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Danbury Elementary

Dear Parents/Guardians,

When I was growing up, Sunday's *Nashua Telegraph* would include a color insert of several cartoons. I especially enjoyed reading *Peanuts* and *Family Circus*. My favorite characters were Snoopy, Woodstock and Pig-Pen. Sometimes when I have the opportunity to re-read some of the comic strips, I see Snoopy's and Woodstock's relationship in a whole different perspective now. They are truly best friends and their actions toward each other always result in making the other feel happy and loved.

I recall the song from the play "You Are a Good Man, Charlie Brown" called *Happiness*. In the song, the different characters sing, "Happiness is..."

learning to whistle.

tying your shoe for the very first time.

walking hand-in-hand.

two kinds of ice cream.

If I had to share some of my thoughts it would be, "Happiness is..."

snuggling under one of my mom's quilts.

watching a Red Sox game with my dad.

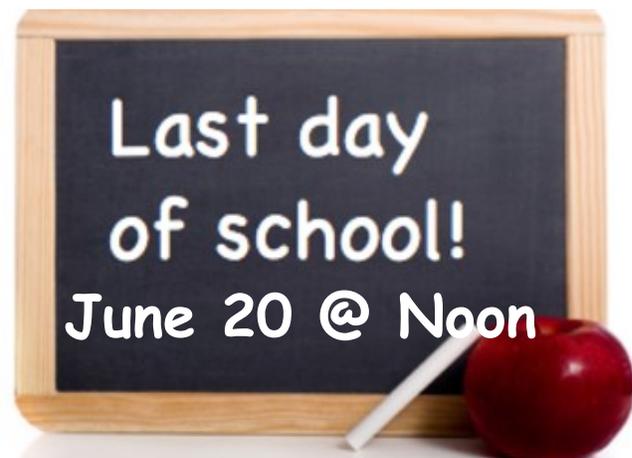
laughter with colleagues at work.

playing golf with my brother and godsons.

Maybe as you have dinner tonight, or while traveling in the car this weekend, your family could create their own happiness song!

Have a great weekend...





Kindergarten Happenings

Kindergarten has been having some fun and exciting experiences this spring. Besides having their FIRST spring concert and nailing all those notes, they have also been learning about new and exciting things.

In Literacy, we just started our last unit! In this unit, we will be focusing on homes. Last week, we learned about the differences that homes have around the world. This week, we are learning about the tools that are used in making houses. It has been fun to be focused on a topic that all the students can relate to and discuss with excitement.

We have also been working very hard on learning the different parts of speech. We have learned about nouns and verbs. This week we were introduced to adjectives and have really started noticing just how important adjectives are to our writing.

In math, we have been working on measuring and weighing different objects. We have also been working on comparing objects with some new vocabulary such as wider, heavier, narrower, and lighter.

We will be wrapping up our science unit this week. Everyone is very excited to take home their lima bean plants which they have been taking care of for about a month now. They have been observing them since they were seeds and are very proud of what they have become!



DES students did a great job at the concert on Monday!



Newfound Nutrition

Lunch Menu Week of May 23-27, 2016

Monday

Hot Dogs
Baked Beans
Carrot Sticks
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Breaded Cheese Sticks
Brown Rice
Broccoli Florets
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Chicken Fajitas
Baked Bean Casserole
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Thursday

American Chop Suey
Peas
Breadstick
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Friday

Gil's Pizza
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Breakfast \$1.25
(reduced \$0.30)
Lunch \$2.50
(reduced \$0.40)
Milk \$0.35

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For Arts Sake!

With Spring in the air, our DES 5th grade artists are expanding their art into the 3D realm. Clay minions and 3D African faces are in the making! They've discovered that the techniques used in creating an art piece, with all sides visible, add challenges with space and proportion.

Fourth grade artists just finished their creative Zentangle designs. They are now working on perspective painting, keeping angles or the "view" in mind.

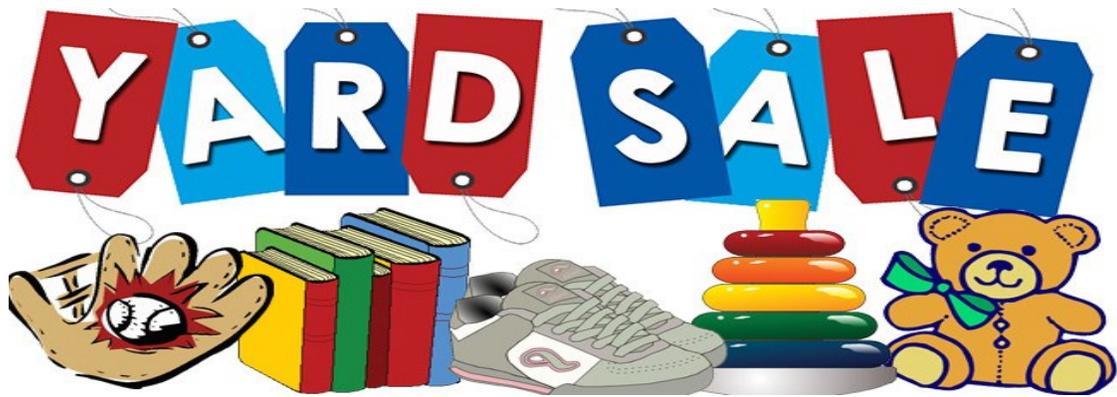
Artists in 2/3 are ready to create 3D art! They just finished flower Wordle, which incorporate words with their artsy renditions of a Spring flower. Now, we are busy creating clay medallions while learning there is a special art connection with artists who create art that is useful; Olympic medals, coins, and other artifacts important in our lives. Also, they are very excited to understand how presentation of a masterpiece is so important.

First graders have been busy learning about Claude Monet and his beautiful paintings of his lily pond. He experimented quite a bit with the lighting and colors. We created a 3D version.

Kindergartners just completed a project highlighting overlapping with geese as the subject. Great job! We currently are "drawing what we see" using flowers in a vase. This is our still life lesson.

All in all, we've stayed curious, positive and energized as we continue to productively pursue our personal art styles! Bravo!



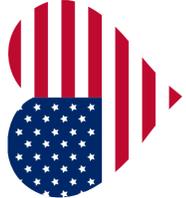


Saturday, May 28
at Danbury Elementary School
8am-2pm
Sponsored by DES PTO
as a fundraiser

Donations accepted
Friday, May 27 2pm &
Saturday, May 28 7am

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	 <p>Teacher Appreciation Week Thank You!</p>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	T-shirt orders due	Career Day PTO Meeting 4:30		Kindergarten Connection		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Author Night 6pm DES Concert 6:30pm			5th Grade Field Trip	Project Promise Family Movie Night 6:30pm	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Family Game Night 6-7pm	4th Grade Field Trip Donation Drop Off 2-6pm	DES Yard Sale 8am-2pm
29	30	31				
	No School	K-3 Field Trip				Last Day of School will be June 20 with early dismissal at noon.