



**Miss Being Outside & Happy Valentines Day!**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Being principal of two buildings, there are a few things that I miss. One of them is being outside in the morning to greet students, parents, grandparents, and staff as they arrive in the morning. During that time now, I am facilitating data meetings with classroom teachers, special education, Title 1, and interventionists. Both activities have merit but as an educational leader of the school, data meeting outweigh the morning hellos.

There is research that supports those friendly “good-mornings” make all the difference for some students. So although I am not outside, we are fortunate to have Mrs. Robinson be our greeter in the morning. In addition, you will hear many of our staff reaching out to students with caring words of support. I think of it as our students’ “morning coffee or pick-me-up.” It is our hope that by 8:00 a.m., our students have heard welcoming words from at least five staff members.

Please stay warm this weekend and enjoy Valentine’s Day on Sunday! We sure felt the “love” from our families on Friday at school with the special treats, notes, and words of thanks. A special thank you for the birthday song and special gifts I received from our entire school this morning. It was a nice surprise and great way to kick off my day (FYI--my birthday is Sunday). Have a great weekend!

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**Newfound Nutrition Update**

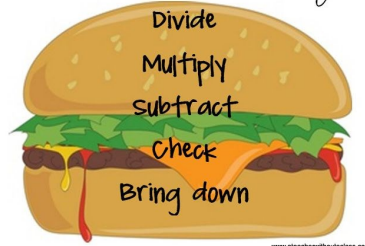
Newfound Nutrition has decided to move away from sending home the paper notification of low student balances. Instead, families will be receiving emails or letters from Newfound Nutrition when your child’s account is under \$5.00. In this communication from Newfound Nutrition, it informs parents of our district policy, EF-R Practice Management of Negative Student Lunch Account Balance, at all District Schools. Part of the policy reads at the elementary level, “All accounts with a balance of \$5.00 or less will receive an email every Monday-Thursday. If there is not an email address provided, a written notice will be mailed home weekly. A student may only charge the value of two lunches. Afterwards he/she will be provided with an Alternative Lunch consisting of a sandwich (sun butter or cheese) and milk, fruit, and vegetable until the account is paid in full. The account will also be charged a nominal fee set by the Food Service Director for the Alternative Meal. Only meals are allowed to be charged.” If you have any questions please call school or you may reach Phil Dallan, Food Service Director at 744-6006 ext. 1541

## From the Fourth Grade

In math, the class has almost completed our multiplication challenge. Everyone should continue to practice multiplication facts every night. It will make math so much easier. Students have been hard at work learning the steps to long division.

The acronym used is:

*Does McDonald's serve Cheese Burgers?*



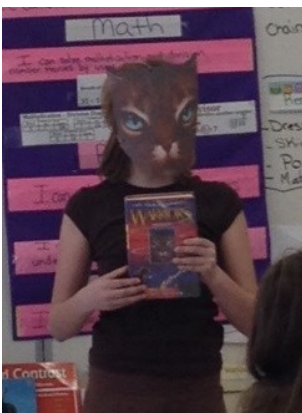
Does	Divide
McDonalds	Multiply
Sell	Subtract
Cheese	Check
Burgers	Bring down

Using this will help the class remember the steps as they go. After they move through division, they will begin fractions starting mid-February.

In Language Arts, the class has now completed two book projects! The presentations were fantastic! The February project is called "Ten Items in a Bag". The students were sent home with the rubric and guidelines used for this project. Please email or call Mrs. Sterner if you'd like another copy. Roald Dahl continues to be a class favorite for the read aloud. We are currently reading *The BFG*.

Be sure your student is studying their spelling list nightly, as the words will continue to become a bit more challenging.

Our project for February is on a famous New Hampshire person. The students have begun their research and will be working in ICT to create a Google Slide mini poster. Afterwards, they will create a research paper on their person.



The fourth grade continues to follow the 3 rules that make our classroom a great learning environment. Please review these with your student, and maybe adopt them as your own!

**Be safe**  
**Be respectful**  
**Be responsible**



## Newfound Nutrition

### Lunch Menu Week of February 15-19, 2016

#### Monday

BHOP Pizza  
Golden Sweet Corn  
Garden Salad  
Assorted Fruit

#### Tuesday

Breaded Chicken  
Spinach  
Garden Salad  
Assorted Fruit

#### Wednesday

Spaghetti with Marinara  
Sugar Snap Veggies  
Roll or breadstick  
Garden Salad  
Assorted Fruit

#### Thursday

Sloppy Joes  
Cole Slaw  
Garden Salad  
Assorted Fruit

#### Friday

Hot Dogs on WW Roll  
Baked Beans  
Onion Rings  
Garden Salad  
Assorted Fruit

Breakfast \$1.25  
(reduced \$0.30)

Lunch \$2.50  
(reduced \$0.40)

Milk \$0.35

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## Read Across Newfound Week

Next week is "Read Across Newfound," where students will explore and celebrate a love for reading! Please join in with the following theme days leading up to the Read-a-thon on Friday.

Monday: Mismatch Monday

Tuesday: Twins Day

Wednesday: Class Colors

K Strips

1 Yellow

2/3 Blue

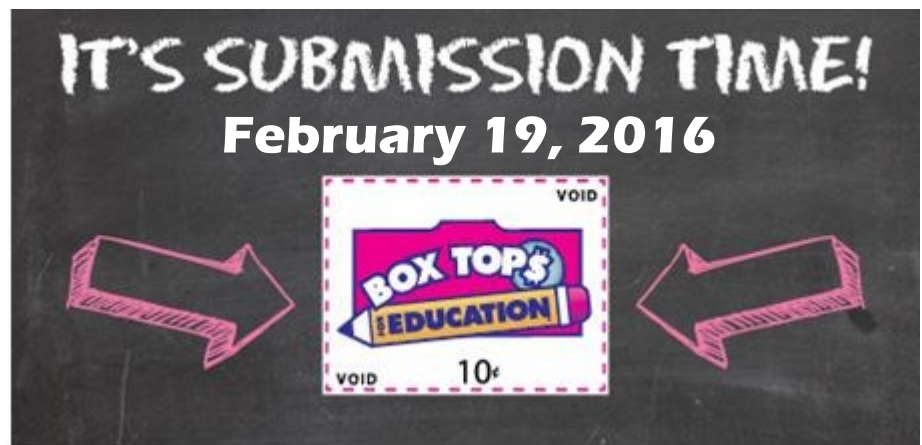
4 Orange

5 Green

Thursday: Wacky Hair Day

Friday: Pajama Day

Read-a-thon 12:30-1:50pm. Bring your stuffies and blankets to curl up with an awesome book!



## Music Mondays with Mr. Brown

In music class we have been exploring a variety of modern composing tools. This includes using an online based music software know as a DAW (digital audio workstation) to create musical collages by utilizing pre-recorded sounds. This software is free to use and can be found by searching "[soundation.com](http://soundation.com)" on google.

We have also explored combining rhythms with pitches to create melodies on a synthesizer keyboard. Starting in mid-March the 4<sup>th</sup> grade will begin using recorders to learn some skills essential for 5<sup>th</sup> grade band. More info regarding the recorders will be handed out in class.

The date for the spring concert has been selected. It will be Monday May, 16<sup>th</sup>, location to be announced. We shall continue to prepare for this by singing and playing instruments in class.

## Happy Birthday Ms. Holloran!

Danbury Elementary has been very blessed with a wonderful Principal who gives her all for students and staff. She's always encouraging to us and we wanted to give some love back to her.  
Happy Birthday and thank you for all you do Ms. Holloran!





### Ski Program Update

Our make up date for the Ski Program will be Wednesday, March 2nd at Ragged Mountain.  
It will include lessons and our normal schedule.

# Danbury Elementary

## February 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	1	2	3	4	5	6
14	8	9	10	11	12	13
Happy Birthday Ms. Holloran!			Early Release NO SKI PROGRAM	Prize Speaking Night 6:30pm 	Valentines Day 1:30	
21	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Read Across Newfound Week!		Jump Rope for Heart Event NO SKI PROGRAM			
28	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Winter Break Begins					
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