



# Downsville Elementary News

## September 2020

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It's great to be back! It has been so wonderful meeting your children and getting to know them. I'm working hard on learning names. I am inspired by the students and staff here at Downsville, not only because of their hard work and kindness, but also because everyone is taking the changes to our school day with a positive attitude. We were happy to see Dr. Zydowsky when he stopped in this week and show him what a great job we are doing with our masks and physical distancing. We also received our CHROMEBOOKS this week from our amazing tech department. Each student will have an assigned device to use in school and learn skills that they can use just in case we would be sent home for virtual learning. The students are getting outside frequently with the beautiful weather we have been having. It's been a great start to the year! Thank you for your support!

Downsville PTC is looking for new members! We are going to have our first meeting on Monday, September 21 at 5:30 pm using Google Meet. Watch for details and consider getting involved in this GREAT organization that supports our school children, teachers, and families. There is something for everyone to do to help.

Mrs. Drout

School reminders:

- Please drop off your children between 8:20-8:35 am. Since we do not have open play time in the morning, early arrival is not available this year.
- Pickup is at 3:30 pm.
- Did you know breakfast and LUNCH are **FREE** for all students through December. All lunch deposits were deposited into accounts.
- Awesome job bringing water bottles to school! No worries should your child forget one day, we have ways to get them water.
- Thanks for doing a great job on the buses Downsville!
- If you still have a chromebook from last spring or summer school, please return it to Downsville or ASC. Downsville still has 10 devices out. Thanks to all who have already returned theirs!



## Important Dates

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

September 21 - PTC Google Meet (virtual) meeting 5:30 pm, ore info to come

September 25 - PICTURE DAY!

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!



### EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

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### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



#### BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

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#### EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

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## WANTED!

## SAVERS FOR DOWNSVILLE SCHOOL

**Boxtops for Education:  
Empties for Cash: (ink  
cartridges that fit in your hand)**

**Aluminum can tops turn into  
money for the Marshfield  
Ronald McDonald House.  
(This is a service we can all do  
for those who need our help!)**

**Your support of our students  
and staff is greatly appreciated.  
Please send these items to school  
as you collect them.**



# Downsville's New Faces!

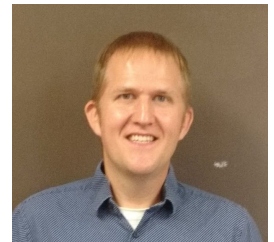


## **MRS ANDERSON - 4TH GRADE**

My name is Mrs. Anderson and I am so excited to be the new fourth-grade teacher at Downsville. My family and I live just north of Downsville and when my daughter Haley was in elementary school she went to Downsville Elementary. She is now 23 and works as an environmental scientist, restoring prairies and wetlands, in Minnesota. I also have a son named Hawkins who is in 6th grade. My husband's name is Brent and he works for Andersen Windows. As a family, we love to be outdoors: walking our dog Lyla, camping, fishing, and playing sports. We love baseball and I am a huge Brewers fan. I also enjoy reading and baking. I am looking forward to many wonderful years at Downsville.

## **MR. ROZMIAREK - 5TH GRADE**

"Hello families! I am very excited to be teaching in Downsville this year. I grew up north of Green Bay in a town about the size of Downsville, so this area really reminds me of home. My wife and I have lived in Menomonie for about 4 years. We fell in love with the area right away. I am grateful that I am able to work in the district and help support a community that we have quickly become a part of."

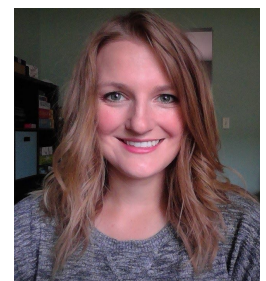


## **MRS. BADE - ELL**

I am married and have a son, a daughter, and a cat. We live in Eau Claire. I have been teaching ELL for over 20 years and I love to learn about different cultures and languages. I also enjoy swimming, skiing, and reading. I LOVE to travel!

## **MS. KOCIK - SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST**

Hello! My name is Alli Kocik and I am the new School Psychologist serving Downsville Elementary. This is my first year as a School Psychologist as I am finishing up my degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. I live in Eau Claire with my fiancée where we just bought our first home. I am excited to join this community and work with families and staff to promote student success!



## **MISS SEIDLER - ART EDUCATION**

"My name is Miss Seidler and I am so excited to be the new art teacher at Downsville! A little bit about me, I was born and raised in Merrill, Wisconsin. I recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout where I received my degree in art education. While at Stout, I spent a lot of my time participating in the Arts Integration Menomonie program where I taught many different art classes to students and members of the community! Another fun fact about me is that I absolutely love music! I have been playing the clarinet for the past 10 years and recently began learning the guitar. Participating in the UW- Stout Jazz Orchestra was always something I looked forward to every week! For the past couple summers, I worked at Luther Park Bible Camp which is located in Chetek, Wisconsin. I was a counselor my first summer there and then become the Arts and Crafts Coordinator the next summer. In my free time I love spending time with my friends and family, hammocking, kayaking, playing the guitar, and creating art! I am very happy to stay right here in Menomonie since I fell in love with the area from my time spent at UW-Stout."



## **MRS. KELLOGG - LIBRARY**

My name is Amanda Kellogg and I am the new library clerical for Downsville and Knapp Elementary schools. This is my third year working in the School District of Menomonie Area but I have worked with children since 2005. I live in Eau Claire with my husband and son.

Hi I'm Mr. Stanchik the Phy-ed teacher and I am so excited to be starting my 4<sup>TH</sup> year here at Downsville Elementary. I just want to send out a reminder to make sure your children are bringing gym shoes for the days they have phy-ed. Everyone will have phy-ed on Tuesday and Thursday for the entire school year. Thank you and let's make this a great year!!!



**Hello 4th and 5th grade families:**



**Just a reminder! Please return the Recorder Order Form to the office with payment by Monday, September 14th. If you need another one check with Kay in the office. Please place the order form and the payment (if you are purchasing a recorder) into an envelope, label it with your child's name and classroom teacher's name, and return to the office.**

**Mrs. Rozmiarek**



# **Downsville**

## **Pupil Services Team**

**Ms. Wold**

**School Counselor**

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Friday Mornings**

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**School Social Worker**

**Tuesdays**

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**Ms. Kocik**

**School Psychologist**

**Thursday Mornings**

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**allison\_kocik@msd.k12.wi.us**



# Meet The Staff



Ms. Wold (soon to be Mrs. Pederson) interacts with students through classroom lessons, small groups, and individual counseling. She covers topics of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), academic skills, and career readiness knowledge and skills. If a student is in need of short term school counseling services, please reach out. Examples would be grief, friendship issues, and family change. If ongoing services are needed, Ms. Wold will provide the family with community counseling resources.



Mrs. Henning helps reduce or eliminate non-academic barriers to academic success. She serves as a liaison between the home, the school, and the community, working with students, caregivers, teachers, administrators, and community agencies. Some of the things Mrs. Henning does are:

- provide families with community resources
- monitor attendance
- meet with students one-on-one and in group settings
- identify and support homeless students and families
- collaborate with community agencies
- assist with implementation of school and district programs and policies impacting students

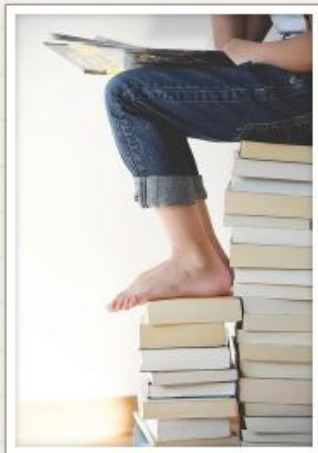


Ms. Kocik supports student learning through collaboration with teachers, families and students themselves. She works with students to assess their academic, social/emotional and behavioral skills that contribute to academic success. She also provides information on special education services and supports at school and in our community. Ms. Kocik evaluates student data to determine individualized goals and education plans to promote student growth.



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## Elementary Library Newsletter



### One Stop Shop for Digital Library Resources

We have a new elementary library website, which provides a link to ALL the free resources our library provides for you! This includes sites like Sora, Brainpop, Pebble Go, Bookflix, and both SeeSaw and Google Classroom. There is also a link to our online catalog, so students can request and read books online. This is great for both in person and virtual options!

Besides digital resources, we also have video tutorials for how to use some of these sites, links to read-alouds, and digital citizenship games. We tried really hard to make the site easy to navigate! Please visit the new site at

[tinyurl.com/sdmlibraryk5](https://tinyurl.com/sdmlibraryk5)

You can also access it off of the Menomonie K5 portal, located on the district webpage.

### Our Library

We are still offering checkout of library materials to students...it's just going to look a little different this year. Students will not be permitted in the library to select books. Instead, they will use our online catalog, Follett Destiny, to browse for books. After books are returned, they will be quarantined before they can be checked out to another student. We are so glad to be back, and are ready to help students get their hands on books they love to read!

If you ever need any help, please don't hesitate to reach out! Each librarian's picture and contact information is on our new library website! Just scroll down from the homepage!

Wakanda: Kim Navarro (715) 232-3898 x71112

Oaklawn: Michelle Schemenauer (715) 232-3798 x50102

Knapp: Amanda Kellogg (715) 665-2131 x20022

River Heights: Katie Halama (715) 232-3987 x60162

Downsville: Amanda Kellogg (715) 664-8546 x80107

## Library Technology Permission Slip

In order for students to check out Kindles, Playaways, DVD's or other technology from the library, each student must have a signed technology permission slip on file. These were most likely handed out in your orientation packet. Please make sure they are returned if you want your child(ren) to utilize library technology.

The permission slip is available in:

English <https://tinyurl.com/TPSenglish>

Spanish (Español) <https://tinyurl.com/TPSspanish1>

Hmong (kvw tij hmoob) <https://tinyurl.com/TPShmong>

or you can get a paper version from any librarian or office secretary.

## STILL HAVE LIBRARY STUFF AT HOME? NO PROBLEM, JUST RETURN THEM!



### Books

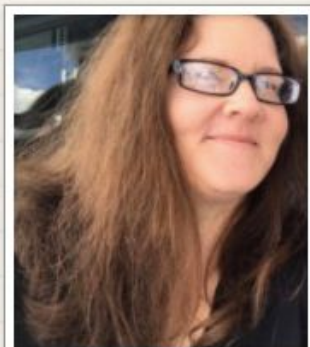
Thank you for returning any books you still have from last year. The fine will be erased no matter how long you've had it!

### Playaways and DVD's


Thank you for returning any playaways and/or DVD's you still have from last year. The fine will be erased no matter how long you've had it! Make sure to check that the item is inside the case!

### Kindles

Thank you for returning any Kindles you still have from last year. The fine will be erased no matter how long you've had it! Remember to return the case and power cord as well!



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