard, because we know we can do even better. Greater growth will lead to greater achievement. We want to continue to meet the goal of more kids learning more, more often.

Downsville will be hosting a **food and funds drive for Stepping Stones** again this year between December. Please consider donating to this wonderful cause. We are placing our donations under our tree at school.

This month for PBIS we are focusing on the skill of following directions the first time. The students will have three choices for a reward and will vote on it using tickets they receive for following directions.

Have you considered getting involved in your child's school? The **Downsville PTC** is a hard working organization that supports our school in many ways. They have book giveaways, give teachers \$\$ for use in their classrooms, support transportation for field trips, sponsor Fifth Grade Graduation, and more. Please consider joining us at the next meeting in January.

Thank you to the **Community Foundation** for the grant for our school walking program. We will be purchasing more 'toe tokens' that we use for incentives. Each student is asked to walk on our school playground two laps twice a week for a total of a mile a week. Many students walk more laps and days than that. Students earn incentives based on how many miles they walk.

It sure feels like winter! Students should bring the **BIG 5** to school every day. This includes coat, hat, mittens or gloves, boots, and snowpants. We have limited items to lend out and we will go outside most days. Thanks for your help with this.

Have a great month!

Mrs. Drout

Important Dates:

- December 7 - Report Cards
- December 10 - Student Council Meeting - 8:15 a.m.
- December 17 - Student Council Meeting - 8:15 a.m.
- December 22 - “Special Visitor” and Book Giveaway
- December 23 - January 2 - **NO SCHOOL! WINTER BREAK!**
- January 3 - School Resumes
- January 17 - **NO SCHOOL!** - Staff PD Day!
- January 17 - PTC Meeting - 5:00 - Social @Cubby’s
Meeting to follow at 5:30 pm
- January 25 - Skating Party - 3:30 - 5:00
- February 1 - Skating Party - “Backup Date”

Food & Funds Drive @ Downsville School!

FOOD AND FUNDS WILL BE DONATED TO
THE LOCAL STEPPING STONES OF DUNN
COUNTY



Our Collection begins on Monday,
December 13 and continues
through **December 20.**

Our goal is to collect and fill up around
the bottom of our all school tree.



Organized by the Downsville Student Council

Most needed items include:

- peanut butter
- canned meats(tuna and chicken)
- Boxed dinners (Hamburger Helper, Macaroni & Cheese)
- spaghetti sauce and pasta
- Rice, dry beans
- Breakfast cereals
- Canned fruits & vegetables
- Canned soup, chili, stew
- Juice (no added sugar)
- Baby food
- Bath soap, shampoo, conditioner
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Toilet tissue & Kleenex
- Diapers, baby wipes
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap



A cash donation is powerful too!
For every \$1 donated, Stepping Stones
can purchase \$10 worth of food through
the Feed My People Food Bank in Eau
Claire.

**All Are Invited to Enjoy
Supper at Our Community
Meals!**

**Free Dinners Every Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday, and
Thursday**



Meals at all four locations will be carry out/to go. The menus are varied and there is no cost. All are welcome.

Monday's Meal

Mondays from 5:00-6:00 PM
Menomonie United Methodist Church
2703 Bongey Drive, Menomonie, WI

Tuesday's Table

Tuesdays from 5:00-5:45 PM
St. Joseph's Church (lower level)
10th St. and Wilson Ave.
Menomonie, WI

Wednesday's Table

Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 PM
Christ Lutheran Church
1306 Wilcox St., Menomonie, WI

Thursday's Table

Thursdays from 5:00-6:00 PM
First Congregational United Church of Christ
420 Wilson Ave. Menomonie, WI

\$ Need help with energy expenses? Check out the [Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program](#)

👋 Struggling with the Big 5 (coat, snow pants, hat, mittens, and boots)? Please reach out to me! **Voice or text (715) 255-0877** or shanda_henning@msd.k12.wi.us.

Happy December!

Shanda Henning, School Social Worker

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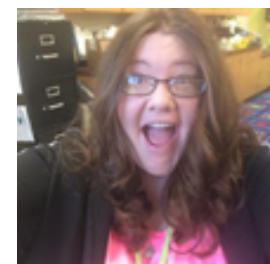
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PTC secretary's report November 15th 2021

Attendees: Tawny Nelson, Lexi Marsh, Kasey Pogorelski, Rachel Henderson, Keila Drout, Allison Kocik, Deeanna Livingston, Kelli Kistner

Call to order: Lexi called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

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

Treasurer's report: ***See attached*** Kasey made a motion to approve, Allison seconded the motion.

Old business: The apparel sale prior to homecoming was a success. We have sold out of many apparel items. We believe Fleet Feet will screen print our logo on apparel for customers who would like it. We need to be frugal with preordering apparel as we have a hard time selling it.

Keila was able to attend the homecoming parade. A grandparent of a student who was at the parade let her know that the Downsville Sportsmans Club would be happy to provide candy for the parade. We believe we had 30 participants and just enough candy to make it to the end of the parade.

Lexi was able to provide Erbert and Gerbert's for the first night of conferences. They offered a discount as they were told it was for teachers. Katie from Cubby's provided pizza the second night. She brought in her warmer so staff could grab slices as they needed them. For spring we plan to support Timber Inn, and Erbert and Gerbert's again.

New business: The Madison trip is booked for April 12th. We leave around 7:30-8 AM, visit the zoo first, and then visit the capitol at 1:00 pm. We would stop for ice cream after. 4th and 5th grade will both attend. Knapp will not join. PTC generally provides the fee for the bus, and money for ice cream. PTC also provides funds for the other grades to do a field trip. We have plenty in the budget to do both of these things.

We have decided to not do in-person book fairs this year. Some teachers have sent home book orders, however shipments are delayed. It may be a good idea to find another option to purchase books from.

New ideas for fundraising were brainstormed including still having the fall festival raffles even though we did not have the fall festival. Also having a "spend the day with a staff member" raffle.

Lexi reviewed the updated budget. Kasey voted to approve the budget, Lexi seconded.

At this time we are not planning on having an in person holiday concert. We will plan to revisit having a fundraiser during that time.

We have plenty of books to give away during the holiday "special visitor" day. Keila thinks it will be ok to plan on this for the 22nd. Lexi and Keila will make more plans for this.

We are planning a January skating party. We will need to plan a back up day for weather issues. We usually have it after school on a Tuesday or Thursday. We get donations of hot chocolate, bananas, and cheese from Conagra and Kwik Trip. In some past years we have had a bonfire. Tentatively we are planning on January 25th with February 1st as a backup date.

With Candace resigning from her role as president we need to discuss if we would like to do a special election or continue on with Lexi as president. We agreed that we should keep the board with 3 people, and elect a new president in the spring. *Lexi and Tawny will work with the bank to remove Candace from the checking account and add Lexi as the co-signer until elections.*

We have decided to skip the December meeting, and the January meeting will take place on the 17th at Cubby's. With a 5PM social hour and the official meeting beginning at 5:30 PM.

Principal's report: Keila feels we covered everything in the regular meeting. **Respectfully submitted**

Meeting adjourned: 6:21PM. Kasey made a motion to adjourn, Rachel seconded. **Tawny Nelson, PTC secretary**

Next meeting scheduled for January 17th at 5:30PM *at Cubby's* *Meetings are generally scheduled for the 3rd Monday of the month. *No meetings are scheduled during the summer months.

DOWNSVILLE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESENTS

December Dress Up Days

Monday, Dec. 20 Long Winters Nap(wear your
coziest sleepwear)

Tuesday, Dec. 21 Winter Wonderland Whiteout
(Hoping for snow...dress in all white)

Wednesday Dec. 22 Santa and His Helpers (Santa,
elves, reindeer or any other festive attire)

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