



Downsville Elementary News

October 2020

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Happy Fall! Can you even believe we have been in school for 6 weeks! The students and staff at Downsville continue to impress. We have so many new things we are asking of everyone, and yet school continues and we are having little wins on a daily basis. The kids are doing a remarkable job with their masks and washing/sanitizing hands. We continue to work on distancing and recognizing how far away 6 feet really is. These measures will continue to keep us safe and healthy and be able to be in school.

I recently emailed you all about our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program. For the first weeks of the school year we teach, model and practice the expectations. When we observe students who struggle with the expectations we give reminders and opportunities to demonstrate exemplary behavior. There are some expectations at school that may be different from home and different from different places families go. Teaching children these expectations helps to set them up for future success. We have started with 'reteaches' that will be sent home and parent contact made if your child needs extra reminders or does not fix inappropriate behavior. When you see these, you should take the opportunity to chat with your child about the expected behavior vs. what they might have been doing. For repeated minor behaviors and significant major behaviors, an office discipline referral will be completed. Often, an office discipline referral results in parent contact, a student conference, fixing the problem as necessary, and missing the Friday reward recess.

Thanks to all of you for being understanding when students have to be excluded for Covid symptoms and/or contact. We truly appreciate it! Following these protocols DOES help keep us safe. Our school nurse, Ramie McMahon, and Mrs. Wolfe have been working hard on keeping families informed and safe.

Welcome Brianna Greene! She is our new Supervisory Aide and will be here M-F supervising lunch and recess. Ms. Brianna (as the children call her) is a UW Stout student studying to become a teacher. We are so happy to have her on staff!

Halloween will be different this year at Downsville. We will not be having the traditional costume parade due to COVID restrictions. We still want to make Halloween a fun day at school, so we will have a dress up day (not costumes) for kids. Students are invited to wear orange and black, a fall or Halloween theme t-shirt, leggings, socks, headband, or hat. We will have an afternoon activity in the classrooms and a treat. Thanks for understanding, we hope to be able to have the costume parade again in the future.

Mrs. Drout



Important Dates

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

October 8 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

October 13 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

October 15-16 - NO SCHOOL

Professional Development and Parent Teacher Conference Credit Day!

October 19 - PTC Meeting

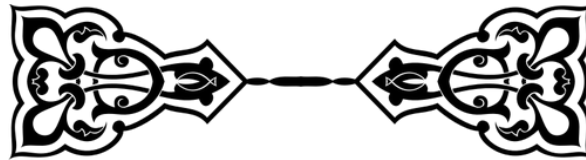
October 21 - Unity Day - Wear "orange" to support AntiBullying

October 23 - Student Council Meeting - 8:15 a.m. in Gym.

October 30 - "Spook-tacular Day"

November 6 - Picture "Retake" Day!

November 25 - 27 - No School - Vacation!



Downsville Elementary School qualifies as a Schoolwide Title 1 building. This federally funded program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act provides funds for our school with the goal of ensuring that all students have an equal opportunity to obtain a high quality education and meet the high academic achievement standards. Funding received from Title 1 allows Downsville to provide additional staffing, professional development for staff, and supplies/books to be used with our students. Title 1 also is focussed on building a partnership between our families and school, allowing us to create opportunities for family engagement activities. In order to meet requirements and receive this additional funding, our building must have at least 35% of students eligible for the federal free and reduced lunch program. Currently, the USDA has extended free lunches through the end of December 2020 to allow all of our students to receive a nutritious school lunch each day at no cost. Please continue to complete the free and reduced lunch forms as it helps our district in qualifying for additional programs to help our students.

BOO!



The students will have a
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Halloween Dress Up Day!

Friday, October 30th, 2020

Halloween DRESS UP IDEAS:

(see what you can find around your house, each child will receive a small gift to wear too)

-headbands
-shirt/pants/skirt

-something orange and black.
-hat

-leggings
-necklace



NO COSTUMES PLEASE!



Organized by Downsview Student Council

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOV 2



FALL 2020 SUBMISSIONS

SAFETY UPDATE

This year, all Box Tops fall submissions must be postmarked by November 2. Submissions postmarked by the deadline will be processed in the order received. All submissions received by the deadline can take up to 3 weeks to process from that November 2 deadline.

When submitting unexpired traditional clips this year, Please note that it can take up to three weeks before showing in your earnings.

Thanks for saving Box Tops for us!!



Our school is partnering with Kinsa's FLUency™ School Health Program this year!

Sign up now to receive your FREE smart thermometer

If you haven't ordered yours yet, now's your chance!

1. Text **FLUENCY** to **900900**! Open the link to download the free Kinsa app.*
2. Finish signing up with our school in the Kinsa app to get your free thermometer!

**Messages and data rates may apply. You can always text STOP to end messages.*

¡Regístrese ahora para recibir un termómetro inteligente GRATIS!

1. ¡Textea la palabra **FLUENCY** al **900900**! Abre el enlace para descargar la aplicación gratuita Kinsa.*
2. ¡Regístrese con su escuela a través de la aplicación Kinsa para obtener su termómetro gratis!



WHAT IS KINSA'S FLUENCY PROGRAM?

Kinsa is on a mission to stop the spread of illness! [Learn more at kinsahealth.co](https://kinsahealth.co). FLUency is Kinsa's school health program. For the past five years, FLUency has partnered with sponsors to provide parents free thermometers and a smartphone app to help detect and respond to spreading illnesses. This year, participation in FLUency matters more than ever to keep your school community healthy!



Know what's going around your child's school

Sepa lo que pasa en la escuela de su hijo



Receive messages from your school nurse

Recibe mensajes de la enfermera de tu escuela



Downsville Elementary

Intervention Specialist (Title 1) Contact Info.

Sara Holcomb

(715) 664-8546, ext. 80115

Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00



Intervention Specialist Goals

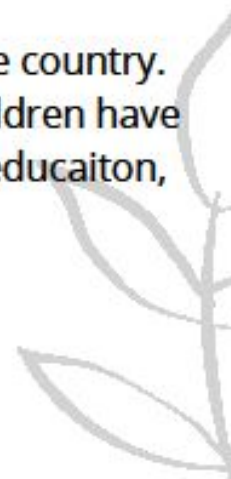
- Understand and help develop Schoolwide Building plans
- Use data to provide interventions in literacy and mathematics
- Plan and provide parent involvement activities
- Provide professional development for teachers to use in the classroom.
- Provide the most appropriate intervention for students needs in literacy and mathematics

Services will be determined based on team discussions, data and student needs.



What is Title 1?

The largest federally funded pre-college education program in the country. It provides funds to school districts in order to ensure that all children have a fair, significant and equal opportunity to obtain a high-quality education, and meet high academic achievement standards.



SDMA Elementary Library Newsletter

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SUMMER READING BINGO

Prizes were given out in September to students at every school who participated in our Summer Reading Bingo! EVERY SINGLE STUDENT who participated got a prize! It was so fun to see the reading activities the students did over the summer. It sure sounds like they had fun doing it! A huge thank you to everyone who participated, and to our librarians for coordinating the prize give-away! We are already thinking about next summer's contest! Above is Miss Halama from River Heights, showing off her display!

WHATS NEW IN STREAMING?

See some new shows that have a connection to our libraries!



BOOKMARKS

"Bookmarks" is a new series on Netflix celebrating Black voices. It features books by Black authors, read by Black celebrities, and encourages kid-friendly conversations about about "empathy, equality, self-love and antiracism." Check it out!



EMILY'S WONDERLAB

Also on Netflix is Emily's Wonder Lab, which features STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) activities and includes at home experiments! Be sure to check out books from the library on science experiments, too!



WEIRD BUT TRUE

Almanacs are such a hit in our libraries, and now Disney Plus offers the same kind of content! This show is all about exploring amazing facts that are Weird....but True, through arts and crafts and exploration!



ENOLA HOLMES

This series of books is part of our 3rd grade Mystery Unit in Reading. Now it's streaming on Netflix. If you love mysteries, be sure to check this one out!



MANDELORIAN SEASON 2

BABY YODA!!!!!! So many kiddos are obsessed with the Star Wars franchise, and the Mandalorian is no exception. The premier of Season 2 starts October 30th! In the meantime, we have tons of Star Wars books in the library available!



WHERE'S WALDO

Seek and Find books, like Where's Waldo, are some of our most popular books! Now on Hulu can watch Waldo and Wendy as they travel around the world going on adventures and solving mysteries!

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Your child has access to thousands of FREE E-books using Sora! You can access this from the K5 portal or from our library website tinyurl.com/sdmlibraryk5

Our website also offers tutorials and guides to get you started.

I'm also attaching step-by-step directions to help make it easier. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or your school librarian. We are here to help!

Sora lets students read books online or download to devices using the Kindle App.

Directions

1. Go to www.soraapp.com
2. Click "Find My School"
3. Click "My School Isn't Listed" at the bottom of the page.
4. Type "Menomonie" in the search bar that comes up
5. The square "School District of the Menomonie Area" will appear.
6. Click, "This is my school."
7. Click "Sign in using the School District of the Menomonie Area"
8. The username and password are the same number. This is your child's student ID number. They use it to log in to their chromebooks. Please contact your school librarian if you need this number.
9. Click the three lines in the upper right hand corner. This is where you will tell Sora whether you want to read in browser or have books downloaded to your Kindle App. If you choose the Kindle option, any book that has the Kindle format available will automatically bring you to Amazon to download. If there is not a Kindle version, it will default to reading online (in browser).
10. Enjoy!

If you have any questions, please email jessica_graham@msd.k12.wi.us or contact your child's school librarian.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

If your child(ren) has fines for lost or damaged books, you will receive a notice at parent teacher conferences. If you return the book, the fine is erased! There are other options for book replacement, too. If you have any questions, call the school and talk to your librarian. They are there to help!



COMMON SENSE MEDIA

Common Sense Media provides parents and children reviews on books, movies, TV shows, music, apps, and websites. All you have to do is type a keyword into the search bar to see what people are saying. Feedback includes a star rating system, age recommendations, and written comments.

CSM also provides ratings right on your TV! If you use Directv, Apple TV, Xfinity, fios by Verizon, Cox, Comcast, Fandango, Kaleidescape, Spectrum, or Vudu you can see age ratings and reviews. Target even uses it on their website! Visit www.commonsensemedia.org for more information.



PODCAST FOR PARENTS DURING COVID

Here is CSM's description of the podcast: "The coronavirus pandemic has turned our lives upside down. Parent Trapped is here to help. Each week, host Ann Marie Baldonado checks in with authors, educators, and celebrities to bring you real-world stories and tips. You'll hear from experts and listeners on everything from juggling work and school with kids at home to great family movies and awesome pillow fort designs!"



CLOUD CHECK APP

This app allows you to do an internet speed test. This can determine not only how fast or slow your internet speeds are, but where you have the best/strongest wifi signals. Knowing this can help you determine where to place your device for the best online experience.



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