



Derry Village School

We Open the Door to Learning

May 2017

Some Reminders:

- Have you paid up your lunch balance? Please be sure any outstanding lunch money is paid this month.
- Library books? Please be sure over due library books are returned to the library.

Allergy Alert

We have a staff member who is highly SENSITIVE to LILACS. Though they are beautiful flowers and we love to see the vibrant colors we ask that no lilacs be brought into the school.

Kindergarten Registration

This is a reminder to parents to reach out to any children in your neighborhood who have not registered for kindergarten. Now is the time for children to register for kindergarten in the Derry Cooperative School District.



Principal's Message

Dear parents, guardians and students,

This month we are still waiting for that weather to warm up. We have have seen some nice days but would like to see them more consistent. It is also wonderful to see that students have returned from vacation rested and refreshed and ready to learn for six more weeks.

SBAC testing continues through this month and we also turn our attention to NWEA testing for Grades 1-2, NECAP Science for Grade 4 and Reader's Workshop Benchmark assessments for all grades.

We were also excited to welcome our new Kindergarten students this month for our Kindergarten orientation. This is such an exciting time for us all at Derry Village as we meet the children and parents who will be joining our community.

We also recognize staff this month. They do a most wonderful job and this week we have the opportunity to recognize each and every one of them for their effort. Thank you to all our parent volunteers who have organized staff recognition events and treats.

Yours in education,
Chris McCallum



Coming Dates

- May 16 - Student Council goes to Quarrybrook 3:15 - 5:15 pm
- May 16 - Middle School Transition Night 6-7:30pm
- May 17 & 24 - DVS PTA Skills and Drills 3:00 - 4:00 pm
- May 17 - Gr 5 Field Trip - Strawberry Banke
- May 18 - Combined Chorus Rehearsal
- May 19 - Gr3 Snakes Presentation
- May 20 - Touch-a-Truck/Kids Muster Event 10am WRB
- May 20 Derry Diggers Garden Club 2pm
- May 22 - May 26 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 24 - Gr2 Field Trip - Quarrybrook 9:00 - 11:30 am
- May 24 - PTA Skills and Drills Basketball
- May 25 - Invention Convention 5:30pm
- May 25 - Middle Schools come and speak with 5th graders
- May 29 - NO SCHOOL
- May 31 - Band Concert 6:30pm

Coming Up in June

- June 1 - 4th Grade Field Trip - Squam Lake 9:00 - 4:00 pm
- June 4 - PTA Spring Fair 12-3pm
- June 7 - PTA Meeting and Volunteer Tea
- June 8 - Festival of the Arts 6pm
- June 8 - Chorus Concert 6:30pm
- June 9 - Kinder Celebration 1:30pm
- June 10 - Chorus will perform at the Fisher Cats Game @ 7:05pm
- June 12 - Pinkerton Academy Graduation 4pm
- June 13 & 15 Field Days
- June 14 - NEXT Charter School Graduation 4pm
- June 14 Gr5 Dinner 5:30pm and Dance 6-730pm
- June 16 - BBQ Lunch Day
- June 16 - Middle School Promotion Ceremonies 3:30pm WRB, 6pm GHH
- June 19 - Tentative last day of school for students
- June 19 - Step Up Day

Staff Appreciation May 22 -26

We recognize all our teachers and staff at Derry Village this month. They all do a remarkable job and we are so lucky to have them working with our children. Please support our staff and show them your appreciation this month. Thank you.



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.]

Nurses Corner

Reminder to parents of 5th grade students

The New Hampshire Immunization Regulations for school attendance requires students to have a tetanus booster (Tdap) at 11 years of age, (if it has been 5 years or longer since the last documented dose of a tetanus toxoid containing immunization.)

It also requires all students entering 6th grade to have two documented doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine. Documentation of these immunizations is required prior to entry into 6th grade. Also, students entering 6th grade who plan on competing on an athletic team must have a physical exam within one year of entering middle school.

If your child has already had these immunizations and a recent physical, please feel free to send this documentation in to school now. The student's health records will be updated and transferred to the appropriate middle school at year end. If these appointments are scheduled over the summer, please remember to send in the documentation to the Middle School at the start of the year, in order to keep your child in compliance with state requirements.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Collins with any questions.

Library Book Return

At this time we are asking that any unreturned library books be returned to the school library. Borrowing will continue for students. However, as the year winds down we ask that any library books that are overdue be returned so that they can be accounted for in our end of year inventories.

The Annual Art Exhibit is coming!

This an exciting time of year for all of our young artists, as the hallways in the Unified Arts wing at DVS burst with creativity, craftsmanship and color!

Students have been saving artwork all year long for possible presentation at the art show. In April, students spent time selecting and preparing final artwork for the exhibit and this month will begin helping to hang their work.

The DVS Annual Art Exhibit will begin going up the first week in May and will be available for viewing through the Spring Concert date of June 8. We hope you will all have the opportunity to see the show and admire the work of your talented children!

DVS Hoops Program

The DVS PTA is proud to offer the skills and drills basketball mentoring program again this spring on May 17 and 24

This program is intended to promote student success in school through mentorship and physical activity. The program will focus on basketball skills, fun, teamwork and good sportsmanship. The mentors, who are students from the Pinkerton Astros Basketball Team and the West Running Brook Basketball Team, will work hand in hand with the students to encourage those traits. Adult volunteers (parents of the DVS Students) will also be present supervising the program. The skills and drills will be broken out by age group and the mentors will be paired with the DVS students. Participants will need to bring a water bottle and basketball. There will be basketballs available for students who do not have a basketball to use during the program.

All Grade 2-5 students are invited to sign up and learn the fundamentals of the game of basketball and work on their skills in a fun, safe environment. Thanks, PTA

Touch-a-Truck/Kids Muster Event.

May 20, 2017. West Running Brook Middle School 10AM-2PM, 1 West Running Brook Lane (across from the Fairways Apartments).

This family fun event offers hands-on opportunities for children to EXPLORE, CLIMB and TOUCH trucks, emergency response vehicles, heavy machinery and other equipment.

A Kids Muster will be held on the rear field. Sign up in groups of 5 at your school office and compete against other schools and grades or individually. Event day walk-ons welcome.

Horn/siren free hour 10am-11am (for sensitive ears). Over flow parking located at the Derry Village School (Free shuttle provided).

Event Questions: Muster – Assistant Chief Scott Jackson at 432-6751 or scottjackson@derrynh.org, Touch a Truck – Lt. Michael LaValley at 432-6121 or mikelavalley@derrynh.org

Invention Convention Night

The Invention Convention will take place again this year on Thursday May 25 at 5:30pm. We are excited to see what inventions the students have come up with.

Notice from the Food Service Program

The Derry School Child Nutrition Program would like to remind all students and families that student account balances should be paid in full by the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our kitchen at 437-4870.

NECAP Science Testing

Students in grades 4, participated in the NECAP-Science assessment during May. The NECAP Science Assessment is conducted for our grade 4 in three sessions.

The spring NECAP Science Assessment is designed to measure your child's progress in meeting the basic Science Curriculum Targets that are highlighted within New Hampshire's Grade Span Expectations, or GSEs. The GSEs define the knowledge and skills a student should have mastered in science by the end of grade spans K-4, 5-8 and 9-11. The NECAP Science test, given at end of each of these grade spans, is composed of three (3) test sessions.

The NECAP is one of the important tools available to parents and educators to determine how well our schools are helping students meet standards and grade span expectations. In every assessment, scores are only as meaningful as the effort students put into the test. Thank you for encouraging your child to take the test seriously and to give his or her best effort. Thank you for supporting your child and our school during the testing period