



October 2021 Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL: MS. SOLLARS

HELLO MDE FAMILY,

WE HAVE SOME EXCITING THINGS COMING UP IN OCTOBER HERE AT MARK DENMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE GETTING SETTLED INTO THEIR ROUTINES AND ARE LEARNING A LOT ABOUT EACH OTHER. WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON OUR PBIS GOALS OF BEING SAFE, KIND AND RESPONSIBLE, AS WELL AS, OUR AVID GOALS OF LEARNING CALL BACKS AND ORGANIZATION STRATEGIES.

OUR 4TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE EXPERIENCING NATURE THROUGH OUTDOOR SCHOOL: PARTICIPATING IN HIKE AND EXPLORATION OF OUR LOCAL PARKS. THIS MONTH IS ALSO FIRE SAFETY MONTH. WE WILL BE HAVING TWO FIRE SAFETY DAYS WITH THE DANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT. WE WILL LEARN WAYS TO BE SAFE AND PREVENT FIRES FROM HAPPENING. MARK DENMAN STUDENTS WILL HAVE PICTURE DAY ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6. PICTURES MAY BE ORDERED BY RETURNING THE ORDER FORM AND MONEY OR YOU CAN ORDER ONLINE. WE ARE EXCITED TO BE CREATING A YEARBOOK FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR THAT WILL INCLUDE ALL OF OUR STUDENTS' FALL PICTURES AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SPEAKING OF ACTIVITIES, OUR 4TH GRADERS ARE PARTICIPATING IN VOLLEYBALL AND WILL SOON BE ABLE TO SIGN UP FOR BASKETBALL.

WE HAVE ALL BEEN WORKING SO HARD OVER THE PAST MONTH AND A HALF THAT IT IS TIME FOR A WELL DESERVED BREAK! DANVILLE DISTRICT 118 WILL BE GOING ON FALL BREAK THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11TH TO THE 15TH. WE HOPE OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO RELAX AND ENJOY A SHORT BREAK BEFORE RETURNING TO FINISH OUT THE SEMESTER. SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 18TH.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT THROUGH THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK AND CLASS DOJO FOR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS. YOU CAN ALSO SUBSCRIBE TO TEACHERASE, WHICH IS A PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS YOU TO CHECK YOUR STUDENTS GRADES AND BEHAVIOR LOGS AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OR THE OFFICE TO GET SIGNED UP, YOU WILL NEED A WORKING EMAIL ADDRESS TO ACCESS THIS PROGRAM.

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Kindergarten

Thank you for all of your support! The kids are doing a great job wearing their masks and following the rules. We are getting good at social distancing from our friends!

Feel free to call us anytime if you have any questions or concerns! We are all also using DOJO! Feel free to send us a message. Please remember to check and empty your child's book bag and folder each night. Please send back any important papers and file all others.

It is important to have a set bedtime for your child at night. Many of the kids are tired in the mornings. A good night's rest makes for a great school day! Also, please have your child at school on time every day!

We will be learning the letters Aa, Ss & Tt. Our theme this month is "Rules at Home and School" and "Every Story Has Characters". We will begin learning how to read sight words. Our words for this month are: like, the, we, go and see. Please practice recognizing these words at home and learning how to use them in a sentence. It is very important that you reread all words and books that come home! In Math we will be learning numbers 6 -10 and we will begin comparing numbers 0 - 10.

We hope you have a relaxing Fall Break!

1st Grade

First Grade is looking forward to October! Students are focusing on our PBIS Expectations: Being Kind, Being Safe, and Being Responsible.

We need your help with Being Responsible! Please make sure your child is bringing home and returning their green AVID folder each day. The "return to school" side will have homework and papers that need to be completed and/or signed. These papers need to be returned the next day. The "keep at home" side should be cleaned out each evening. These papers are for you to keep. Together, we can teach your child the organizational skills they need to be successful in First Grade!

PLEASE make sure your child is doing the homework assignments so they can get the extra practice they need for First Grade. Students need to know their alphabet letters and sounds. They also need to know how to identify numbers 1-20 and count to 120.

These are skills that we are working daily on in class, but we also need your help at home!

We look forward to meeting with you during the fall conferences, however, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

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2nd Grade

Happy Fall from Second Grade!!

We have been hard at work in Second grade practicing our phonics and decoding skills, as well as, adding within 100 using different strategies. We have been learning about fairytales and problems characters face in stories.



Please continue to have your child practice their reading, and math for at least 15-20 minutes every night at home. The homework we send home on Monday should be worked on a little bit all week and then returned on Friday.

Fall break will be coming up the week of October 11-15th. Any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

3rd Grade

Happy Fall!

Attendance is extremely important! Please make sure your student is here on time every day! Third grade has Math first thing in the morning, so if your student is late they miss part of their Math core which places them behind. Of course, if your student is not feeling well or has a fever, please call them in to the attendance office. Mrs. Bacys is our attendance secretary. Her phone number is 444-3208.

Communication folders and agendas come home every night. Folders will contain notes, graded homework, and homework that needs to be returned. Agendas should be signed by parents every night. Homework should be completed and returned the next day. Parents if you have not done so already, please join Class Dojo to communicate with your child's teacher.

Reading fluency is key to becoming a great reader. Fluency is reading at an appropriate pace and with expression. With those things in place, students will learn to comprehend what they are reading. Please make sure your student is reading at least 15 minutes every night.

Multiplication is a big Math topic in third grade. Students should be practicing their math multiplication facts at home every night. This will help with becoming more fluent in multiplication which will help them a lot during our Math core.

With the weather changing, it is important to make sure students are dressed appropriately. We do go outside for recess daily. We will continue to go outside during this time unless the temperature drops. This time of year is a good time for a hooded sweatshirt and pants.

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4th Grade

Happy Fall! We have been working hard in 4th grade to get ourselves AVID ready! We have been focusing on organizing our binders and writing in our agenda books! Please continue to check the agenda book and sign it each night! This is a great way for us to stay in communication and for you to know what your child is working on at school!

This year, 4th grade is piloting a new Math program - Eureka Math! So far it is going well and the kids are enjoying it! It's a different way to do Math but we feel it's going to help them understand the Math concepts even more!

We've been reading about observing nature and some of our classes got to put this into practice during their week at Outdoor School! The other two classes will be observers of nature when they attend the first week of this month!

Exciting things are happening in 4th grade! As always we appreciate your support and involvement! If you've not connected to our Class Dojo pages, please do so! It's a great way to stay involved and connected!

Specials

News from the Physical Education Department

We just finished our fitness test. The students worked hard and tried their best.

In October after the fall break, we will do skating. Permission slips have been sent home. Please sign and return them. Students must have the permission slips signed to skate. We will skate for two weeks and we always have a great time.

Enjoy the beautiful weather and spend as much time as you can outside.

Jana McKenna, Steven Dale, and Mihai Murineanu

P.E. Teachers

News from Music:

In our Music classes we have been having so much fun learning about many elements of Music. This includes steady beat, strong and weak beats, meters of 2, 3, and 4, and the musical alphabet.

We have learned what the meaning of Patriotic Music is as we prepare for Veterans Day, November 11, and the reasons why it's such an important holiday. We have and will be listening to and learning several Patriotic songs.

We have also touched upon songs with the Autumn or Fall Theme as well as Halloween. Ask your student to sing you a little of the song "Pumpkin Bones". It's definitely a favorite. We continue to incorporate AVID strategies in Music Class and will be focusing on the songs "Power of Yet" and "YOU-nique".

We encourage our MDE families to sing together as much as possible. "A child who sings is a happy child" –Elder Enrique Falabella

Ms. Sparks and Mr. Crow, MDE Music Teachers

Birth to 3

Upcoming Events

October 28th: Literacy Group

Where: Fisher Theater (Outdoor area next door)

Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm

October 26th: B-3 Screenings (Scan QR code at the bottom for Appointment times)

Where: 516 N. Jackson

Time: 10, 11, 12, 1 and 2



Pre-K Screening Dates for October

- October 7-Edgewood Church, 236 Poland Rd., Danville

VERMILION COUNTY HOME VISITING

Did you know that there are free home visiting services throughout Vermilion County?

D118's igrow program provides home visiting services that offer family-focused services to expectant parents and families with children up to age 3 who reside in District 118. Brandye Kizer, Debbie Plush, Shannon Roberts, Adrienne Littlepaige, Brenda Hays and our new Parent Educators Jennifer Wright offer information on what a child should be doing at each developmental stage, help families to locate needed resources, fun family events, education, support, and free books! In addition to personal home visits and group connections, our Family Store helps supply baby items and household products for D118 igrow participants. If you are interested in home visiting services, or even learning more about them, please

Call Niah or Katie at (217) 483-BABY (2229).

What exciting things did we do in September?

- We held our first Stress Management/Emotional Health Drop-In Group with Tanya our Mental Health Consultant via igrow FB chat room.
- Igrow B-3 program Welcomed a new Parent Educator Jennifer Wright
- Igrow B-3 Home visiting Program had our monthly virtual group connections on September 15, with guest presenters from the U of I extension.

AVID Monthly Updates

W.I.C.O.R



Tools you need to
be a successful
student!

Writing to learn

Inquiry

Collaboration

Organization

Reading to learn

We stay organized by using binders, agendas,
take-home folders, & graphic organizers!



AVID's mission is to
close the opportunity
gap by preparing all
students for college
readiness and success
in a global society.

Call-Backs

ATTENTION!

Teacher

All set

Hocus focus

Macaroni and cheese

1, 2, 3, eyes on me

Banana split

A...B...C...

Ready to rock...

Yakity yak

Hands on top

Chicka, chicka

Students:

You bet!

Everybody focus!

Everybody freeze!

1, 2, eyes on you!

I know how to sit

Easy as 1, 2, 3!

Ready to roll!

Don't talk back!

That means stop!

Boom, boom!

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October is Bullying Prevention Month!

October is **National Bullying Prevention Month!** This month of recognition reminds us that students, parents, teachers, and school administrators **ALL** play a role in preventing bullying. Positive change comes as we begin to emphasize respect and inclusion in our schools.

What is Bullying?

Bullying is when someone is being hurt either by words or actions on purpose. This could look like name calling, making fun of someone, spreading rumors, leaving someone out, hitting, pushing, etc.

Where does bullying happen?

Bullying can happen **anywhere**. It can occur in your neighborhood, while going to school, at school, and even while on-line.

SOCIAL WORKERS: MS. MEHEGAN & MRS. PRIBBLE

What can you do to help?

SHARE KINDNESS
+
PROMOTE ACCEPTANCE
+
ENCOURAGE INCLUSION
=
BULLYING PREVENTION

- ★ Recognize the warning signs that your child is involved in bullying.
- ★ Model/practice healthy social emotional skills at home
- ★ Notify a school staff member of any bullying
- ★ Develop clear expectations for how your student should treat others
- ★ Encourage your child to speak up if they or someone else is being bullied

Helpful Links:

[Get Help Now | StopBullying.gov](#)
[World Bullying Prevention Month | STOMP Out Bullying™](#)

8 kidpower Skills to Stop Bullying!

- 1 Act aware, calm, and confident
Move away from trouble
- 2 Set, protect, & respect boundaries
Speak up. Yell NO! or STOP!
- 3 Protect yourself from hurtful words & images
Speak up for positive inclusion
- 4 Persist to get help from people in power
Use physical self-defense to escape danger
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

A Note from the Nurse...

SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS OR PROBLEMS, THIS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE NURSE. THIS INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND IT CAN BE VERY IMPORTANT TO A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE IN SCHOOL. EXAMPLES OF SUCH NEEDS INCLUDE:

1. FOOD ALLERGIES
2. BEE STING ALLERGIES
3. ALLERGY TO ANY OTHER SUBSTANCES
4. DIFFICULTY WITH VISION, HEARING OR SPEECH
5. NEED FOR MEDICATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS
6. NEED FOR SPECIAL AIDS SUCH AS CRUTCHES, WALKERS OR WHEELCHAIRS, EITHER ON A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT BASIS.

IF YOUR STUDENT HAS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS, PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND CALL THE SCHOOL RIGHT AWAY FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS: SORE THROAT, MODERATE TO SEVERE HEADACHE, COUGH, FEVER, VOMITING OR DIARRHEA.

MDE NURSES OFFICE

217-444-3205



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OCTOBER DATES:

10/4-7	4TH GRADE OUTDOOR SCHOOL
10/6	FALL PICTURES
	BOE MEETING 6:30
10/11-15	NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK
10/21-22	FIRE SAFETY DAYS
10/29	FALL PARTIES

Attendance Counts!

BE ON TIME EVERYDAY!

- Breakfast starts at 7:25
- In-class Instruction starts at 7:45
- Students are considered Tardy at 7:50.

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SEPTEMBER ROCKETS OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS



Taraji Carter	Mrs. Jaruseski	Trent'n Jones	Mrs. Watts
Jamarion Scruggs-Porter	Mrs. Berry	Gracie Nose	Miss Draper
Ha'Kema Jones	Mrs. Miller	Kaitlyn Cooper	Mrs. Ocampo
JonNaiya Joyner	Mrs. Wear	Nayeli Pedro	Mrs. Jones
Zaylan King	Miss Daugherty	Treshad Kelley	Ms. Heeren
Daniyah Avery	Mr. M, Mr. Dale, and Mrs. McKenna		Mr. Thompson
Xavier Linton	Mr. Crow and Ms. Sparks	Tracy Jefferson Jr.	Mrs. Moore
Laney DeLair	Miss Clark	Telvin Addison	Mr. M, Mr. Dale, and Mrs. McKenna
Andrew Shauger	Mrs. Latoz	Katara Tibbetts	Mr. Crow and Ms. Sparks
Dream Banks	Ms. Lawhorn	Lilly Mikel	Mrs. Draper
Clyde Edmonds	Mrs. Shahan	Naziah Thomas Armstrong	Ms. Palinski
Lenora Barrett	Ms. Williamson	Ter'Rhiana Fears	Mrs. Carpenter
Adrian Evans	Mrs. Mims	Chance Anding	Miss Ellis
Cyan Dye	Mr. M, Mr. Dale, and Mrs. McKenna	NaVeiyah Perez	Mrs. Hoskins
Queennynise Wright	Mr. Crow and Ms. Sparks	Elena Durgan	Miss Lee
Edward Phillpott	Miss Crane	Chance Anding	Mr. M, Mr. Dale, and Mrs. McKenna
Zyler Adams	Mrs. Carlton	Zuri Howard	Mr. Crow and Ms. Sparks
Isabella Warner	Mr. Miller	Kaleb Tuel	Mrs. Golden
JaHara Chatman	Mrs. Bott	Daniela Rivera	Mrs. Craig
JoNathan Morales	Mrs. Wright		Mrs. Cottrell
Anandi Jiles	Ms. Armstrong	Demetrius Gouard	Miss Matthews
Dashun Avery	Mr. M, Mr. Dale, and Mrs. McKenna	Bryson Goff	Mrs. Bates
Hannibal Johnson	Mr. Crow and Ms. Sparks	Kendrick Foster	Mrs. Ross

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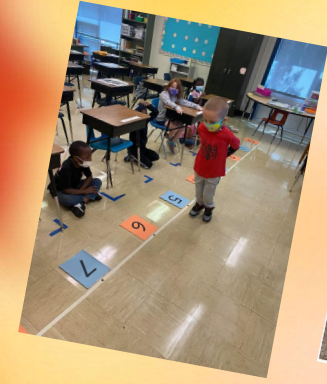
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MDE Moments





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Mark Denman website



iGrow Birth to 3 Facebook Page

Click the pictures for direct links!



TeacherEase



Class Dojo