



The Donovan Daily

(The Quarterly Newsletter for Donovan Elementary)

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How are We Doing?

As we wrap up the first quarter of the 2018-2019 school year it is time to evaluate how we have done meeting the expectations of our parents and students so far this school year. A Google Form has been created to help gather some information to make sure we are meeting the expectations of our parents and students. Please complete the form after you take some time to reflect on the first quarter. While reflecting, think about what has gone well and what could we do better. We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts on this year and giving suggestions on making things better.

To access the Google form visit the Donovan school webpage and click on ["First Quarter Thoughts"](#) on the left side of the page.

Paperless Report Cards

The Lebanon City School District uses paperless report cards. Report cards will be able to accessed through ProgressBook ParentAccess accounts. When in your account, under student information, click Report Card. You have the option to view a paper version of the report card in your account. Another account setup letter will be sent home to parents that have not activated their parent access account. Report cards should be available online on Monday, October 22.

The Cold Weather is Coming

As we approach the colder days of fall and eventually the winter 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.

Who Do I Call?

Throughout the year things may happen and you need more information. Contact your child's teacher first. Leave a brief message or send them a short email. If there are any concerns please address them with the teacher first.

October Events and Activities

- 18** Fall Picture Re-take Day
22 Report Cards Posted to ParentAccess
22 District Student and Staff of the Quarter Ceremony—Berry Intermediate—7:00 PM
23-25 Grade 3 State Testing
23 Parent Teacher Conferences
25 Parent Teacher Conferences
25 Cookie Dough Delivery
 More information to come
29 Fall Book Fair Begins
30 Fall Book Fair Parent Night (4:00-7:00)

November Events and Activities

- 2** Staff PD Day—No School for Students
9 Spirit Friday
16 Veteran's Day Program
21-23 NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break

December Events and Activities

- 7** Spirit Friday
11 3rd Gr. Vision and Hearing Screenings
13 3rd Gr. Vision and Hearing Screenings
14 3rd Gr. Vision and Hearing Screenings
21 End of the Third Quarter
24 NO SCHOOL—Winter Break Begins

January Events and Activities

- 3** Classes Resume
4 Spirit Friday
7 Report Cards Posted to ParentAccess
8 Third Grade FUSE Program
9 Time for Kids Campaign Begins
10 Third Grade FUSE Program
14 Student and Staff of the Quarter Ceremony—7:00—Bowman Primary
18 Staff PD Day—No School for Students
21 No School—Martin Luther King Day

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.

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.

Reporting a Student's Absence

Please call the school office by 9:45 a.m. if your child will not be at school. Third grade parents should call Kristi Feldmann at 934-5401 and fourth grade parents should call Debbie Atkinson at 934-5402. An automated call will be made at 9:55 for any student marked with an unexcused absence. Ohio law requires schools to account for every student every day. Students arriving 1 hour within the start of the school day or leaving 1 hour within the end of the school day will be marked tardy. Perfect attendance means no absences and no tardies.



Donovan Elementary Specials Newsletter

First Quarter



MUSIC: Mrs. Crockett & Mrs. Hutchinson

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Mrs. Crockett's 3rd grade classes have reviewed rhythms as well as learned some new ones (half notes and half rests!). In addition to playing xylophones for several weeks, students have been working on keeping the beat through movement, dances, as well as with other percussion instruments.

4th grade classes started off the year by learning how to read notes on the staff (have your student tell you our tricks to help remember!) and recently they all received a recorder!! Your student's recorder should 'live' in their backpack. This way they always have them at home to practice, or at school for music class. Your student will soon have access to my music google classroom where they can listen to recorder help videos as well as record themselves playing a song to send to me by email. I hope you have enjoyed the new music sounds in your home. :)

Both 3rd and 4th grades have been working hard on patriotic music in preparation for our **Veterans Day program held during the school day on Friday, November 16th**. All students should have brought home a letter filled with the details.

Mrs. Hutchinson's music classes have been busy playing instruments, dancing and singing new songs. We are having a great year in music!!

Gym: Mr. Lechliter

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Our Physical Education classes ran a quarter mile . The lesson taught was about all of the school sports like cross country and track that are available to students that love to run. Students used a stop watch to record their times . We talked about how walking is also a good way to exercise and runners not ready to run the quarter mile could chose to power walk for exercise. We have many outstanding runners that have a bright future ahead of them.

ART: Mr. Ball

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First quarter flew by in the art room! Both 3rd and 4th grade students started their year off with a review of color theory and did a variety of paint projects ranging from dot paintings to abstract art. Now that we are slowly getting into Fall, we are changing materials and focusing on the use of color pencils and the proper steps of planning out a piece of art. 4th grade is currently creating large scale sugar skulls with pencil and sharpie. The 3rd graders have been practicing creative ways to create both self portraits and family portraits.



MEDIA: Mrs. Russell

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In media, third graders have been learning how to find books in their new library. We've talked about how to locate those nonfiction books that can be difficult to track down. During tech, third graders have created their Typing Club accounts and gotten started with some keyboarding practice. Student really enjoy this website, and it can be easily accessed at home. Students can log in with their school Google accounts to make sure their progress at home is saved.

Fourth graders have been enjoying our expanded graphic novel section. Graphic novels give students an opportunity to feel very successful in reading while also practicing their inferencing skills due to the large amount of illustrations. During tech weeks, students have been practicing their digital literacy skills using our new program called Easy Tech.

The book fair will be here October 29th through November 1st. Family Night will be October 30th from 4-7pm. Happy Reading!