

January

Newsletter 2022

Hello Downsville Families,

Thank you for your generous support of our **Food and Funds Drive for Stepping Stones**. We were able to donate 337 lbs. of food to Stepping Stones! Great Job!

Students will be taking the **STAR assessment** this month. This assessment is completed 3x a year (fall, winter, spring) and is a good way to track growth in reading and math. Students complete this on their chromebooks, and each test takes about 25 minutes. It is a computer adaptive test, which means no students take the exact same test. The teachers meet with the students before and after the assessment to set a goal and to track progress. Our goal is to do all of the testing next week, January 10-14, and celebrate on Friday with a GLOW party.

Have you been to the **Scatterbrain Cafe** recently? If you have, you will have seen our student art display. Ms. Seidler connected with the owner (Stephanie Thompson) and they will have **Downsville student art** on the walls. It looks great!

Students should bring the **BIG 5** to school every day. This includes a 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.

Our PBIS focus this month is **being SAFE**. Teachers again will be on the lookout for students showing SAFE behavior, and selecting a student of the week each week. Friday morning at our Tiger Team meeting Mrs. Pederson, with the help of students, will be demonstrating SAFE behavior.

Congratulations to Mr. Rozmiarek, our 5th grade teacher, and Mrs. Rozmiarek (our music teacher last year, now at RH) on the birth of their son Casmir. Mom, Dad, and baby Caz are doing well.

Have a great month!

Mrs. Drout



Important Dates:

- January 17 - **NO SCHOOL!** - Staff PD Day!
- January 17 - PTC Meeting - 5:00 - Social @Cubby's
Meeting to follow at 5:30 pm
- January 19 - Bridging Brighter Smiles Dental Clinic
All day in Library
- January 21 - Student Council Meeting
8:15 a.m. - Library
- January 25 - Skating Party - 3:30 - 5:00
- February 1 - Skating Party - "Backup Date"



It's a New Year!

I encourage your family to try new things and to celebrate the great things that are currently happening in school.

Downsville Learners will be "Reaching for the Stars" as we begin our Winter Star Assessments.

These assessments "pick our brain" to see what is known. Each student at Downsville School will be doing a huge job of showing what they know through this assessment.

It is an assessment that is used in the SDMA for screening toward proficiency levels on WI State Assessments.

Our school uses this assessment, along with other formal and informal assessments, to determine how your child might best be served during W.I.N.(What I Need) time.

We will celebrate our completion of this Winter Assessment on Friday, January 14th, with a Glowing STAR party in classrooms and at lunch.

With Downsville Students In Mind,

Mrs. Holcomb
Intervention Specialist



**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](tel:7152550877) or shanda_henning@msd.k12.wi.us.

Happy December!

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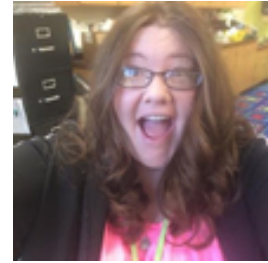


[Dunn County Community Resource Guide](#)

Downsville Pop-up Curbside Food Pantry

The Stepping Stones' Pop-Up Food pantry is in Downsville every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The pantry is located at the New Hope Lutheran Church parking lot. (N2698 460th St.)

For more information on our other Pop-Up Food Pantries, visit Stepping Stones at www.stepsstonesdc.org.



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

Here is the link: <https://www.smore.com/wfj9s>

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Art in the Community

Downsville Elementary School

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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! Starting this month, 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!

January Artists

Kindergarten // MicKinzley Hoffman

1st Grade // Ella Buchholtz


2nd Grade // Charlie Sol

3rd Grade // Kinsley Lemke

4th Grade // Conner Styer

5th Grade // Zoe Skoug

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](#)