



# September News!

## 2022

Happy New School Year!

It's great to see all of our students and staff back in the halls. They are picking up right where they left off in the Spring and learning the expectations. Our theme for the school year is Tiger Strong. We have talked about the many ways to be strong in school and as a person.

I hope you are able to join us at the **PTC Meet n Greet on Monday, September 19**. Come and enjoy some family fun, walking tacos, and a short meeting to learn about our PTC. They do so many wonderful things to support our school including purchasing items for classrooms, sponsoring field trips, and most recently, they purchased a piano for our Music classroom. Come and learn more!

Our morning drop off procedure is going well. Our safety plan includes improving student safety around bus pick up and drop off. Thank you for assisting with this. Cars should not be driving through during bus times from 8:10-8:20 am and 3:35-3:50 pm.

We've kicked off our school WALKING PROGRAM and each class is asked to walk 2 mornings a week. As they walk laps (miles) they will earn a lanyard and little plastic feet (toe tokens) to attach to it. It's amazing to see how the miles add up. Grades K/2/4 will walk on Tuesdays and Fridays and grades 1/3/5 will walk on Mondays and Thursdays. On the other days, students are free to choose walking or playing on the playground.

Finally, a reminder to you all about attendance. Students with good attendance tend to achieve higher and don't miss out on learning opportunities. Attend every day! Letters will be sent at the end of the month for any students we are concerned about.

Mark your calendars for *Friday, September 23* for our *Fall Environmental Site* trip. Teachers will be contacting you for chaperoning opportunities.

Mrs. Drout

# Important

## Important Dates:

- September 9 Picture Day!
- September 19 PTC - MEET AND GREET!  
5:15 - Meal  
5:45 - PTC Meeting  
5:45 - Activities for Students
- September 20 Cub Scout Sign Up Night!  
7:00 - 8:00 P.M. - Gym
- September 23 Environmental Site Field Trip
- October 6 Parent Teacher Conferences  
4:00 - 7:30 P.M.
- October 11 Parent Teacher Conferences  
4:00 - 7:30 P.M.
- October 12 Picture Retake Day!!
- October 12 2nd Grade Field Trip
- October 13 **NO SCHOOL!!**  
Teacher PD Day
- October 14 **NO SCHOOL!!**





# Attendance Guide

## Morning Drop-off

Please drop off  
your child between  
8:20 - 8:30.

### Late/Tardy/Unexcused/No Call

If your child is dropped off between 8:35-9:00 they will be considered "Late" → After 3 "Lates" they will turn into "Tardies" which are considered **Unexcused absences**.

If your child is dropped off after 9:00 without a legitimate reason (ex. Appt/Out of town) they will be considered "Tardy"

If you do not call in your child that is considered an "Unexcused/No contact"

After 5 unexcused absences (late, tardy or no contact) you will receive a letter stating that your child is on the verge of being truant.

After 10 unexcused absences you will be contacted for a pre-truancy meeting to discuss how to improve your child's attendance.

### Excused

Letters are also sent when your child has **10 or more excused absences**. Parents are allowed up to 10 absences. After that absences will turn into **unexcused** unless accompanied by a Doctor's note, indicating they could not be in school.

For more information please see Wisconsin State Statute 118.15

School attendance is a key component of success at school. Please support your child getting to school daily. When they are sick, please call and notify the school. Working together to keep children at school is important.



**Bus Passes:** Students will be dropped off at their homes unless we receive a note or phone call from parents telling us otherwise. Upon receipt of the note we will issue a bus pass.

## TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Below are guidelines to help parents and school districts determine when to keep children/students home from school. The recommendations are based on guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state public health professionals. They were developed to help prevent the spread of potentially contagious disease. Home is the best place for a child who is ill. If your child is sick with a diagnosed communicable disease, please notify the school as soon as possible. This notification will greatly assist others who, due to medical reasons and/or treatments, have weakened immune systems and may require immediate and specialized care.



**FEVER**

With fever greater than 100.4° F\*. Student may return when fever-free for 24 hours (WITHOUT use of fever-reducing medicine).



**VOMITING/DIARRHEA**

Any unexplained vomiting episode. May return 24 hours after last episode. Diarrhea = three or more unexplained episodes of watery or loose stool in 24 hours **OR** sudden onset of loose stools. May return 24 hours after last episode.



**COUGH**

Serious, sustained coughing, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing.



**RASH**

Any new rash accompanied by a fever. May return after rash goes away or clearance given by a health care provider.



**SKIN LESIONS/SORES**

Drainage from a sore that cannot be contained within a bandage **OR** sores are increasing in size **OR** new sores are developing day-to-day.



**OTHER**

Symptoms that prevent the student from active participation in usual school activities **OR** student is requiring more care than school can safely provide.

\* Many authorities use either 100 (37.8 degrees Celsius) or 100.4 F (38.0 degrees Celsius) as a cut-off for fever, but this number actually can range depending on factors such as the method of measurement and the age of the person. CDC has public health recommendations that are based on the presence (or absence) of fever. What is meant by this is that the person's temperature is not elevated beyond their norm. In order to provide clarity the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction supports the use of 100.4°F.

### **Medications:**

If your child needs to take medication at school, **we will not be able to dispense UNLESS you have provided the school with a “Physician Order for School Medication Administration” form signed by the medical provider (Dr.)**

(OTC) Over the counter medications, i.e. cold medicine, tylenol, etc will need to have a **“Non-Prescription Medication Administration Form”** filled out and signed by parent/guardian to be administered to your child.







A Big SHOUTOUT to the following students for completing and returning their *Summer Express Workbook*.

**Charlie, Dane, Morgan, Asha, Grace B., Ella B., Madelyn, McKenna, Isla, Robbie, Kenia, Ian, Tempie, Bentley, Hazel, Matthew, Jeffrey, Adam**

The students each received 2 water bottle stickers, a coupon for a scoop of Culver's Custard. and a brain of full of knowledge. Congratuatlions on a job well done!

**DOWNSVILLE ELEMENTARY  
STUDENT COUNCIL**



Our student council will involve 2nd through 5th grade student's this school year. I will be talking to the students about what student council entails and they will be bringing home a **letter of intention** if they are interested in being part of it. Students who are interested will be selected by their classmates through a voting process.

Our first meeting will be Friday, October 7th.

With Leadership Skills In Mind,  
Mrs. Holcomb (Student Council Advisor)

## WELCOME NEW STAFF!!



Hi! My name is Chealsey Gerth. I teach Art at the High School, Knapp and Downsville Elementary. I live in Menomonie with my husband Mark and my sons, Casen, and Christopher. I taught in Plum City for 9 years before starting here. I am so excited to share my passion for the Arts with my hometown!



Hello! My name is McKenna Wildner and I am the new third grade teacher at Downsville Elementary! I recently graduated from UW-Stout and am eager to begin my teaching career. I am very excited to join the close knit school and

welcoming community. I grew up in Menomonie and now live in Elk Mound with my boyfriend, Ryan and his 11 year old son, Kaden. I enjoy doing anything outdoors while spending time with family and friends. Kayaking, hiking and traveling are just a few of my favorite things I like to do. I look forward to watching all of the students learn, grow and have a fantastic year!



Hello! My name is Amy Groskreutz and I am a new teacher in the district. I teach adaptive music at Menomonie High School and K-5 music at Knapp and Downsville. When I'm not at school I enjoy reading, playing ukulele, and embroidery. My fiance and I have a puppy named Scout who we love to spoil, and she keeps us very busy! I'm looking forward to an amazing year with all of the incredible students at Downsville Elementary!

Hello! I am Mrs. Snyder. I have been a School Counselor for 8 years. I am married and we have a 10.5 year old puppy. I love to read and crochet, I also love to go swimming. My favorite holiday is Halloween, followed closely by Christmas. My favorite animal is sharks. I am so happy to be joining the Downsville community.



Hi all! I am SylvieMae Boughton, the new paraeducator at Downsville. My family and I just moved here from Minnesota last fall and are so excited to be a part of this community! I also have a second grade son here at school. In my free time I love to read, garden, ski, go fishing and be outside as much as possible. I'm looking forward to getting to know all the new faces and having so much fun in the school year!



*Please access the September Library newsletter at:*

<https://www.smores.com/f9khz>

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# PTC Meet-N-Greet Supper

*with Parent Meeting and  
Title I Activity for Kids*

## Monday, September 19th

@ Downsville Elementary School

**5:15 p.m.**—Walking Tacos supper

**5:45 p.m.**— Short Parent Meeting and

Title I Activity with Mrs. Holcomb for Kids

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**RSVP no later than Friday, September 9th by**

**1) Emailing [Downsville.wi.ptc@gmail.com](mailto:Downsville.wi.ptc@gmail.com) (preferred) OR**

**2) Send bottom slip back to school**

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_