

March

Newsletter 2022

Welcome March and the final trimester of the school year!

Downsville students and staff have been working so hard this term! We have enjoyed the warmer temperatures this week too. Keep in mind that when it gets warmer, students tend to get WET when playing outside. An extra pair of socks and mittens can be very helpful.

Wednesday, along with our dress up days, we had an **all school breakfast** (see photo below) and some dramatic readings of Dr. Seuss books. From the gym, each class proceeded to their classrooms and the teachers rotated and read a story to each group. Reading is such an important part of what we do at Downsville. It was wonderful to celebrate reading and enjoy the day.



The PTC fundraiser this year will also focus on **READING**. Please see the enclosed flier, and watch next week for more information on our **Read-A-Thon**. We are asking students to get pledges and track their reading for about a month. We hope you can join in at the next PTC meeting on March 21st, currently planned for in person. Did you know that kids who read on a regular basis at home develop larger vocabularies and achieve more at school. That is our goal here at school- more kids learning more, more often. **READ, READ, READ!**

After Spring break, we will begin **Forward (state) testing** in grades 3-5. Each grade will test on a different week. Attendance at school is always important, but please try hard **not** to schedule appointments and miss during these days. Grade 4 will test April 4-8, Grade 3 on April 12-14 and Grade 5 from April 19-22.

Report cards will come home next week. Please take a minute to review the classroom news and upcoming dates below. Enjoy Spring Break!

Have a great month!

Mrs. Drout

Important Dates:



- March 4 - End of 2nd Trimester
- March 8 - Science Olympiad Practice 3:30 - 4:45 p.m
- March 9 - Report Card go Home
- March 14 - March 18 - **NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK!!!**
- March 22 - Science Olympiad Practice 3:30 - 4:45 p.m
- March 25 - Student Council Meeting - 8:15 a.m.
- March 29 - Science Olympiad Practice 3:30 - 4:45 p.m

- April 5 - Science Olympiad Practice 3:30 - 4:45 p.m
- April 12 - State Capitol Visit - 4th and 5th Grade
- April 15 - **NO SCHOOL**
- April 18 - Teacher PD Day! - **NO SCHOOL for students.**
- April 19 - Science Olympiad Practice 3:30 - 4:45 p.m
- April 23 - Science Olympiad Competition
@ Menomonie Middle School - 8:00 a.m. - Noon



Please note a menu change for March 11, 2022:

Fish Sandwich instead of Fish Sticks

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In Kindergarten we have been growing our reading muscles with our reading super powers. There are definitely some SUPER READERS in our classroom. We just started writing How-To books so we are learning how to teach. We really enjoyed our time on the ice rink where we went from "I can't" to "Look At Me!" We have definitely enjoyed our special days and the learning that comes with them.



Mrs. Livingston and the Kinder-Kids!

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WOW! Winter went fast in First Grade! We worked hard to learn all about Non-Fiction books in Readers and Writers Workshop! In Math we are just wrapping up our adding and subtracting bigger numbers unit. In Social Studies we studied our country and many of its symbols over the past few weeks and in science we learned a lot about sound! Of course we managed to sneak in lots of fun during learning time too! We celebrated some Packers Wins, we gave ice skating a try (Thanks Cubby for flooding our rink), we dressed like Granny's and Grandpa's on the 100th day of school and we even had a visit from the 'Queen of Hearts' who taught us all about kindness and love! We are sure loving our last few months of first grade and cannot wait for some warmer weather to get out and play! -Mrs. Gully's Firsties




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Hello families!

Spring break is just around the corner and with it the final stretch of the school year!

We had so much fun celebrating 2's day and appreciated all of the baby photos sent in for our game!



 In second grade we are starting off spring with our multiplication unit in math which will have us look at grouping numbers together.

In reading we will be learning to use our voices to read smoother and in writing we are revisiting non fiction to create books that teach.



Finally in science we are continuing to explore the world of solids and liquids while in social studies we are learning about where the goods we buy come from.



As we approach the end of winter I would like to remind everyone to pack an extra set of dry socks and pants since there will be a lot of water on the playground as the snow melts for the next few weeks.

Have a great spring break!



Mr. Voss and the 2nd Graders

Hello families!



Third graders recently completed units in mystery reading, opinion writing, and (almost) fractions. Next we will be studying the characters in our books, writing literary essays, and graphing and looking at data in math.

Students will be preparing for the Forward test through completing readings and answering questions, writing/typing responses to a text, and reviewing skills in math. Students will test April 12-14. Please help your child do well by coming to school, getting good sleep, and hearing encouraging and positive messages!



Ms. Repinski



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4th Grade

The Fourth Graders have completed the Wisconsin Battle of the Books competition. We had three teams (12 students) competing in Battle of the Books. The teams battled each other to answer the most questions about the 20 books they read. Our top team was The Wild Readers (Cobie, Conner, Dane, and Myranda). They battled the top 5th-grade team and were able to answer 9 out of 10 questions correctly to win the school battle. They completed the State Battle of the Books competition online and we are eagerly awaiting the results. Congratulations to them and to everyone who participated.



In Social Studies we are learning about United States history and the reason why many immigrants settled here. We completed a research project that integrated our nonfiction reading unit, writing about nonfiction, and social studies. Students researched a country that their ancestors may have come from and wrote a feature article about the country. The students then shared their articles with the class to teach what they learned.



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Everybody has been having a wonderful time in 5th grade. The students are learning so much everyday. They are becoming masters at working with fractions. They can have meaningful conversations about books. They have also mastered the five paragraph essay. In social studies, they have become experts at the Revolutionary War and in science they know all about mixtures and solutions.



The students also took some time to learn about the 2022 Olympics. First, they all picked an olympic athlete to research and present on. Then they were assigned to an olympic country to study. They made a windssock with that country's flag and tracked how many medals they won.

In addition to all of this, the students were able to participate in the school dress up days, the family ice skating party, and were given a private concert by the high school music department.

Now we are revving up to finish the school year strong. We are all looking forward to the Madison field trip and overnight camp out. The students will definitely earn these breaks because they will also be taking the Forward Exam and learning as much as they can before middle school.

Mr. Rozmiarek



Outdoor Club

The Downsville Outdoor Club took a short hiatus this winter, but the students were back last week and ready to play in the snow. Part of the mission of the outdoor club is to give students new opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. With that in mind, we borrowed some cross country skis from the Phy-ed department and hit the trails.

The students were able to ski laps around the school yard. They also had the opportunity to try an obstacle course and race their friends. Everyone enjoyed being able to try something new. Many of the students said they would like to ski again.

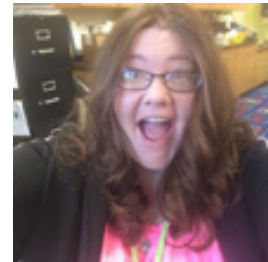
Our next meeting will be on March 11th. We will be working on Earth Day activities to present to the whole school.





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

[Here](#) is the March library newsletter.



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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!

March Artists

Kindergarten // Jeffrey Kistner

1st Grade // Noah Peinovich


2nd Grade // Robbie Lablonde

3rd Grade // Mia Long

4th Grade // Ian Sterry

5th Grade // Grace Olson

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.  [artwithmisseydler](#)

MENOMONIE SCHOOL DISTRICT ART SHOW

at
CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE
Menomonie, WI

Kindergarten

MicKinzley Hoffman
Jeffrey Kistner
Hazel Lablonde
Annabelle Marshall
Viola Montanye
Asha Ocampo-Kopp
Marcel Ptak

1st Grade

Grace Buchholtz
Ella Buchholtz
Korbyn Halverson
Morgan Kreutzer (2)
Sophia Wolf

2nd Grade

Hayden Hostetler
Kara Kistner (2)
Robbie Lablonde
Aubriella Larrabee
Charlie Sol
Isla Sterry

3rd Grade

AJ Buerkle
Alyssa Kluge
Trinnity Larrabee
Kinsley Lemke (2)
Sadie Peinovich
Cecil Ptak

4th Grade

Myranda Creaser (2)
Dane Kreutzer
Conner Styer

5th Grade

Kinsley Fisher
Grace Olson
Miley Owings
Ian Peinovich
Frankie Pogorelski
Lexi Quinn (2)
Zoe Skoug (2)



All artwork will be displayed at CVTC for the entire month of March. Below are the visiting hours at CVTC to go see your student's artwork.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30am - 4:00pm	7:30am - 7:00pm	7:30am - 7:00pm	7:30am - 4:00pm	7:30am 4:00pm



Youth Art Month

Downsville Elementary School

HOSTED AT

University of Wisconsin Stout

**Robert S. Swanson Library & Learning Center, 2nd Floor
315 10th Ave E, Menomonie, WI 54751**

FEBRUARY 20TH - MARCH 10TH

**BRAILEY BROWN - 3RD GRADE
"ZENTANGLE ICE CREAM"**

**CONNER STYER- 4TH GRADE
"CACTUS"**



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HOSTED AT

**Culver's
Menomonie, WI**

**CHANCE BERG-RUDIE- 4TH GRADE
"NORTHERN LIGHTS"**

**GRACE BUCHHOLTZ- 1ST GRADE
"BEAR"**



Parent-Teacher-Committee (PTC) READ-A-THON FUNDRAISER

March 10th - March 31st

Help our students and staff by participating in Downsville Elementary's first Read-A-Thon!

We are asking students **to read 20-30 minutes each day** at home and collect donations from **March 10th - March 31st** to promote a love of reading and raise money for PTC-sponsored events such as *the Holiday Book Give Away, Ice Skating Party, 4th-5th grade Madison Capitol trip, Classroom Field Trips, Classroom funds for needed items, Science Olympiad funding, and other events throughout the year.*

We have decided to do classroom goals based on number of students in the class and are asking students to help reach those goals by collecting at least one pledge and reading until their hearts desire.

Every donation helps! Every student who collects at least one pledge and turns in their reading log will receive a small prize. Additional prizes will be awarded to:

- ✦ TOP Fundraising Student
- ✦ TOP Reader in minutes read
- ✦ Pizza Party for the class who raises the most \$\$ MONEY \$\$ above their goal

CLASSROOM GOALS:

Kindergarten: \$640

1st Grade: \$600

2nd Grade: \$680

3rd Grade: \$760

4th Grade: \$640

5th Grade: \$800

PARENTS: Encourage READING at Home! Each day your child reads, please document on the attached form. On the back of the form is where the donations can be written.

STUDENTS: Read at home and have your parents help you document your minutes from each day. Collect and document donations on the back of the attached form. We are including a fun BINGO sheet for you to use to "spice" up your reading opportunities (this form does not have to be turned in, just use as you would like).

ALL DONATIONS AND READING/DONATION SHEETS SHOULD BE TURNED IN TO YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER THE WEEK OF APRIL 4-8th. Winners will be announced by April 13th!



PTC secretary's report

Attendees: Lexi Marsh, Keila Drout, Heidi Pelke, Kelli Kistner, Kasey Pogorelski

Call to order: Lexi at 5:32pm

Secretary's report: went out in February newsletter. No changes or additions. Rachel moves to approve, Kelli 2nd.

Treasurer's report: *See attached* Heidi moves to approve, Lexi 2nd, no opposition

Old business: Skating party: by far the MOST students attended! 80-90 kids attended. Went through about 1 case of bananas, and 100 string cheese. 2.5 boxes of cocoa mix packets. Had plenty of volunteers, did a lot of promoting PTC.

Were short on ice skates. Sara Holcomb secured \$250 donation from Sportsmans Club to purchase more skates. Had budgeted \$150, donated that to get more skates. Some from Fleet Farm, maybe also from Play it Again Sports

Will need to get skates sharpened for next year!

Keila: most classes have been skating once or twice, grateful for extra skates, glad to be using pond.

Lexi: ask classrooms for thank you's to Cubby for maintaining rink

5th graders started going out early, 3rd graders went out back door, helped with crowding while lacing skates.

Only one head bonk.

Annual fundraiser finalizing: example from other school of readathon: goal of 20-30 minutes/night for 30 days, goal of \$60 raised per students and/or classroom goal. (Most pledges come in form of flat amount.) Reading as important goal, might be a simpler fundraiser than math or spelling. Could award top-fundraising class, or top raisers per class.

Keila: Also possibility to do a walk-a-thon. Mr. Stanchik talking about walking on trail with 3-5/K-2, could tie that in to fundraiser.

Heidi: did walk-a-thon at another school, parents can come to walk along with them, could look for donations of lunch/snacks. Had options to "buy" signs to decorate to put along path.

Lexi: can do one of these ideas for spring, one for next fall.

Kelli: Leaning toward reading right now, especially with unpredictable weather.

Kasey: have done fundraiser around Easter in the past, to capitalize on grandparents/aunts making contributions. Could do both? Can do read-a-thon soon, have walk-a-thon closer to the end of the year, contribute some of the donations for student council, since they missed fall festival.

Keila: Heard from other principals that Water park won't be open until June, all-school field trip might not be an option.

Lexi: If forms go home 7th of March, can capitalize on Spring Break.

Then funds due in Early April. Pick 3-4 weeks for doing reading. Send home March 10-11th? Go through first week of April?

Usually expect to bring in \$3-4,000, have around \$100. Does goal of \$40 work? Or have a classroom goal of \$XX and have each student with a goal of 3-4 pledges. And have prizes for students with top minutes read.

Lexi will reach out to Sara Holcomb for reading activities that she sent home over the summer. Will move forward with Read-a-thon, will get the info to Kay

Kasey: Back to walk-a-thon: could be a really good activity for involving the whole community, not just parents. Could have local businesses sponsor signs.

New business:

Yearbooks: down payment will be returned next fall, watch for that. We do not owe anything for down payment because we do online ordering for families. This year we did ONLY online, if someone can't access that, family can write PTC a check and Lexi will order. As of two weeks ago, we were at 27 orders, need a minimum of 50. Kay will send home flyers again, will post on Facebook. We will NOT get extra copies to sell – we get 4 complementary copies. Lexi will get list of orders so people can find out what they've ordered if they can't remember. Will spread the word right after spring break – cut off date is April 1st for orders. This is how orders came in last year, too.

Kasey: could PTC purchase 70 copies and seek out more donations to offset costs?

Kelli: Or could we have something available at Open House for ordering?

If there are children in need we could ask for donations? Do specific fundraising for yearbooks.

Lexi: likely that cost will go up soon, maybe next year. The rep we're working with is doing a lot to put together photos and memories. Excited to see what it looks like this year.

Can assess at March meeting, see if we need to get to minimum order, can PTC do that to supply to families who didn't get one.

Spring Election planning at May meeting: Lexi stepped into presidents's role from vp role, President and Secretary up for election this year.

Treasurer – can Rachel keep doing this if she is elected to school board? Will verify, but probably fine.

Lexi willing to stay on for another year, can be in President role if no one else willing to, may be easier to get VP.

Please reach out to other parents. Can we send a flyer in kids' backpacks with our contact info to encourage parents to reach out? Lexi may have flyer saved to do that?

5th Grade Farewell June 2nd, will need parent volunteers to work with Mr Rozmiarek on planning. PTC did candy bags and balloon last year, pencil cups from Downs ville Pottery, budget \$15/kid — \$8 for cups, remaining for party/food/gift.

5th grade track meet May 18th

Environmental site : May26th

Principal's report: Dates mentioned above. Planning spring concert – tentative date at River Heights, all 6 grades. Should have date confirmed in a couple of weeks

Madison trip: have a lot of volunteer chaperones, some will drive separately. April 12th

Vilas Park Zoo, have picnic lunch, capital tour, home.

Thanks for providing dinners for conferences, very appreciated, Sandwich fixings worked out well! (Rachel purchased two loaves of bread, 2 packages each of deli sliced turkey and ham, 1 package deli sliced salami, 2 packages of sliced cheese, 2 packages pre-washed leaf lettuce, sandwich slice pickles, mustard and mayo squeeze bottles, tub of hummus, three bags Kettle chips)

Forward testing coming up in April for 3-5.

Meeting adjourned: Kasey move to adjourn, Keila 2nd.

Next meeting scheduled for March 21st, at school, Keila will try to get childcare for gym!

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

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

Respectfully submitted

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.

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Brochures and Registration

Brochures will be available after Spring Break. Online only registration will begin on Monday, April 11, 2021 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.

