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# DAYTON AVENUE SHARK BITES

## Sharing Small Pieces of Big Moments



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## WELCOME BACK!

**Dr. Watkins**

I love the beginning of each school year and the excitement it brings for the entire family. As the summer vacation nears its end, our students begin to think about friends that they haven't seen in a while, who their new teachers will be, and what supplies they need for the new year of learning. Before we know it, September starts and then we were all back together again for a new year of relationship building and many learning experiences. As we started our new year, it was exciting to see how much our students grew and to hear about their summer activities. And now, as our students begin to talk about their goals, we look forward to celebrating accomplishments with them.

As we move through this year, I will share some small pieces of our big moments in our monthly newsletter and in tweets. I hope that you will take some time to read each newsletter and if you're not doing so yet, please follow us on Twitter @esm\_csd  
Welcome Back!



# SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND PBIS

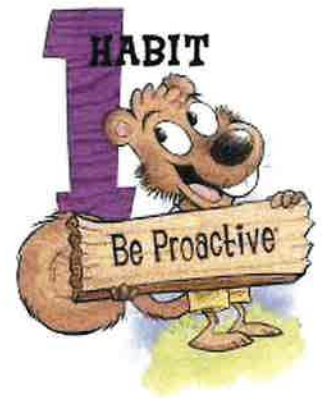
## Leader in Me

We will be continuing our journey with Leader in Me this year! We will use Leader in Me framework and resources to continue to support our students' social emotional growth. As we implement Leader in Me curricular resources, we will help our students to develop competency in various areas which includes Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, and Responsible Decision Making. Our students will learn how to and practice understanding and managing emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others and establish and maintain positive relationships. I will also share some resources that families may use.

Beginning this month, our students will explore and apply a habit each month. October's habit is - Be Proactive. This habit teaches children that they are in charge of themselves and encourages them to develop a "can do" attitude.

## PBIS

We incorporate PBIS into our everyday practices to improve student behaviors everyday. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is another area in which we support student behavior. We started the year discussing respect for ourselves, each other and our school. Students participated in team building activities and of course, we dedicated time to focus on our mindsets!





# CELEBRATIONS

## 3rd Grade

Leaders are rising up in Third Grade! To foster the relationships necessary to lead, students participated in some parachute fun in the garden! Then it was time for Jitter Glitter to get the jitters out for the new school year! And what a great way to get to know our new friends in Third Grade while having some math fun!



## 4th Grade



Fourth grade students "tasted" books from their new class libraries. Students rotated tables and selected books to preview. They checked the cover, read the back blurb and read the first few pages. Students then rated the books and shared their thoughts and feelings about their books with other students! Now students are hooked and excited to read lots of new fourth grade books!

## 5th Grade

And who do we have here?  
It's 5th graders feeling Fabulous in Fifth! And talk about working together as a team, a perfect five friends! With this level of teamwork, the sky is the limits for these students!





# CELEBRATIONS

## 6th Grade

What's in a sculpture?

Some of our 6th graders started off the year exploring their creative side. Using various color related prompts, they created sculptures to tell their peers a bit about themselves.



## Music



Can you believe it? Our 6th grade orchestra has already started practicing for our winter concert! They are learning new notes, rhythms, and pieces; and have started attending lessons to improve their technique. They are looking forward to our concert in December and are excited to perform their pieces!

## Art

Our Art teachers are so excited to have the students in the art room and have already completed a project! Students will be painting, drawing and will be introduced to our new ceramics program. To start the year artists in grades 3-5 talked about the benefits of positive thinking. They created these amazing monochromatic posters to display throughout the halls of Dayton Avenue to remind all staff and students how valued they are.



## STEAM



Students started the school year off by thinking collaboratively and critically in STEAM. They were tasked with trying to make the longest paper chain out of one piece of paper, 12 inches of tape and scissors. Students first discussed strategies with their group, agreeing on which plan was going to produce the longest chain. Afterwards, students worked efficiently to finish their chain before time ran out. Overall, there were winners in each class. However, most importantly, students learned to work together, encourage each other and think outside the box.



# STAYING HEALTHY CHAT WITH NURSE GROSSKOPF

## Meet The School Nurse

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### Childhood

I grew up in Cortlandt Manor, NY, a small town near Bear Mountain. Science was always my favorite subject. Reading, roller skating and playing on the soccer team were my hobbies. I lived with my parents, an older brother and 2 dogs, Muffin and Cappy.


### Education and Experience

I went to StonyBrook University for Nursing. I have been a Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse for over 20 years, and 11 years ago I decided to switch careers and entered Pediatric Nursing. I have been Dayton's school nurse for over 10 years and have also spent countless hours working as a Telephonic Triage Nurse during the COVID pandemic.

I have lived in Manorville for 12 years with my husband Freddy, 4 children- Nick, Pat, Aimee and Jenna, and 2 dogs- Oscar and Onyx. My favorite place is Cupsogue beach, where you can find me all summer long reading my favorite books!

### What Dayton means to me

Dayton is my second family. I am so honored to work with the amazing staff, and feel proud to work here everyday. I LOVE children, all children, and take my job as the only health care provider in the building very seriously. I encourage anyone to call me directly with any health issues or concerns that develop during the school year. Please notify me of any changes in medication, recent surgeries or injuries, or any other important information that you feel I should be aware of while I am caring for your child.



# UPCOMING DATES

**October 3 - 7 - Spirit Week**

**October 5 - Yom Kippur (School's Closed)**

**October 7 - ESM Homecoming Pep Rally & Bonfire**

**October 8 - ESM Homecoming**

**October 10 - Columbus Day (School's Closed)**

**October 11 - Shared Decision Making Meeting**

**October 12 - Picture Day**

**October 19 - Title 1 Informational Meeting**

## REMINDERS

### Chromebooks

- Charge them every night
- Bring them to school every day
- Leave chargers at home



### Student Dropoff

- Students may be dropped off beginning at 8:15am
- Students attending extra help on the day assigned by their teachers may be dropped off at 8am

### Student Pickup

Students being picked up are dismissed from the cafeteria entrance. Please park in the administrative lot on the west side of the building. We begin dismissing students being picked up at 2:46. Please send in a note if your child will be picked up at dismissal. Be sure to include the full name of the person picking up and that person should be prepared to show their license. All students must be picked up by 2:53.

