



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Before the winter weather starts to occur, it is a good time to make sure all of our emergency contact information is up to date. If any of your phone numbers, emergency contact names, or addresses have changed, please call or send in a note with your child. It is imperative that we have the latest and easiest way to reach you during the school day. Our nurse needs to be able to reach you when your child is ill and needs to be picked up. When the classroom teacher and administration are looking to touch base with you regarding classroom concerns or celebrate some success, it is important to be able to reach out to you with such information.

As part of our safety drills for the year, today we conducted a lockdown practice. Prior to the drill, our teachers reviewed the expectations and answered any questions for our students. Mrs. Farrell came over the intercom to announce that we were in a "lockdown." At this point, our students and staff moved to a safe place and remained quiet. I walked around the building to check the security and to observe the actions of our staff and students. All did an amazing job and took this practice seriously. Later in the day, I emailed the staff to get any feedback and we will address any concerns and questions at our next faculty/staff meeting. We will conduct another lockdown practice later in the winter. For that drill, I will be inviting the Danbury Police Department and Fire Department to join me.

Have a great weekend and I hope you are almost done with your holiday shopping!

From Guidance

Advice from a Snowflake

Keep Your Cool

Celebrate Your Uniqueness

Let Your Plans Crystallize

Take Time To Chill

Appreciate Small Wonders



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Look at What We Can Accomplish When We Stick Together

News from 2nd & 3rd Grade



I can't believe it's almost vacation! As we get further in the year, it is always fun to see what the class is capable of! Two weeks ago, we had the pleasure of having a visit from local author Mary Lyn Ray. She read us two of her books and told us stories about how she came up with the ideas and what she thought of each book when she first got it back with the illustrations. The students loved that she carries around a note card and a pen just in case she is hit with inspiration throughout her day. She was so kind to the students with all of their questions. It definitely inspired us with our own writing!

During that same week, Mrs. Hurd, our Title 1 Teacher, did a Picturing Writing activity with the class. We brought in a variety of animal books from different libraries. Each student picked an animal and painted three pictures. The first picture was the color of the skin or fur of the animal. The second picture was an enlarged eye of the animal, and the third picture was the full animal in its environment. Then, we connected writing to this activity. The first piece of writing they did was an acrostic poem using what they learned from their books. The second piece of writing was a list of clues so that the reader can guess what the animal was. This was a fun challenge since the students couldn't say what the animal was in their clues! These books will be on display in the spring for Author's Night.

Prize Speaking heads up: Next week, I will be sending home the poem that the students are expected to memorize. The poems get longer as the students get older, so I wanted to make sure you had plenty of time to practice! The theme for both 2nd and 3rd grade are humorous rhyming poems. Have fun and remember expression when reciting your poem!

Winter Gear

We have numerous new coats donated and are able to help with snow gear for children who are in need. Please call Mrs Robinson if your child needs anything. We have...used boy's coats in size 8 and 14/16, girls in size 10/12. Snow boots in size 4 and 6 for boys and 5 for girls. Snowpants in size 8 - black, 12 - black, 10/12 - girls navy blue, 14/16 - navy. We also have new boots for girls in size 4 and 5, and size 3 ugg type boots. We are very limited for space and would like to send stuff home. Thanks!

Newfound Nutrition

Lunch Menu Week of Dec 21-23, 2015

Monday

Salisbury Steak
Gravy & Mashed Potato
Mixed Veggies
Garden Salad
Assorted Fruit

Tuesday

Chicken Parm over Pasta
Broccoli
Bread Sticks
Garden Salad
Assorted Fruit

Wednesday

Ms Shaffer's Choice!

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

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P.E. News with Mrs. Frost

I attended the Fall 2015 New Hampshire AHPERD Conference in Waterville Valley in November. This year's conference focus was "A Sharp Mind, An Active Body, A Healthy Person." At this conference, I am always happy to meet with colleagues in the Physical Education and Coaching profession. Here we collaborate and share ideas in teaching, technology, assessments, standards, and physical activities. I am amazed at the new technology used today in PE and how we can make our teaching better. It is my hope that I can incorporate more technology into my lessons as I move into the 2016 year.

Students recently finished a unit in Catching and Throwing. Students worked on the skill concepts of underhand throw, overhand throw, and catching using a variety of practice opportunities using different sizes and shapes of balls. The Common Core Shape America Standards include:

Kindergarten (S1.E13.K) Throws underhand with opposite foot forward

First Grade (S1.E13.1) Throws underhand, demonstrating 2 of the 5 critical elements of a mature pattern

Second Grade (SS1.E13.2) Throws underhand using a mature pattern; (S1.E14.2) Throws overhand, demonstrating 2 of the 5 elements of a mature pattern

Third Grade (S1.E13.3) Throws underhand to a partner or target with reasonable accuracy; (S1.E14.3) Throws overhand, demonstrating 3 of the 5 critical elements of a mature pattern, in non-dynamic environments (closed skills), for distance and/or force

Fourth Grade (S1.E14.4a) Throws overhand using a mature pattern in non-dynamic environments (closed skills); (S1.E14.4b) Throws overhand to a partner or at a target with accuracy at a reasonable distance; (S1.E15.4) Throws to a moving partner with reasonable accuracy in non-dynamic environment (closed skills)

Fifth Grade (S1.E13.5a) Throws underhand using a mature pattern in non-dynamic environments (closed skills), with different sizes and types of objects; (S1.E13.5b) Throws underhand to a large target with accuracy; (S1.E14.5a) Throws overhand using a mature pattern in non-dynamic environments (closed skills), with different sizes and types of objects; (S1.E14.5b) Throws overhand to a large target with accuracy; (S1.E15.5a) Throws with accuracy, both partners moving; (S1.E15.5b) Throws with reasonable accuracy in dynamic, small-sided practice tasks


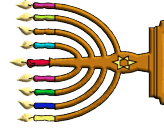


PE classes have now moved on to basketball skills and manipulative skills. We are currently working on the basketball dribble. Many of the students are very good at this!!! Please remember your child's PE day is Wednesday and make sure sneakers are with them for class. This is important for many of the activities that we do. Jump Rope For Heart will take place during PE classes February 15-17. Jump Rope for Heart letters and envelopes will come out in January.

Have a healthy and active winter season!



Danbury Elementary

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 	3	4	5
6 	7	8 PTO Meeting 4:30pm	9	10	11 PTO Family Christmas Event 5-7:30pm	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Project Promise Movie 6:30 NRHS	19
20	21 	22	23 Sing-Along 11:30am Early Dismissal Noon	24 Holiday Recess	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31 See you January 4th!		