



November News

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Damiansville Elementary

Monthly Newsletter 2024-2025



Illinois State
Board of Education
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EXEMPLARY SCHOOL

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based on Academic Achievement
and School Culture.

We are DGS Proud!

Damiansville Elementary #62, is thrilled to officially announce that our school has earned the prestigious "Exemplary School" designation from the Illinois State Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year!

Exemplary Schools are in the Top 10% of all schools in Illinois based on academics and school culture. This achievement is due to the vision of our school board, the dedication of our staff to both learning and our students, and the hard work of our students.

At Damiansville, we enroll families, and we are thankful for the support we get from parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other family and community members who make our school great. Our Board, teachers, staff, students, and families all build a positive learning environment at DGS. We are proud of our community! At Damiansville, we are on a mission to Envision Excellence in all we do, and we will continue our journey toward that mission.

#EnvisionExcellence #DGSProud

November: Word of the Month -- Caring

In November we will be working on "**CARING**." Caring is a character trait that reflects a person's ability to empathize with and show concern for others. Kindness, compassion and consideration are all wonderful qualities of being a caring person. At Damiansville Elementary we are CARING Cougars!!

Event Information

Veteran's Day Breakfast - November 8th

On Friday, November 8th, we invite all Veterans to join us for a breakfast honoring their service to our country. Students will be present at this service and share some writings, art work and the band will be playing as well. We look forward to this day of dedication to our Veterans. If you know of someone who would like to attend, please share their name with a teacher or the school office.

When?

Friday, Nov 8, 2024, 08:00 AM

Where?

DGS Gymnasium

November Cougar Events

11/1/24 - Cougar Crew Assembly

11/5/24 - No School - Election Day

11/6/24 - PTO Meeting 6:30 PM

11/8/24 - Veteran's Day Breakfast

11/11/24- No School - Veteran's Day

11/12/24- SAFE Program Presentation Pre-K-8

11/13/24- Quarter 2 Midterm

11/18/24- School Board Meeting 7PM

11/26/24- Cougar Crew Assembly

11/26/24- Last day to wear shorts

11/27-11/29- Thanksgiving Break

Upcoming Dates:

12/12/24- Christmas Concert 1:30 + 7PM

12/20/24- 1:45 Dismissal (Winter Break)

12/23/24-1/3/24- Winter Break

Cougar Crew Family Wellness -- Online Safety

Scrolling through social media takes up a significant amount of time in the lives of our tweens and teens – whether we like it or not. Teach your kids the importance of safeguarding their personal information. Help children understand that not everyone they encounter online is trustworthy. Explain that things posted online can live forever online. Frame this idea in practical, real-world terms: how people in hiring positions search social media to learn more about applicants – it could be when they apply for a summer job – and what we post now might give someone a poor impression of us, even years later. Discuss how to limit who can see their posts and profile information. Help them install sensible settings that protect them. Point out how much easier it is online, especially when our identity is disguised, to behave insensitively toward others. Discuss cyberbullying and how hurtful it can be. Talking with your kids about how they use social media may provoke heated conversation. They might have different ideas than you about appropriate online behavior. Try not to react or respond in ways that are likely to shut them down or make them believe that you're a difficult person to talk to. Remember to do more listening than talking and move slowly so your initial reactions don't come flying off your tongue.



PAWS-ITIVE Cougars

We are excited to celebrate the successful completion of Quarter 1! Thank you to all parents/guardians who attended conferences. Your children have shown incredible dedication and growth in their studies and we are so proud of their achievements. As we embark on Quarter 2, we're eager to keep building upon what we have learned and we have some exciting learning opportunities planned. We're grateful for your ongoing support and partnership as we work together to continue our journey of envisioning excellence at DGS!!
#GoCougars

Damiansville PTO

- Meeting: Nov. 6th @ 6:30PM
- Charleston Wrap Fundraiser will be coming out soon!
- Cougar Blankets for Sale (1/\$30, 2/\$55, 3/\$75)

THANK YOU- to the PTO for your support of our students and school. The gym has a fresh coat of paint and the new wall padding is installed! We are loving our fresh new look thanks to your generosity.

Honor Roll Quarter 1: Great Work!

Congratulations to the following students for earning Honor Roll in Quarter 1:
Honors- Miranda Richter, Lanie Skaggs, Eli Skelton, Nolan Hemker, Alden Oelze, Charlie Sauer, Aubrey Taylor, Reid Toennies, Haylee Yarber, Kate Mitchell, Vaughn Springer
High Honors-- Evelyn Cleeton, Haylee Detmer, Izabella Molina, Marris Penn, Bryn Wuebbels, Conner Arentsen, Collins Horstmann, Delaney Horstmann, Paislynn Horstmann, Charlotte Cleeton, Blake Detmer, Ava Jansen, Dylann Netemeyer, Reed Wuebbels



NOVEMBER

THEME: FRIDAYS @ DGS



Friday

November 1st

Cougar Crew Friday!
Wear Your Crew Shirts +
DGS Colors

Friday

November 8th

Honoring our
Veterans
Wear Red, White, Blue

Friday

November 15th

National Matching
Family PJ Day
Wear Pajamas



Friday

November 22nd

National Gingerbread
Cookie Day
Wear an Apron or Dress
Like a Baker



#Well-DressedWednesdays

Wear Blue + White or
Cougar gear on Wednesdays &
Spread School Spirit!!
#DGSPROUD



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