



Derry Village School

We Open the Door to Learning

October 2016

Arrival Reminders

Stay in your car. At morning car drop off parents are reminded that they must stay in their cars. This facilitates a smooth and efficient drop off procedure.

Passenger side. At car drop off please have your child get out of the car on the passenger side of the car. It is very dangerous for children to get out on the driver's side.

Arrive in good time. Rushing to get your child to dash out of the car to reach the classroom before the school bell rings is the recipe for disaster in terms of child safety. Would you rather your child receive a tardy notice or risk an accident?

Any student arriving **after the tardy bell** [8:35am] must be signed in to school at the office by the parent/guardian dropping off the student.

No Idling Zone. Parents are reminded that the drop off bay at the front of the school is designated an "No Idling Zone". The purpose of the No Idling Zone is to reduce pollution from idling buses and cars that negatively affect a child's healthy lung growth and development. Children are more vulnerable to the impacts of vehicle pollution than other populations.

Mark Your Calendar

- Oct 10 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day
- Oct 12 PTA Meeting 6:30pm
- Oct 14 Title 1 Math Night 6:00-6:30pm
- Oct 14 PTA Ice Cream Social (and Clothing Swap) 6:30-8:00pm
- Oct 19 Running Club 3-4pm
- Oct 20 District Cybersafety Night 6:30pm WRB
- Oct 24 DCSD Budget Meeting: District Overview 6:30pm GHH
- Oct 26 Running Club 3-4pm
- Oct 27 Picture Retake Day 10am
- Oct 27 Title 1 Math Tutoring 3-4pm
- Oct 27 Fundraiser Pickup
- Oct 28 Progress Report home
- Oct 31 Halloween Parties 2:00pm
- Oct 29 All-Schools Cross Country 8:00am Pinkerton

Notice of NonDiscrimination

The Derry Cooperative School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment in its programs and activities. Any student, parent on behalf of their child, or employee who believes that he or she has a disability and thinks that accommodations are necessary to afford an equal opportunity for success, should contact Mr. C. Hunt [Section 504 coordinator.]

Principal's Message

Well the cold weather has begun to arrive to New Hampshire. We are holding on to hopes that the warmth will stay with us a little longer. The rain has been a welcome sight for us however after a very dry summer.

It is wonderful to see that students have begun to settle into their routines as for your support of the school and your children as this new school year begins.

At this time students have completed their first round of Map testing (NWEA) in Mathematics and Reading. Our students performed very well on this assessment. The assessment is individualized in nature and the information we gather is being used to make instructional changes for students.

Student Council has been established again for the school year and students have been assigned their different roles. We are delighted to promote our student leaders at Derry Village. We thank Mrs A. Landry for all her work behind the scenes with our student council.

In other news we will begin Kindergarten registration early this year in the Derry Cooperative School District. Kindergarten registration for 2017-2018 will begin in November this year. You can call the office 432-1233 to set up an appointment.

Yours in education,

Chris McCallum



Volunteers

If you are planning to volunteer for events or activities in the school this year you will need to be fingerprinted. This is especially important if you will be working with students. Please contact the office 432-1233 you have not been previously fingerprinted and plan on volunteering.

WEE Deliver

The USPS affiliated WEE deliver program has begun at DVS for the 2015-2016 school year. In 1990 the Postal Service introduced the Wee Deliver In-School Literacy Program to help improve reading and writing skills of elementary school children. It has grown to include more than 20,000 schools across the country.

Wee Deliver encourages students to write letters. The program at DVS, is led by Mrs. A. Landry but is student run. Please support the program by writing letters to your children and depositing them in the mailbox in the school foyer.

Holiday Fair

Please mark your calendars NOVEMBER 19, 2016. Come enjoy the fun.

Hats for Heroes

Thanks for the supporting the Hats for Heroes Fundraiser and for donating money to this cause. You are very generous and we have a very compassionate and caring community of families. It is an honor to be part of Derry Village.



NWEA Testing

Our NWEA (MAP) Testing for the Fall has been completed. If you have any questions about NWEA Testing feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Office Reminder

Parents are reminded to notify the office if there are any changes of phone number or contact details. It is important that the office has current contact information.

Positions Vacant

At this time we are still looking for custodians (2nd shift) and cafeteria staff across the district. If you know anyone who might be interested please have them contact the SAU (Central Office) at 4312-1233.



Nurses Corner



New Hampshire Healthy Kids (NHHK), is a non-profit organization providing low cost or free health care options for uninsured children. Their philosophy is to promote healthy life styles and encourage preventive health and dental care. NHHK works in conjunction with health care facilities, schools, and social service agencies to provide children the care they need to stay healthy, and attend school ready to learn.

If you do not have health insurance for your child, we can help you apply for coverage through NHHK. Please contact Community Health Services (CHS) at 425-2545 and ask for Robin. You may also call NHHK directly at 1-877-464-2447. Applications may be downloaded from their website www.nhhealthykids.com.

Parents may also contact Alicia Triplett, School Social Worker, or Lucie Collins RN School Nurse, at 437-3579 for assistance.

Box Tops for Education

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So far, America's schools have earned over \$525 million from Box Tops...and counting.

At DVS our Box Top collection has begun. Send in those Box Tops with your child.



Running Club

The 4th and 5th grade one-mile race is on Saturday October 29, 2016 starting at approximately 9:00am at Pinkerton Academy. Students are expected to arrive at 8:00am. Practice dates are Wed Oct 5, 12, 19, 26 2014. Parents are reminded to pick their child up at 4pm promptly.

Pinkerton And Little Students [PALS]

Our PALS program begins this month. The PALS program matches a high school student with one of the students from DVS for one afternoon per month. Students spend the afternoon getting to know each other and taking part in some specially designed activities.



Free and Reduced Lunch

School meal applications were sent home at the beginning of the year. However, you may apply for school meals at any time throughout the school year by submitting a household application directly to the school. We will provide you with an application upon request.

Halloween Parties

Classroom parties begin at 2:00pm on Monday October 31, 2016.

We ask that room parents wait in the foyer until 1:45pm before heading to the classrooms.

Classroom party days at Derry Village are very busy times, parking is at a premium and student schedules are disrupted. Parents will be permitted to park on the front playground but must leave by 2:45pm.

Parents are asked to sign in at a specially designated table in the front foyer. It is extremely important that all cars are gone by 2:45pm.

Wee Deliver Design a Stamp Winners

Here are the winners of this year's WEE Deliver stamp design contest.

- Kindergarten- Grace M from KD
- Grade 1- Haleigh B from 1M
- Grade 2- Sofia R from 2R
- Grade 3- Rebecca K from 3W
- Grade 4- Erynn S from 4W
- Grade 5- Isabel C from 5R



Blizzard Bags

The Derry Cooperative School District will implement Blizzard Bags again for the 2016-2017 school year. A Blizzard Bag contains assignments for students to complete at home during inclement weather days. Blizzard Bags will be updated for the 2016-2017 school year. Blizzard Bags containing all assignments will be distributed during Parent-Teacher Conferences in December. Assignments are due the day the student returns from the Blizzard Bag Day.

Library Book Amnesty

Please return any outstanding DVS Library books at any time. No questions will be asked. Reclaiming the books helps all students.

Internet Essentials

There is an organization called Internet Essentials that have helped many families with internet access. They team up with Comcast in our area. <https://internetessentials.com/about> Internet Essentials believe that every family should have access to the opportunities presented by having the Internet at home. Since 2011, Internet Essentials is our answer to help close the Digital Divide. Working side-by-side with our schools, government, and non-profit partners, we have connected more than 600,000 families—over 2.4 million low-income Americans—to the power of the Internet in their homes.



Halloween Costumes

Some guidelines for costumes

- Costumes are optional
- Children must be able to put their costumes on without adult help. (no makeup)
- No costumes are allowed during the instructional day; students will have an opportunity to change into their costumes in the afternoon around 1:30pm.
- No gory, gruesome, bloody or revealing costumes
- No imitation weapons of any kind

Dear Parents,

Greetings from the occupational therapy department at DVS. As we enjoy the busy months of fall, one thing we often hear from parents is that there is never enough time in a day to finish everything that needs to get done. Balancing a list of everyday chores, fall-time activities, and spending quality time with your child can seem like an impossible task. One of the ways to make the balancing act easier is to combine: spend quality time with your child *while* doing the other jobs. Below is a list of ways to make common chores into quality activity times, but the options are endless. With a little bit of imagination, even the most dreaded job can be the perfect chance to have a great time with your child. Before you know it, you will all be... **Cheering for Chores!**



Doing the laundry: The laundry room is the perfect learning environment for children. Opening detergent containers, scooping or pouring the soap, turning knobs and pressing buttons are all fantastic ways to promote fine motor skills in your child. Leaning down and then reaching up to load or unload the machines can build strength and posture, and scooping up a pile of warm, soft, fresh-smelling, newly washed clothing is an unbeatable sensory experience. Laundry also provides the perfect chance to practice sorting skills. Before the wash, let your child help you sort light clothes from dark ones or clothes from sheets/towels. When the wash is done, your child can help put the clothes into different piles (one for shirts, one for pants, etc.). Allow your child to fold her own clothes – they may not be perfect, but it's a great activity for motor coordination and spatial skills. And kids can be the perfect volunteers to help match up all those pesky socks!



Shopping for groceries: The grocery store is another setting that offers a wide range of learning opportunities. To help your child learn categorization skills, make a game of finding different items in the store: "We need some Cheerios. Do you think I should look in the cereal aisle or the vegetable section? Let's see if you're right!" (You can always pick up something else if they guess incorrectly!) Let your child help you count out multiples of the same item, like cans of soup or pieces of fruit. When your child is tall enough, build his upper body strength by allowing him to push the cart. Reaching up high or down low for different items strengthens trunk muscles as well. At check out time, talk with your child about the names and values of different coins and bills. Whenever possible, allow your child to use his senses to explore the items you are buying. What do they smell like? What do they feel like? Are they heavy or light?



Preparing dinner: Kids love to help out in the kitchen. Take advantage of your child's curiosities and let her be part of making dinner. Pouring, scooping, and stirring all promote fine motor skills and shoulder strength. Learning how to follow a recipe, proceeding step-by-step, can aid in the development of sequencing skills. Measuring offers the perfect chance to work on early math skills. Ask your child which container has more and which has less and talk about full versus empty. Allow your child to help you count as you add multiples of an ingredient ("One scoop, two scoops..."). Discuss how long will take to make the dish (a few more minutes versus a few more hours) to give your child a better understanding of the concept of time. When it comes time to set the table, teaching your child where the different dishes and utensils are placed, using words like "above" and "next to," and later "left" and "right" will develop her understanding of spatial relationships. And don't forget about all of the sensory experiences that will be literally at your fingertips. Look, smell, touch, and taste anything reasonable!



Washing the dishes: Your child might not be old enough to thoroughly wash the dishes yet, but he can help you "pre-wash" them. Turning the faucets, squeezing the dish detergent bottle, and wringing out wet sponges are great activities for building hand and wrist muscles. Scrubbing, especially repeatedly, exercises shoulder muscles. Playing in the sudsy water is not only fun, but also an excellent sensory experience. Don't forget to talk about each of the items and their purposes.

With just a little extra time you can make everyday chores
into rich, skill-building experiences... Have fun!

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