

Davis School Caper Paper

Davis Elementary School

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Davis School Mission

It is our goal at Davis School that all students, regardless of differences, develop and progress intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically through learning as a partnership between school, home and community.

Coming Events

April 3 LifeTouch Spring Picture Day for PreK – 2nd & Graduation pictures for Kindergarten

April 4 LifeTouch Spring Picture Day for Grades 3rd – 5th

April 14 – 21 No School – Easter/Spring Break

April 22 Earth Day

April 26 School Dismissed @ 11:00 Report Card Conferences

May 2 National Teacher’s Day

May 2-4 Math State Exam for Grades 3-5

May 6 Nurses Day



******IMPORTANT NOTE******

Report cards for elementary students will be distributed on April 12th for those students whose parents will not be asked to conference with their child’s teacher. The early release date for report card conferences will be Wednesday, April 26th. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 AM that day. Parents who are asked to meet with their child’s teacher will be contacted by them directly and receive their child’s report card when they come in for their conference.



FIRST GRADE NEWS

What a way to kick off the spring season – A big round of applause to Mrs. West and all our families for such an outstanding Spring Concert! The children looked like stars! Thank you!

Now that spring is officially here, the first graders will be learning about recycling, plants and all the creatures that help plants grow and that help our Earth stay green. We will be discussing, reading and doing a variety activities to teach our students about this valuable part of our environment.

In the McGraw-Hill Wonders reading program we have been reading lots of interesting stories such as: How Bat Got His Wings, Animal Teams, Vulture View, Hi! Fly Guy, and Koko and Penny. The skills we are working on include: long vowel a, ai, ay, long vowel e, ee, ea, ie, long vowel o, oa, ow, oe, long vowel I, y, igh and compound words as well.

In the McGraw-Hill My Math program we recently finished our unit on numbers to 120 and two-digit addition and subtraction. We are now working on time to the hour and half hour using analog and digital clocks. We will wrap up our program with two-dimensional shapes and equal shares! We continue to review our addition and subtraction math facts daily.

Just a word of thanks to all of our parents who work so hard preparing their children for school each and every day! Your dedication is recognized and appreciated!

The First Grade Team



SECOND GRADE NEWS

Mrs. McGovern's second graders have been busy as can be!

In Math, we had a guest visitor from SUNY Potsdam, Ms. Becky Duprey, who shared with us new information and skills. She came to our class and brought materials and directions for new Math centers. She also brought in her new game called Sum of Ten. She developed and produced this game and the students love it!

We want to welcome Mrs. Meg Morley to our classroom. Mrs. Morley will be student teaching with us until May. Mrs. Morley grew up in Canton, NY and now lives in Massena with her three young children and her husband Marc. In her spare time, she loves being outside with her kids!

During the winter, she takes advantage of the snow and winter activities. During the summer, she goes out on her boat on the St. Lawrence River and enjoys swimming. She has two dogs; an Old English Bulldog and a Saint Bernard, and they go swimming with her! (The Bulldog has to wear a life jacket or else she would sink to the bottom!)

In school, Mrs. Morley played hockey, softball, and soccer. Now she is coaching figure skating and hockey. She went to school at St. Lawrence University and received her Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts. She is currently finishing her Masters in Science and Teaching at SUNY Potsdam.

If she had more time, she would paint a lot more, and work on testing in figure skating to pass a few more levels.

We welcome Mrs. Morley to our classroom and look forward to all her great ideas and fun activities!



LIBRARY NEWS



News from the Library – Ms. Richards

April is a VERY busy time in the library! We are very excited to be getting ready for this year's visiting author, James Preller! James Preller will be visiting Davis on May 16th-17th; scheduling details and a biography page on James will be sent to everyone at Davis soon.

James will giving an evening presentation at the Wead Library on Wednesday, May 17th from 5:30-6:30. Everyone in the community is invited to this presentation, and we hope to see many faces from Davis there!

We have been creating many projects to get ready for James' visit; there are pirate treasure maps galore, swampy monster mash-ups, a creepy forest of poems, and other fun things coming soon!

Look for James Preller book order forms to be sent out soon; don't miss your chance to order a book that will be signed by our author!

Website of the month:

James Preller's Official Website: <http://www.jamespreller.com/> Visit James' website to find out more about our visiting author! Mr. Preller's blog is full of neat info about writing, as well as interviews with other authors, stuff about his books, and much more!

COUNSELING CONNECTION

Happy Spring everyone! It has been a long, snowy winter and we couldn't be more excited for the sun to start shining. As always, we have been enjoying our days working with students individually, in lunch bunch, and in classroom lessons. The students have been working so hard on their academics and also on spreading so much kindness around our school by being bucket fillers every day. It makes us so proud to see all of the academic and social-emotional growth everyone is making!

We are currently visiting our 4th and 5th grade classrooms where we are really focusing on the act of kindness. The students have had to self-reflect on their words and actions and if they are proud of the choices they have been making. We have been discussing the difficult situations students find themselves in where they have to make a choice to be a bystander or an upstander. As we all know, this is a tricky spot to be in and can be hard to stand up and make the right choice. However, we know with a little courage it is possible to do the right thing. One of our favorite strategies that we shared with our students is to always *THINK* first:

Before you speak or act, first *THINK*:

T-Is it true?

H-Is it helpful?

I-Is it inspiring?

N-Is it necessary?

K-Is it kind?

Taking the time to truly stop and think before we speak and act is not an easy task. However, with some practice and determination to use this strategy, it is possible and will help us ensure we are spreading more kindness everywhere we go. Imagine the possibilities if we all take the time to stop and practice using the *THINK* strategy! 😊

Andree Tower & Katie McCallister

MUSIC NEWS

After working so hard to entertain our audience at the March 21st concert, the Kindergarten through 2nd grade students are getting back to learning more music concepts in the classroom. Kindergarten students are continuing their alphabet. We are learning a new song that begins with their letter of the week; as well as learning how to play a new instrument that also begins with that letter. It is always fun to see what will be next in our music alphabet. 1st grade students are moving into a review of our rhythms and learning to write and play various rhythmic sentences together. This is always an enjoyable time for all. Learning to write music opens a new window of ability to express themselves in a musical way.

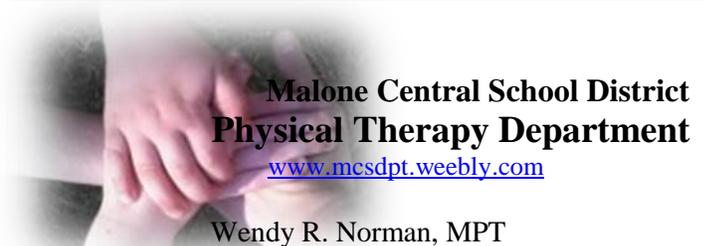
Our 2nd grade students will begin to learn about the instruments in the orchestra. They will be involved in some center work and experimenting with many new ideas while learning how instruments from each family make sounds. We will be covering the Woodwind, Brass, String and Percussion families and how when all put together they form an orchestra that can play beautiful music. We are also learning about a few composers that wrote many pieces of music for an orchestra to perform. This unit is really shaping up and the students are having a wonderful time.

The 3rd Grade students will begin a unit on the how to play the Orff instruments. These include the bass xylophones, alto xylophones and the soprano xylophones. Students will learn proper playing techniques what sounds can be made. By the end of the unit students will be able to read and write a short piece of music and perform on the orff instruments.

Our 4th and 5th grade students have started to learn about various composers. They are learning about their music and their lives. We will be finding out all kinds of information & interesting facts that will help us to better understand how these famous composers were very much like us. It is going to be an interesting unit for all.

Our musical year is sure shaping up with many songs sung and activities we have been busily working on. I looked forward to spring and all the new musical adventures to come.

PHYSICAL THERAPY NEWS



Malone Central School District Physical Therapy Department www.mcsdpt.weebly.com

Wendy R. Norman, MPT

PreK-12 and Holy Family Physical Therapy Coordinator

This month I would like to pay tribute to the Occupational Therapy profession, as April is **National Occupational Therapy Month**. Occupational Therapy Month began in 1980 to acknowledge this vitally important profession.

Malone Central School District presently has an Occupational Therapy Department consisting of one Occupational Therapist and three Occupational Therapy Assistants, addressing the needs of children district wide, in addition to Holy Family School, in grades Kindergarten through Grade 12.

Beth Randall, OT

Liane Green-Eggleston, COTA

Margo Vivlamore, COTA

Ashley Dustin, COTA

These ladies help people across the lifespan participate in the things they both want and need to do through the therapeutic use of everyday activities. Their holistic and customized approach to evaluations, interventions, and outcomes help children with disabilities participate in school and in social situations, assist an individual recovering from injuries to regain skills, aid the elderly to stay as independent as possible, and offer the specialized support and services to people of all ages and in all circumstances that only occupational therapy can provide. I would encourage you to take time this month to acknowledge these ladies for all that they do for the Malone Central School District and our community at large.

April is national
**OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPY month!**
Have you thanked an OT today?

PTA NEWS

If you are still considering buying a yearbook, all order forms need to be in by April 13, 2017. We need to have a final count for the publisher. Please make checks out to Davis PTA

Also, the Niagara Chocolates will be handed out on April 5 from 2:30 – 5 pm and the last day for pick up will be on April 6 from 5 – 7 pm at Davis School.



Please stop by and see our Davis VIP Bulletin Board in the lobby. Read about each student to find out what makes him/her special. Following are our recent VIP's:

Feb 27 – March 3 are: Zebulon Brooks, Trent Dupra, Jaelyn Dustin, Kallen Ryan, Ruth Yeddo;

March 6 – 10 are: Kylie Barkman, Wyatt Collette, Isabella Curtin, Rachel Mosier, Ian Mulverhill;

March 13 – 17 are: Madelyn Aiken, Brendan Martin, Eli Stone, Elizabeth Watson;



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David Almond
Madison Bashaw
Benjamin Blow
Zachary Bormann
Angel Boyce
Serenity Bradford
Elizabeth Burgess
Elzana Cecunjanin
Kyson Diabo
Phoenix Donais
Aiyana Duffy
Gracie Durant
Teagan Durham
Harrison Eddy
Hailey Fairchild
Katlyn Feimann
Jonah Garcia
Madison Gaurin
Owen Hanna
Matt Hastings
Aleaha Hernandez
Alexandria Johnson
Gracie Lamica
Calvin Landry
Dylan Langlois
Emmitt Laramay
Dawson LeDuc
Anna Leonard
Charles LePage
Murphy Maguire

Christopher Mather
Jayson McDonald
Karalynn McKinney
Liam McQuinn
Miro Pant
Jacob Patterson
Caroline Pelletier
Wyett Ruskouski
Parker St. Mary
Elizabeth Silver
Calleigh Snyder
Stephen Snyder, Jr.
Brenden Spinner
Tyler Spinner
Logan Stillman
Nicholas Whipple

Spring is in the Air

By Kaitlyn Guenther

Spring is in the air
Flowers are blooming sky high
Children are laughing

