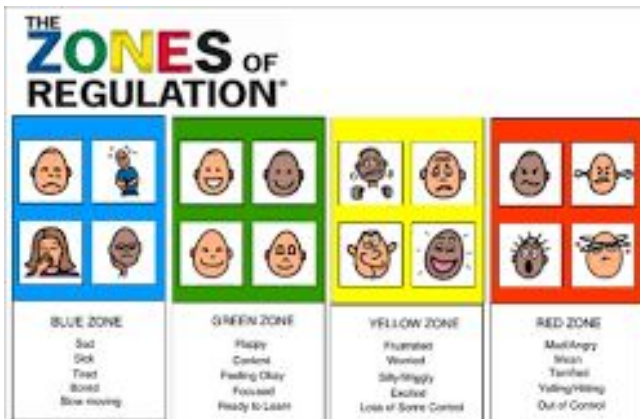


October 2018

Thank you to all families who were able to attend Parent Teacher Conferences. Our partnership is so important for the success of your children. Families play an integral role in their child's learning. Our School Parent Involvement Policy can be viewed at the end of this newsletter.

KIND
Keep It Nice Daily
Be Kind to Yourself
Be Kind to Others
Be Kind to Downsville



This year we are implementing the Zones of Regulation to help students gain skills in the area of self-regulation. Self regulation is best defined as the state of alertness of both body and emotions. Look for more information coming home in your child's folder as well as a sweet Downsville Kind magnet for your fridge!

A "BIG THANK YOU" to all students and families that saved our Box Tops and Kwik Trip Milk Caps over the summer! After the summer collection was all counted we will be receiving \$43.85 in milk caps and \$23.00 in box tops to help benefit the students at Downsville. These collections go towards things such as: helping out with field trips, purchasing PBIS rewards and other needs for classrooms and students.

DOWNSVILLE STUDENTS & FAMILIES ROCK!!





Here's What's Happening!

Kindergarten- Dear Families, We have been very busy during the month of October in Kindergarten! We have been learning how to read privately and with a partner during Reader's Workshop. In Writer's Workshop, we have been learning how to draw and label pictures. During phonics time, we have been studying and reading our friends' names, and learning snap words. This helps us learn letters and sounds too! In Science, we learned about trees and weather. In Social Studies, we learned about bus, pedestrian, and fire safety. We loved having the fire fighters visit our school! We also made edible fire trucks and a recipe book to take home.



Mrs. Fiege, Miss Simcock and the Kinder Kids



First Grade- On "The Gully Ranch" we have been having so much fun that we cannot believe we are already to November!! We are finishing up our "Small Moments" writing unit and beginning our "How To" unit. We are continuing through our math unit of: Sums and Differences to 10. We are becoming "Word Detectives" in Reader's Workshop and learning about Healthy Habits, Air and Weather during Science and Social Studies time. During Phonics time we are finishing up "Talking and Thinking about Letters" and beginning our "Mystery of the Silent 'E'" unit! We are continuing to work on making good first grade choices, being kind to friends, showing respect and showing responsibility for our own actions. Happy Fall Ya'll!

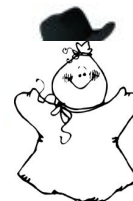


-Love: Mrs. Gully and her 1st Grade Cowpokes



Here's What's Happening!

Second Grade- The second graders are learning many new poems and songs to engage them throughout daily learning. They did a fascinating job at entertaining their grandparents at our class grandparent event. It was enjoyed by all. The students continue to love (Mrs. Holcomb's favorite word) earning Downsville Dollars for good school choices. Holcomb's store has been a point of excitement and involves great math/social learning. Downsville students sure are **fab-BOO-lous!**



~Until Next Month,
The 2nd Grade Citizens in "The Master Learners Community"

Third Grade- The Third Grade Class continues to work hard and learn a lot! We are having a great time learning from our new Science curriculum! The students enjoy doing the science experiments like creating their own thermometer! We are just starting our Mystery unit in Reading where we will all become detectives! In Writing, we will be learning how to write persuasive speeches and then will be presenting them! Lots of fun things happening in 3rd grade!



Fourth Grade- I am so proud of the hard work that the fourth graders continue to do! We are finishing our second unit in math this week and diving deeper into our science investigations about rocks and minerals! We are continuing to learn more about character development in reading, along with finishing our personal narratives in writing. We have also started Junior Achievement once a week and the kids have really been enjoying the lessons. I am excited to continue to learn alongside of these awesome kids!



Fifth Grade- This month in 5th grade we have started really diving into our book clubs to discover and interpret themes throughout different texts. In writing, we have been hard at work crafting a personal narrative. In math, we have been learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide numbers with fractions. In science, we have been investigating the relationship between the Earth, Moon, and Sun. In social studies, we have had the opportunity for Mrs. Kneeland, a grad student at UW River Falls, to co-teach utilizing artifacts from the museum she works at. It's been busy, but our students have been growing so much!



Important Dates

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

October 26th - **Student Council "Dress Up Day"- theme "NEON"**
October 26th - **K & 1st Grade Field Trip -Apple Orchard!**
October 31st - **Halloween Parade @ 2:30**
November 1st - **Picture Retake Day!**
November 2nd - **Fall Festival 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**
November 8th - **Veteran's Day Program - 10:45 a.m.**
November 19th - **PTC Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.**
November 21, 22, 23 - **NO SCHOOL!**



Nutrition News!

Nutrition News What makes a school lunch?

What are the requirements?

- All 5 components must be offered : Meat/Meat Alternate, Grain, Fruit, Vegetable, Milk
- Menu items are offered in the appropriate serving size for the age/group level
- Students must take at least 3 of the 5 component offerings and one must be EITHER a fruit or vegetable or a combination of fruit and vegetables
- Menus have a weekly calorie average per meal:

550-650 K-5

600-700 6-8

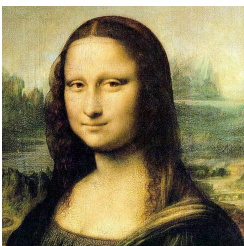
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Menomonie school menus offer a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables on a "garden bar" that is included in the lunch every day! Students may select as many choices as they will eat from the garden bar!

Enjoy School Lunch! Michelle Kloser Director of Food and Nutrition Services

michelle_kloser@msd.k12.wi.us



Art!

The art class now has an Instagram! The handle is: artcartwithheart

Here is what each grade is learning about!

-Kindergarten is learning about the difference between a shape and a form.

-First, Second, and Fourth graders are currently working on their projects for the Veteran's day assembly!

-Third graders are working on monster collages.

-Fifth graders are creating Dia de los Muertos prints, remembering and honoring someone they know who has passed away.

If there are any questions, please feel free to email me anytime!

Ms. Murwin

Phy Ed!

Starting in November we will begin a roller skating unit with 2nd graders. The owners/workers from vision quest will be coming in to help teach the students the proper way to skate while also being safe. It is always a fun learning experience!



Music!

It has been a great start to the school year! We have already learned so much in just a month and a half. Take a look at what we have learned so far:

Veteran's Day Program!
November 8th - 10:45 a.m.
Downsville Gym!

K: Singing, Movement & Xylophones
1: Drums, Movement & Rhythm
2: Musical Games, Xylophones
3: AB Form, Xylophones, Movement
4: Recorders (notes B, A, G)
5: Movement, Complex Rhythms

I want to give everyone a friendly reminder that you can change/add photos of family members who have been in the military to our slide show. This is a way to honor those who have served in the military. Photos can be emailed to me (Mrs. Orf) or sent with the student to school. We would like the students name, military branch and relation to student. **Photos are due by November 2nd.**

Come One! Come All!



Downsville Elementary School

Fall Festival

Friday, November 2nd

5:30-8:00pm



Carnival Games

\$1.00 Raffle Tickets

\$1.00 admission fee!

Music!

Come hungry!

Great FOOD!



Bring family and friends!

Theme Baskets!

K-Winter/Snow Fun Basket

1- Movie Night

2-Pets

3-Toys/Games

4-Sports

5- Mystery Basket –can't see what is in it

6- Connie's "Winter Temptations" –

(Temptations cookware)

You may bring in items for the baskets anytime on or before Tuesday, October 30th.

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School Parent Involvement Policy

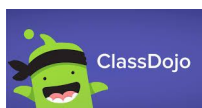
Downsville Elementary will involve parents in regular, two-way meaningful communication addressing student achievement and ensuring:

- that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education
- that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Downsville Elementary School agrees to implement required statutory requirements to:

- Involve parents in the joint planning and development and review of the schools Title I plan through representation in spring Schoolwide planning meeting
- Involve parents in the planning and development of effective parent involvement activities through representation on each building's Title I Needs Assessment/Evaluation Committee or Schoolwide Committee. Committee meetings will be scheduled flexibly with the scheduling needs of parents in mind. Build the schools' and parents' capacity for parent involvement by:
 - providing parents with information on state standards, assessments, requirements of Title I, monitoring their child's progress, and working with educators. Information will be provided during an annual fall meeting, through quarterly progress notices, as well as at parent-teacher conferences.
 - providing materials, resources and training to help parents work with their child academic achievement. Resources will be provided in classroom newsletters and communications, through the school IMC, and the Family Resource Center. Parent trainings and family education nights will be planned each year based on the school needs assessment and may include a family Literacy Night, Math Night, etc.
 - communicating regularly with parents in clear and understandable terms. This will include opportunities for parents to participate in decision-making roles, volunteer opportunities, annual Title I meetings, classroom newsletters, an annual parent survey, parent-school compacts, and parent-teacher conferences. Parent-teacher meetings will be scheduled at any time, as requested by parents.
 - coordinating parent involvement activities with other initiatives including community based programs, HeadStart, before and after-school programs, etc.

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

debra_hoage@msd.k12.wi.us

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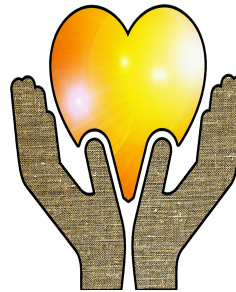
Mon & Wed 7:45-3:45 PM

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

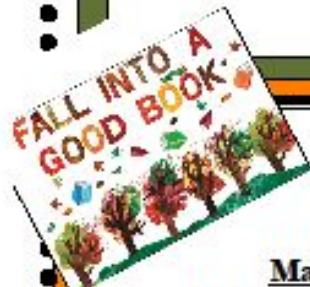
Monday, Thursday, Friday: 11am-2pm

Saturday: 10am-Noon

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

<http://www.steppingstonesdc.org>

October Library Newsletter



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 Game |



Book Fairs

River Heights: Oct. 10-16

Oaklawn: Oct. 11-18

Downsville: TBD in the Spring

Knapp: Nov. 29 - Dec. 7

Wakanda: Dec. 10-16

Picture Day

Did you know that your school picture is what is put on your new library card every year? Can't wait to see how they turned out!

Homecoming Parade

The Elementary Librarians passed out bookmarks at the Homecoming parade, wearing outfits that matched this year's theme!

Did you see us? ☺

At the Public Library

The Books and Beyond program is a book club for kids in grades K-5, offering books, crafts, and games. It's Mondays only from 4:15-5:00 and runs from September 10th through November 12th.

What's Flying Off the Shelves

<u>Downsville</u>	<u>Knapp</u>	<u>River Heights</u>	<u>Wakanda</u>	<u>Oaklawn</u>
-Unexplained Phenomena Series	-Captain Underpants	-Harry Potter Series	-Unicorn Books	-Amulet Series
	-Unexplained Phenomena Series	-No David Books	-Wimpy Kid Series	-Anything on a playaway
			-Land of Stories	
			-Pete the Cat	
			-Harry Potter	

Contact Information Jessica Graham
Email: Jessica_graham@msd.k12.wi.us

Picture Day is Coming

Order before Picture Day at mylifetouch.com

Picture Day is:

Thursday, November 01, 2018 Retake Day! Downsville Elementary School

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Thursday, November 01, 2018
¡jueves, 1 de noviembre, 2018

Retake Day! Downsville Elementary School

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