

# Donnelsville News

November/ December 2021

## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 7- 2nd and 3rd Grade Music Programs at THS
- Dec. 8- Scheduled 2 Hr. Delay
- Dec. 9- 4th and 5th Grade music programs at THS
- Dec. 13-17 Right to Read Week at DV
- Dec. 17- End of grading period
- Dec. 18- Jan. 2 Christmas Break

## Parent Corner

More often than not when I talk to students after Christmas and ask them what their favorite part was they mention family. Some kids go right to presents, because of course, they are kids. But many students remember best the quality TIME and family traditions that happen this time of year. This is what they will truly remember as they grow older.

Our kids need us. Not us with our phones in our faces. Not us buying everything they want. Not us rushing through the holidays to get them done. They need us. Our time. Our listening ears. Our affection. Our words of encouragement.

We know and love our own children best. Let's show them this Christmas by giving them our uninterrupted presence not just presents this Christmas. May God bless each of you and your families this holiday season.

~ Mr.B





**PTO Kona Ice  
Reward**



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## Mental Math

Every day we do live video announcements at Donnelsville. You can find our channel on YouTube-Donnelsville News. We have been doing Monday Math where we present a problem and the kids solve it and their class has the opportunity to call in and give us their answer. I have been doing some teaching and explaining how they could solve some of these problems mentally. At the link below, there are some mental math tips you could help your child with at home. It doesn't have to turn into a full blown lesson but just doing some simple things at home will help with your child's number sense and help alleviate some struggles in Math. <https://www.3plearning.com/blog/mental-math-strategies/>

## Donnelsville Christmas Music Programs

Below you will find the schedule for our programs in a couple of weeks. All programs will take place in the Tecumseh High School auditorium. Students will arrive 15 minutes before their program and go to the band and choir rooms. Please send just one parent back with the students when they arrive and when you pick them up in those same spaces after the program. This helps cut down on congestion.



### December 7-Tuesday

6:30pm- 2nd Grade

7:30pm- 3rd Grade

### December 9- Thursday

6:30pm- 4th Grade

7:30pm- 5th Grade

## What's Going on in our classrooms?

- The Fourth Grade gifted reading class is working on historical fiction book reports. We read Number the Stars in class to start off our unit. Then they had a pick an historical fiction book to read and complete the following activities on: a story map, a timeline of events in their story with events from the time period, a letter written to an historical figure of the time period citing concerns and opinions from the main character of their story and either a newspaper paper article or a quilt showing events and artifacts from the time period.
- Mrs. Gray's students have been working hard on mastering writing detailed complete sentences, using graphic organizers, and reading nonfiction texts. Now we are going to combine those skills by writing nonfiction reports. Each student chose a book that is right on their level and we are learning the process of writing a report together.
- Mrs. Savage's class is currently focusing on reading and dissecting expository text and identifying the author's point of view. We have been discussing the rights and responsibilities of good citizens, learning about the constitution and the branches of US government, and the importance of voting.
- All the classes have been working hard preparing for their Christmas music programs next week. Thank you Mrs. Enloe for all your hard work preparing them.
- Students in Mrs. Kottmyer's class are working on number sense daily with our "Number Talks." The student helper picks a number of the day and we think of all the ways to represent this number: word form, expanded form, standard form, tally marks, and even a drawing. This is a fun activity each day and really helps to build our math skills.
- Mrs. Cassell's 3rd grade class is working really hard on subtracting with regrouping in math and in reading we are crushing our AR reading! We are also ready to start working on multiplication arrays in math and we are still out getting our morning miles in each day!



**Silly Stringing Mr.B**



**Crazy Sock Day**



**PBIS Dance Party**



## Instagram

Our Instagram page for Donnelsville\_ Elementary

### Positive Office Referrals

#### 2nd Grade

Beckett, Brady  
Bond, Joslynn  
Brown, Annabell  
Coons, Samuel  
Copeland, Landon  
Herrera, Javier  
Kendall, Lucas  
Lazarus, Natalie (2x)  
Leighty, nolan  
Massie, Reagan  
Maxwell, Makaelyn  
Means, Phoenix  
Miller, Rylee  
Nangle, Dorian  
Neal, Harlow  
Pascarella, Molly  
Ratcliffe, kierrah  
Rosas, Eduardo  
Steele, Lily  
Tarbutton, Jaxson  
Vito, Dominic  
Wilson, Emelia  
Woelfer, Julianna



#### 3rd Grade

Bailey, Skyler  
Bellis, Hidayah  
Charlton, Haley  
Daniels, Levi  
Demers, Alaina  
Diamond, Jaxson  
Foght, Brody  
Gamber, Jamie (2x)  
Garcia, Melanie (2x)  
Gray, Alex (2x)  
Hamilton, Avery  
Jones, Liam

Leuck, Kayleigh  
Lokai, Kash  
Martin, Madison  
McConnaughey, Brayden  
McFarland, Hunter  
Plut, Holland  
Priest, Jaycee (2x)  
Villegas, Genesis

#### **4th Grade**

Adams, Chance  
Borrallles, Laila  
Brigner, Kinleigh  
Easterling, Nick  
Massie, Cory  
Maxwell, Logan  
Myers, Daniel  
Rosas, Yaribeth  
Stephens, Karder  
Thomas, Jailyann  
Venable, Rilynn  
Weaver, Avery

#### **5th Grade**

Al-rashidi, Fajr  
Baldasare, Ashton  
Clark, Hayden  
DiMichele, Madi  
Ehlinger, Esme  
Kain, Jacob  
Lipps, Nakayla  
Massie, Louis (2x)  
Mendez, Briana  
Snyder, Kameron  
Wilson, Daniel