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Going for the gold

With the Winter Olympic games in full swing, North Elementary students in Mr. Yoder and Mr. Callighan's P.E. classes had the opportunity to participate in a lesson that only comes around once every four years - just like the Winter Olympics! Stations were set up in the gym and included freestyle skiing, hockey, curling, figure skating, speed skating, cross-country skiing and bobsledding.



"The events are unique and not something that the students get to do very often, such as soccer and basketball that they experience all the time," Mr.

Yoder explained. "We hope they learn about each event, and understand that athletes take pride in representing their country and train hard to become Olympic competitors."

Adapting ideas from physical education networks, the teachers used equipment creatively to simulate the events. Cross-country skiing, for example, used pieces of carpet and children's golf clubs. Figure skating used paper plates to glide across the gym floor.

"For homework, we have students go home and watch the Olympics," Mr. Yoder added. "We have many students come back the following week, excited to share the events they saw. They really enjoy it."



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Succeeding in life and staying safe

Our School Resource Officers play an important role in Danville Schools that goes well beyond building security. Students in the fifth and sixth grade at Danville Community Middle School have been visiting DCSC Police Department's Officer Carter in his classroom to learn valuable life lessons that help keep them safe now and help prepare them for a successful future.

"As a School Resource Officer, I put a big emphasis on being a resource to the students," Officer Carter said. "I am here to help them be successful in a safe environment."

Mrs. Slack's fifth grade class recently participated in a lesson titled *Navigating the Digital World* with Officer Carter. He spoke to them about platform addiction, becoming lost in the way a digital environment can make you see or feel about yourself, and how to know when you should take a break from it all.

While some students do hear these types of life lessons from other adults in their life, some don't. Listening to another perspective can bring the message home for all.

"One of the questions I ask is, has anyone talked to you about this topic? Often they respond with yes, my parents or my teachers have," Officer Carter added. "I think that hearing from me adds another voice and confirms what their parents and teacher are telling them."



Love you to pieces in LWLC

Our Little Warrior Learning Center preschoolers took their Valentine's Day craft to heart and created something special for their families! They pasted pieces of paper inside a heart that said "Love you to pieces."

Sweet Valentines at South

South Elementary students let their creativity soar by crafting unique Valentine's Day boxes! Fourth graders in Mrs. Rodgers' class enjoyed collecting sweet treats and notes from their classmates on the special day.



Expert analysis at DCHS

Students in Mr. Spears' forensics class at Danville Community High School welcomed Danville Fire Department Investigator Troy Clements to learn more about how he uses science to do his job.



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To prepare for future growth, we have been working with a demographer and at first glimpse it shows what most of us are starting to feel around the community. Houses, families and students are coming to town. How does this impact you? As houses increase, so does our Net Assessed Value (NAV) which is a key factor in how the school district acquires tax dollars to operate. As NAV grows it allows the district to keep your tax rate level or reduce it. Looking back on 2018, the debt service tax rate was \$1.0368 compared to this year's at \$0.8900. As houses continue to be built, this allows the school to fund projects that are needed and not raise tax rates.

-FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-



In the Spring of 2020, the DCSC board of school trustees approved a \$5.35 million project for the renovation of Danville North Elementary School. Today, the project is very near completion with only a few small "punch list" items remaining. The completed renovations include the replacement of all the exterior windows of the building, a new secure double vestibule front entry to the school, a complete refresh of all classrooms, and new hallway carpeting and wall coverings throughout the building. Our staff and students are also enjoying new classroom technology and improved, energy efficient LED lighting. Our heating, ventilation and air conditioning controls have been upgraded along with additional space for our PACE before and after school program as well as preschool services. Students are also enjoying new playground equipment.

As the weather permits, we will be completing our developmental preschool playground, making parking lot improvements, and updating the school sign. We are appreciative of the community support of these improvements for our school families. I am pleased to report this project was completed within budget and without increasing the school tax rate for our community stakeholders. Many thanks to our community for supporting our students!

Dr. Tracey Shafer, Superintendent



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