



SEPTEMBER 2018



F.P. Donnelly
Elementary School

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back!

I'm very excited to begin another wonderful year with all of you. I hope everyone had a safe, relaxing summer and that you were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. While you were gone, Donnelly remained alive with a number of teachers working on projects, new friends touring the building, and the custodians working diligently to create a sparkle from the ceiling to the floors.

The 2018-19 school year is going to be an exciting one! Working together and communicating as a Home-School Team, is the recipe for success! Please join us for school events, including Curriculum Night and parent conferences.

I would like to welcome a few new members to our team:

- * Mrs. Brenda Brown - Night Forewoman
- * Mrs. Melissa Decker - Special Education Teacher
- * Mrs. Lynn Goetz - 3rd Grade Teacher
- * Mr. Gus Ingrasciotta - Custodian
- * Mrs. Daiamy Krizanek - Speech Teacher
- * Mr. Evan Ligeikis - PE Teacher
- * Mrs. Colleen Selby - 5th Grade ELA Teacher

Please contact your child's teacher, the Health Office, or the Main Office with any questions or concerns. We look forward to partnering with you for the 2018-19 school year!

Sincerely,
Jill Rich



DATES TO REMEMBER

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- * Fri., Sept. 7 - OLWEUS (Bullying Prevention Program)
Kick-off for Students
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- * Thurs., Sept. 13 - 6:00 - PTA Meeting
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- * Thurs., Sept. 27 - 6:00 - AIS Parent Info. Meeting
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- * Thurs., Sept. 27 - 6:30-7:30 - Curriculum Night
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- * Thurs., Oct. 4 - 2:45 - Early Dismissal for Bus Drill
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- * Thurs., Oct. 4 - 6:00 - PTA Meeting Kickoff Event
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- * Fri., Oct. 5 - Superintendent's Conf. Day -
No School for Students
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- * Mon., Oct. 8 - Columbus Day - No School
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- * Fri., Oct. 12 - School Pictures
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- * Fri., Oct. 12 - 6:30 - Movie Night
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- * Fri., Oct. 26 - 6:00 - Fall Fun Night & Book Fair
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- * Wed., Oct. 31 - 2:00 - Halloween Parade

CHARACTER EDUCATION WORD OF THE MONTH:



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- * Respect: A feeling or attitude of admiration and
deference towards somebody or something.
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- * Respect includes taking someone's feelings, needs,
thoughts, ideas, wishes and preferences into
consideration.
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- * "One of the most sincere forms of respect is
actually listening to what others have to say."

-B. McGill

UPDATES/REMINDERS

The school doors open each day at 8:40 a.m. Please do not drop off your child prior to 8:40 a.m., as there is no supervision available.

Students arriving after 8:50 a.m. are tardy. Please come to the Main Office to sign-in your child and provide a written excuse for the tardy.

Our exterior doors are locked at 8:50 a.m. Upon arrival after 8:50 a.m., please use the front doors and the intercom to be "buzzed" into the building.

Dismissal of all students is at 3:05 p.m. Students will be dismissed to the bus or to the South entrance for pick-up.

Main Office Early Pick-up:

If you need to pick your child prior to the end of the school day:

- Please use the front doors and the intercom to be "buzzed" into the building.
- Please come to the Main Office to sign out your child.
- We will require adults to show a photo ID at the point of sign out.
- Please make sure that those who are authorized to pick up your child are listed on your child's emergency card.
- If the early departure is scheduled, please provide a note to the classroom teacher to expedite the anticipated pick-up.

* South Entrance Pick-up:

- Doors for dismissal will not be open until 3:05 p.m. for student pickup.
- All students must be signed out.
- We will require all adults to show a photo ID at the point of sign out.
- Please make sure that those who are authorized to pick up your child are listed on your child's emergency card.
- For your child's safety, please do not allow "horsing around" or playing in the parking lot.

* Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to provide a safe learning environment for all children.

VISITORS

* We welcome parents as "Partners in Education" and encourage communication from home. To avoid disruption of instructional time, we would ask that you schedule an appointment when you need to meet and talk with a teacher.

* Signing-in and waiting in the main office prior to meeting with your child's teacher, is an important procedure that must be followed. Teachers are not only instructing students during the day, but are dealing with a myriad of tasks in the morning and/or dismissal time.

* Scheduling an appointment ensures that adequate time and attention will be available to address the concern.

* Thank you for your cooperation!



Welcome Back!

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Each student will receive a copy of the Donnelly School Handbook. Please take time to review the expectations with your child(ren). Upon review, please sign and return the cover page to the classroom teacher.



Tools for Schools

For over 15 years, the Tools for Schools program has helped shoppers like you support the school of their choice just by shopping with their AdvantEdge card. You may enroll your card to support our school for the 2018 - 2019 school year starting now. Enrolling is simple and takes just minutes. Go to www.pricechopper.com to check your enrollment and sign up. You may find the link for Tools for Schools under the "Savings" tab, then Click on "School Savings Program" and the Tools for Schools logo will appear. Please help us reach our goal of 50 new registered card members by September 20th.

We want to thank all of you who have supported our school through "Tools for Schools" and encourage anyone who is new to the program to join today by registering your AdvantEdge card to our school code: 17009.

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OLWEUS -BULLY PREVENTION PROGRAM KICK-OFF

On September 7th, Donnelly will provide an Olweus Kickoff!

Ask your child all about it!





Message from the Nurse

Welcome back to the new school year!

If your child will be taking medication at school, provider and parent permission forms are needed for both prescription and over the counter medications. **New medication permission forms are required each school year.**

New York State Law requires that:

- Parents or guardians must personally deliver all medication to the health office (unless a self-carry order form is signed by parent and physician). All "Controlled Medications" must be brought in by an adult.
- All medications must remain in properly labeled pharmacy or original over-the-counter (OTC) containers.
- A new prescription/medication form signed by the medical provider is required at the beginning of every school year.
- The parent/guardian must sign the medication permission form.

Mrs. Flanders, RN
School Nurse

NEW BREAKFAST & LUNCH PRICES

	<u>Full Price</u>	<u>Reduced</u>
Elementary Breakfast:	\$1.70	\$.25
Elementary Lunch:	\$2.60	\$.25

"Rock on Cafe" is committed to good nutrition for your children. With this in mind, there continues to be changes and improvements. The end result will be healthier meals for our children and we know well-nourished kids do better in school! Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



NYS ASSESSMENTS FOR GRADES 3 - 5

The dates for all state tests for the year are listed below. Although testing does not begin until April, we want to let you know now so you can plan any trips/vacations around these dates. It is critical that all students are present to take the tests. Thanks for your cooperation.

Grades 3 - 5 ELA - April 2-4

Grades 3 - 5 Math - May 1-3

Grade 4 Science - Performance - May 22
Written - June 3