



The Donovan Daily

(The Quarterly Newsletter for Donovan Elementary)

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January 2019

The Cold Weather is Here

We are all well aware that the cold weather has arrived. Be sure your child is dressed appropriately for their time spent at the bus stop and for outside recess. Students will have outside recess as long as the temperature is above 20 degrees including wind-chill.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Please keep all our students safe by not dropping your child off until 8:45 when the school day officially begins. Please avoid coming too early to drop-off or pick-up your child. In the morning avoid backing up onto Justice Drive by coming a few minutes later than normal or parking in the lot and walking your child to the curb. Students have until 9:05 to be in their classroom before they are marked tardy.

Dismissal in the afternoon begins at 3:40 (2:40 on Wednesday). If traffic backs up onto Justice Drive please move off of Justice Drive and find a parking spot. Once parked, walk to the curb and then escort your child to your vehicle.

Please follow the directions of Donovan staff members. Our goal is to keep all students safe especially during the arrival and dismissal times. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Report Cards Available Online

Report cards for the second quarter will be available online Monday, January 7. If you have not activated your ProgressBook account a new letter is in your child's Friday Folder. As we become more familiar with the features of ProgressBook we will increase the distribution of forms and letters through this resource.

Keep the Office Up-to-Date

Have you done any of the following: dropped the land line, changed cell phone numbers, created a new email address or have a new home address? If you answered yes to any of these questions please contact the Donovan office and share those changes. We appreciate your help in keeping your child's contact information up-to-date.

January Events and Activities

- 7** Report Cards Available Online
- 8** Third Grade FUSE Program
- 9** Time for Kids - Kickoff
- 10** Third Grade FUSE Programs
- 14** Student and Staff of the Quarter Ceremony
Bowman Primary School - 7:00pm
- 14** PTO Meeting—7:00PM—Media Center
- 18** No School-Staff PD Day
- 21** No School
- 30** Spring Fundraiser Kick-off

February Events and Activities

- 1** Spirit Friday
- 13** Spring Fundraiser Money Due
- 18** No School
- 22** PTO Family Dance

March Events and Activities

- 1** Spirit Friday
- 8** 4th Grade - COSI on Wheels
- 8** End of the Third Quarter
- 11** Student and Staff of the Quarter
Ceremony - 7:00—Donovan
- 11** PTO Meeting—7:00PM—Media Center
- 15** Spring Pictures
- 15** Fundraiser Items Delivered (tent. Date)
- 18** Report Cards Available Online
- 22** No School - Teacher Professional Day
- 25-29** No School - Spring Break

Spring Music Programs

Mrs. Crockett — March 19 (Gr. 3 & 4) and 21 (Gr. 4)
Mrs. Hutchinson—March 18
Specific dates and times for each homeroom will be shared next month. This year, programs will be held in the district auditorium (Old Junior High).

State Testing Windows Established

State testing windows are fast approaching. The windows that were established through the guidelines set by the state of Ohio are April 8-26 for the English Language Arts Test and April 23-May 10 for Math. Teachers will be sharing exact testing dates with parents once they are finalized.

After School Care with Springboard

Are you in need of after school care for your student in first through sixth grade? Springboard currently has openings for both full and part time needs. Please contact Isreal Spain at ispain@springboardkids.com or visit springboardkids.com for more information.

No School - January - Teacher Professional Day

Reminder that school will not be in session on Friday, January 18. All district staff members will be participating in professional development. Students will receive a small set of assignments to complete. Teachers will be sharing that information with students by Wednesday, January 16..



Donovan Elementary Specials Newsletter

Second Quarter



MUSIC: Mrs. Crockett & Mrs. Hutchinson

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Both Mrs. Crockett's 3rd and 4th grade music classes spent the first half of the 2nd quarter preparing for the Veterans Day Program. Both grade levels did a wonderful job singing patriotic music, reading scripts on stage and making over 170 veterans feel honored. In addition, classes wrote thank you letters that were delivered to local and national veteran organizations. 4th grade has continued to work on recorders. Students know how to play 5 notes now. Thank you for being so patient and supportive at home as they are learning this new instrument 😊 Ask them to play Hot Cross Buns or Jingle Bells for you! 4th grade has also worked on xylophones, a dance, some American Sign Language, and various vocal music. 3rd grade has continued to work on xylophones, glockenspiels, a dance, and new vocal music. I hope you hear the students singing some of our music at home. 😊 Both grade levels ended the quarter by studying selected pieces from the ballet, The Nutcracker.

In Mrs, Hutchinson's music classes we have been singing songs, playing pitched and non-pitched percussion instruments and doing Nutcracker activities for the month of December. We are having a great year in music

ART: Mr. Ball

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2nd quarter had 3rd and 4th graders in the holiday spirit. We started off with Sugar Skulls in the 4th grade, which focused on creating artwork on a larger scale and symmetry. The 4th graders ended the 2nd quarter by creating large pieces that focused on perspective. They we encouraged to draw a set of snowmen that were taller than them and what that perspective may look like. Student's were also encouraged to customize their work to fit the things they personally like and enjoy (basketball, music, movies, etc.) 3rd graders used the 2nd quarter to learn about the different ways to create layers within an art piece. A fall themed composition was created by layering up a variety of stencils that overlapped, students then used liquid watercolor to bring in the fall colors. 3rd graders finished up the 2018 year with a fun winter project where they drew themselves out catching snowflakes. They had to change the perspective of their face to show them looking straight up. They used markers and oil pastels. We will be starting 2019 with a variety of new projects for the spring art show in May.



Media: Mrs. Russell

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During our second quarter in media, students explored computer coding. We celebrated the Hour of Code week by visiting the Hour of Code activities on Code.org. Have your child show you Dance Party or The Grinch game. There's nothing like watching a moose floss and dab.

An exciting change for third graders occurred during second quarter. They can now check out two books per checkout as long as they have no other books out. Happy Reading!

Physical Education: Mr. Lechlitter

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Our bike unit has come to an end for the year. I am proud of all our brave warriors that worked so hard to become new bike riders. Over one hundred students learned how to ride for the first time. That was so much fun for all of us. Our Bowling unit finished up before the holidays. The students did a nice job of working together in groups and learning how to keep score. I hope they get a chance to bowl at a real alley over the holidays so they can show off.