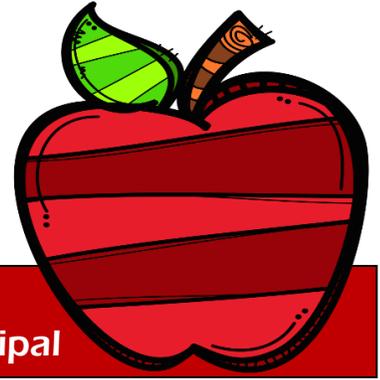


Danbury Elementary

Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wow, it has been a busy, but good week! We had a great turnout for Open House, engaged in a faculty discussion around creating our yearly school goals, and worked on our proposed DES budget for next school year.

Open House

The energy in our building was positive, heart-warming, and inspiring. Therese Wetherington, district's Curriculum Coordinator, shared information regarding our new math program, Eureka. Families had the opportunity to shop at the Book Fair. Parents met with classroom teachers to learn about classroom routines, expectations and curriculum. (pictures below)

School Goals

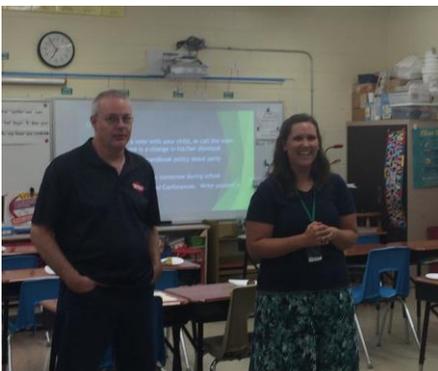
During our early release time, our staff came together to discuss, debate, and develop a draft of our school goals. Our draft will be sent to Superintendent Buckley for final approval. Once finalized, we will share our goals within our school community through the DES newsletter.

Budget

Can you believe, we are already thinking about next school year?! Teachers had to submit their budget requests by Friday. School administration will be working with district personnel over the next few weeks to be ready to present our proposed budget to the School Board on October 24th.

Just think, all of this happened while teachers continued to plan and teach throughout the week! Sometimes when I stop and think about all of the expectations and responsibilities within education, it can be mind-boggling. However, with weeks like this, I try to take a few moments to slow down and reflect on why I am in education and it always comes back to **THE KIDS!**

Have a great week!



Second Grade Stars

Hi! My name is Mrs. Boudrias and I am filling in for Mrs. Barbour while she is gone with her new baby boy! I graduated from Plymouth State University with my elementary education degree and have had the pleasure of working in the Newfound Area School District since last year. I am excited to share with you what our 2nd graders have been up to! This week, we have completed our first writing assignment. Everyone wrote an opinion piece about something they like more than the other. They came out awesome! In math, we have been working hard adding and subtracting within 10 and 20. In grammar this week, we have been working on finding the predicate in a sentence. *Henry and Mudge* is the story we have been reading. We have been learning about camping and the great outdoors. Until next time!



From Guidance

The first day of Autumn is here and I can hardly believe we have already been in school for four weeks. Your children have been delightful. From Kindergarten to fifth grade we are all starting the year on a positive and smiley note. I hope you were able to find your child's smile on the "Smile Board" as you entered the school for our Open House! We had a fun time exploring smiles, what makes each us smile, and how when we smile the world smiles with us! We are nearly positive that they are contagious! Pretty nice condition to pass around!

We have also spent the beginning few weeks of school exploring "tools" that can help us do our work at school. Your children are so creative when it comes to using everyday items or qualities we hold within ourselves to be focused, hard working, and positive throughout the day. And, they are starting to recognize when tools slip into the role of being a toy. From pencils used for writing that turn into drum sticks and squishy balls to stimulate the brain or decrease stress turn into bowling balls rolling across the floor. This transition from tool to toy is such a natural process and we are learning we simply need to find a different tool and keep practicing the internal skills to help us complete our work and be active, engaged and happy students.

Please know I work to be a resource to your children as well as to parents. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, here at DES on Tuesdays and Thursdays (768-3434), by email (kconnor@sau4.org), or when I am at B-HVS – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (744-6969).

Thank you all for the smiles you share with your children, they bring them to school and I find them...contagious!!

Lunch Menu September 26-30, 2016

Monday

Chinese Pie
Baked Spinach
Bread Sticks
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Burgers
Breaded O Rings
Spinach
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Pasta with Meat Sauce
Italian Blend Veggies
Garlic Bread Sticks
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Hot Dogs on WW Rolls
Baked Beans
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Friday

Cheese Pizza
Garden Veggies
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Breakfast \$1.25 (reduced \$.30)

Lunch \$2.75 (reduced \$.40)

Milk \$.35

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