



## *February News 2023*

Greetings Downsville Families,

The cold temperatures have kept us indoors most of the week. We had a Tiger Team meeting this morning and talked about being a role model. Students learned how kids CAN be role models. We are all working hard to set a good example in school of being safe, respectful, and responsible. We also had our first "Teacher Swap" of the year. Each class left the gym with a different teacher for a story on friendship. We will continue teacher swaps each month through the end of the year.

Teachers are busy preparing to meet all of you next week at Parent Teacher Conferences. This time is very important. Kids need to know that parents, guardians, teachers, and staff, are all of the same team- supporting them and helping them learn all that they can.

The Downsville PTC met earlier this month. Please consider attending the upcoming meeting on February 20. The parents at Downsville are so supportive- providing books for our students, meals for our teachers on conference nights, transportation and fees for field trips, support for teachers to purchase items for their classrooms, and sponsoring fun family events. Watch for details on their annual fundraiser coming in March- a Read a Thon!

Attendance is extremely important in elementary school. Often, classroom experiences can't be replicated. Children who miss do miss out on activities and experiences. Please make sure you call if your child will be out of school for any reason.

We continue to focus on building reading, math, and writing skills and work on reaching our building goals. It was nice to see some growth in the STAR assessments. Students in grades 3-5 will be taking the **State of Wisconsin Forward Assessment** after Spring Break. All of the work every day prepares the students for success on these assessments.

Students should bring the **BIG 5** to school every day. This includes a coat, hat, mittens or gloves, boots, and snowpants. We have limited items to lend out and we will go outside most days. Thanks for your help with this.

Mrs. Drout



*Important Dates:*

February 3 - Outdoor Club, 8:15 a.m.

February 7 - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
4-7:30 p.m.

February 9 - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
4-7:30 p.m.

**February 10 - NO SCHOOL**

February 14 - Science Olympiad Practice - 3:30-4:45 p.m.

February 15 - 100th Day Celebration

February 17 - Student Council, 8:15 a.m.

February 20 - PTC Meeting

February 21 - Science Olympiad Practice - 3:30-4:45 p.m.

February 24 - Student Council, 8:15 a.m.

February 24 - Dress Like a President - Dress Up Day

February 28 - Science Olympiad Practice - 3:30-4:45 p.m.

March 2 - Dr Seuss' Birthday

**March 3 - End of 2nd Trimester**

**March 7 - Science Olympiad Practice  
3:30-4:45 p.m.**

**March 8 - Report Cards Go Home**

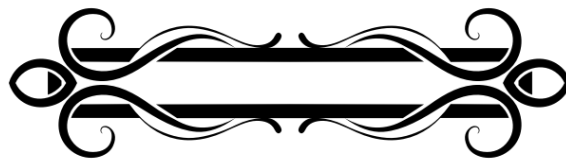
**March 10 - Student Council, 8:15 a.m.**

**March 13 - 17 - NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK**

# Counselor News

In SEL classes, we have been focusing on Empathy and Kindness. We will be transitioning soon to the Second Step Child Protection Unit. This unit focuses on different ways children can be safe. A letter will be sent home with more information about the lessons. You can also access information on [www.secondstep.org](http://www.secondstep.org) using the following activation codes:

Kindergarten: **CPUK FAMI LYGK**  
1st Grade: **CPU1 FAMI LYG1**  
2nd Grade: **CPU2 FAMI LYG2**  
3rd Grade: **CPU3 FAMI LYG3**  
4th Grade: **CPU4 FAMI LYG4**  
5th Grade: **CPU5 FAMI LYG5**



*Please access the FEBRUARY Library newsletter:*

Here is the link for the February newsletter:

<https://www.smores.com/p1v7k>

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## MUSIC NOTES!



Mark your calendars for April 25th!

Our Downsville musicians will be showcasing skills and songs we have been learning in music this year.



K-1 will be "Going on a Picnic" with songs featuring all our favorite foods and more.

Grades 2-5 will be taking us back to the 50's for some classic Rock and Roll.



More information coming soon - hope to see you there!



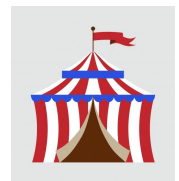
## Second Grade News!

Happy February everyone!

Our classroom has lots of fun things going on this month to be excited about as you may have already heard!

February 14th will be the day of our Valentine's party and if you would like to send in a box for your child to decorate please do so by February 13th. We will also be having our snacks on the 14th for our party as well so please send them with your child on or before the day of the party.

This month we will also be kicking off a circus themed science unit as we learn about the wonders of the greatest show on earth and the people who make it all happen.



I am excited to see all of you at conferences Feb 7th and 9th and please let me know if you have a time that needs to be changed by calling the office or sending me a message on seesaw.

Have a great month!





# Art News

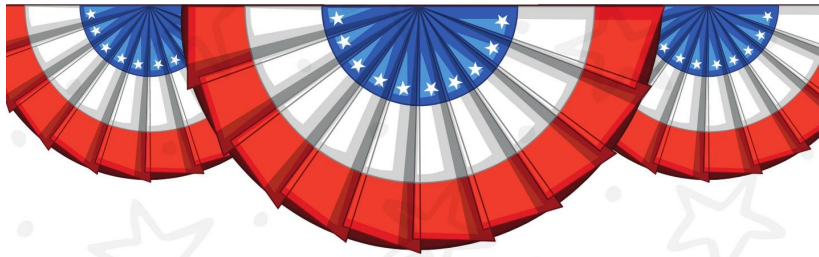


If you get a chance to visit Scatterbrain Cafe in Downsville you will see some of our student's work displayed. This month we have art featured from:

Izzy Lewis  
Hadley Fisher  
Kayla Lezama

Marcel Ptak  
Zoey Leach  
Kara Kistner





Downsville Elementary Dress Up Day!  
**Friday,**  
**February 24**

Dress Up like a PRESIDENT  
and/or  
wear red, white, and blue.



Encouraged  
by Student  
Council

**We will celebrate  
Dr. Seuss and his birthday  
on Thursday, March 2.**

**Happy Birthday  
Dr. Seuss**



**We will enjoy him here or there,  
we will enjoy him everywhere.**



**More Info. sent home soon!**

