



News + Updates

From

THE COUGAR CREW

Damiansville Elementary

Monthly Newsletter 2025-2026



Cougar Crew Family

The month of December is upon us, and we are quickly approaching the end of 2025! I would like to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your continued support of our teachers,

staff, and students at Damiansville Elementary. Our Cougar Crew family has continued to grow—strengthening relationships, building character, and making academic progress. It is truly wonderful to see our students learning, leading, and supporting one another each day.

As the holiday season approaches, we look forward to celebrating together with a joyful winter concert, a fun holiday spirit week, and our school Christmas dinner before heading off for winter break. These special moments create lasting memories and reflect the warmth and togetherness of our school community.

I wish you and your family a joyful, restful, and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Beer

December: Word of the Month : Creative

When we think about creativity, we often think of art, music, or writing—but being creative goes far beyond that! Creativity means using your imagination to solve problems, try new ideas, think differently, and make the most of what you have. Students show creativity when they build with blocks, solve a tricky math problem in a new way, create games at recess, or find kind solutions to help a friend. This month, we encourage our Cougar Crew to explore new ways to think, learn, and create in every subject and every part of their day!

Event Information

Christmas Play + Concert

On Thursday, December 11th the Kindergarten-5th grade students will be performing a Christmas Play titled: "Grumps of Ring a Ding Town" at **1:30 PM + 6:30 PM**. We welcome guests, family and friends to attend both showtimes. At this concert, our Albers/Damiansville School Band will also be performing. We look forward to a day/night filled with Holiday Magic!

When?

Thursday, Dec 11, 2025, 06:30 PM

Where?

DGS Gymnasium

December Cougar Events

12/5/25- STUCO Parents Night Out Event

12/11/25- Christmas Concert 1:30 + 6:30PM

12/15/25- School Board Meeting 7PM

12/19/25- End of Quarter 2

12/19/25- 1:45PM Dismissal

12/22/25-1/5/26- Winter Break

1/5/26- Teacher Institute- No School

1/6/26- Welcome Back from Winter Break

Cougar Crew Family Wellness : Wellness Reminders

As we move into the winter months, I wanted to share a few important wellness reminders with our Cougar Crew families. We absolutely love having our students at school each day, and your partnership in keeping our school healthy and safe is truly appreciated. Sometimes, however, the best way to protect others is by allowing your child time to rest and recover at home.

To help reduce the spread of illness, please keep your child home if any of the following apply:

- Your child has had a fever of 100.4° or higher within the past 24 hours (unless advised otherwise by the CDC or IDPH). Students should return only after being fever-free for 24 hours without medication.
- Your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhea related to a contagious illness and should remain home until they have been symptom-free for 24 hours.

When your child will be absent, please notify the school office by calling 618-248-5188 or emailing ekorte@dville62.com.

Thank you for working with us to keep our Cougar Crew healthy! Your care and cooperation make a difference each day.



Damiansville PTO

Next Meeting: Jan. 7th

6:30 PM (Science Lab)

-Trivia Night- Feb. 6th (watch Facebook for Sign-ups)

Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring our Exemplary School Celebration to the movies + our pizza party! We are lucky to have a supportive parent/teacher organization at DGS!


Knotty Pine- Fundraiser

- Scholar Bowl is hosting a fundraiser at Knotty Pine on Thursday, December 4th from 4–9 PM.
- *TRIVIA EACH HOUR 4-9PM --TABLE TRIVIA 7:30-8:30 PM*
- Address: 215 N 4th Street, Breese
- 10% of all food sales will benefit our Scholar Bowl Team.

The Chill In the Air

A few reminders as we march into the winter season:

- Dress for the weather. As long as the weather allows and is above 32 degrees Fahrenheit, we will be going outside for recess. Remember to bring what you need to bundle up!
- Claim your Clothing- write names/initials inside jackets/sweatshirts/coats . We often have a large lost and found table in the winter months.



A graphic titled "DGS COUGAR CREW NEWS" with paw prints in the corners. It features a central dark blue box with the text "November Students of the Month: Trait of the Month: RESPECTFUL". To the left of this box is a white box with a blue cougar paw print and the word "COUGARS" in blue. Below the central box is a white box with a small flag that says "RESPECT is FREE!!". At the bottom of the central box is a list of names: Kenley Pfeiffer, Harrison Brandmeyer, Kora Pfeiffer, Brooke Voss, Isla Oelze, Asher Fancher, Will Jansen, Marris Penn, Dylann Netemeyer, and Alden Oelze. At the very bottom of the graphic are the hashtags #EnvisionExcellence and #GoCougars.

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DECEMBER



THEME: FRIDAYS @ DGS

Friday

December 5th

Faux Fur Friday

Wear Fur +

Holiday Gear



Friday

December 19th

National Ugly

Sweater Day

Wear Your Holiday

Ugly Sweater

Friday

December 12th

Holiday Hat Day

Wear Holiday Hats.

Sunglasses + Accessories



5 Days of HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Christmas Spirit Week

12/15 - Merry + Bright Monday - Bright, Holiday Lights + Sparkles

12/16 - Comfy Tuesday - Holiday Socks, PJs, flannels, Slippers

12/17 - Winter Wonderland - Wear white, blue, silver - scarves/hats

12/18 - Grinch VS Santa - wear your festive favorite character

12/19- Festive Friday- Ugly Christmas Sweater





Join OUR Crew Paraprofessional

Obtain a paraprofessional license

60 college credit hours

OR

have a high school diploma and pass a

Parapro Exam -- willing to help learn &

starting at \$16.50 per/hr.

Our School Is:

- ✓ Student Centered
- ✓ Home to PreK-8 Students
- ✓ Small + Impactful for all
- ✓ Envisioning Excellence Daily

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