



News + Updates

From

THE COUGAR CREW

Damiansville Elementary

Monthly Newsletter 2025-2026

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Illinois State
Board of Education

2023-2024 & 2024-2025

EXEMPLARY SCHOOL

Ranked in the Top 10% of Schools
based on Academic Achievement
and School Culture.

We are DGS Proud!

For the 2024–2025 school year, Damiansville Elementary School District #62 is incredibly proud to share that we have once again earned the prestigious “Exemplary School” designation from the Illinois State Board of Education—two years in a row!

This recognition places Damiansville Elementary among the **Top 10%** of schools in Illinois, a reflection of our continued commitment to academic excellence, a strong school culture, and

the unwavering dedication of our Cougar Crew. This success is made possible by the vision of our Board of Education, the passion and hard work of our staff, and the effort and pride of our students.

At Damiansville, we don't just enroll students—we enroll families. The support of our parents, grandparents, and community members is the heartbeat of our success. Together, we are building a school where learning, connection, and excellence thrive. We remain steadfast in our mission to Envision Excellence in all we do—today, tomorrow, and beyond. #EnvisionExcellence #DGSProud

November: Word of the Month : Respectful

This month, our Cougar Community is focusing on the important character trait of **Respect**. Being respectful means showing kindness, listening to others, and treating people, places, and things with care. At DGS, we remind our students that respect is shown through our words, actions, and choices—whether it's being kind to classmates, following directions, or taking care of our school

environment. Together, we can make our Cougar Crew a place where everyone feels valued and appreciated!

Event Information

Veteran's Day Breakfast

On Monday, November 10th, 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?

Monday, Nov 10, 2025, 08:00 AM

Where?

DGS Gymnasium

November Cougar Events

- 11/5/25- PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
- 11/10/25- Veteran's Day Assembly 8:00 AM
- 11/11/25- Veteran's Day- No School
- 11/12/25- 2nd Quarter Midterm
- 11/17/25 - School Board Meeting 7PM
- 11/25/25- Cougar Crew Assembly
- 11/25/25- Last day to wear shorts
- 11/26/25 - No School
- 11/27/25- Happy Thanksgiving
- 11/28/25- No School

Upcoming Dates:

- 12/11/25- Christmas Concert 1:30 + 6:30PM
- 12/22/25-1/5/26- Winter Break
- 1/5/26- Teacher Institute- No School
- 1/6/26- School Resumes

Cougar Crew Family Wellness : Online Safety

Social media plays a big role in the lives of tweens and teens, making it important to talk about safe and respectful online habits. Remind your child to protect personal information and think carefully before posting—what’s shared online can last forever. Encourage privacy settings and conversations about kindness and cyberbullying. Most importantly, keep communication open by listening more than talking, so your child feels comfortable coming to you when online challenges arise.



Damiansville PTO

Next Meeting: Jan. 7th

6:30 PM (Science Lab)

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

-THANK YOU🙏- to all who attended, donated, help set up and supported out Casino night in October.

Cougar Crew News

Fall temperatures are in the air!

Please make sure students are dressed appropriately for the changing weather. We will continue to go outside as long as the weather allows, so please plan accordingly to help keep our Cougars warm and comfortable!

PAWS-ITIVE Cougars

We're excited to celebrate the end of Quarter 1 and the amazing growth our students have shown! Thank you to all parents and guardians who joined us for conferences—your partnership means so much. As we begin Quarter 2, we look forward to new learning opportunities and continued success. Together, we'll keep **Envisioning Excellence** at DGS! 💖🐾
#GoCougars



DGS COUGAR CREW NEWS



October
Students of the Month:
Trait of the Month:
FRIENDLY

Lawsyn Horstmann
Ainslee Gebke
Brody Stiebel
Locklyn Horstmann
Masyn Penn
Emily Jansen
Silas Arentsen
Ava Jansen
Collins Horstmann
Izabella Molina



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DAMIANSVILLE HONOR ROLL 2025-2026 • QUARTER 1



7th Grade

High Honors

Conner Arentsen
Nolan Hemker
Collins Horstmann
Delaney Horstmann
Paislyn Horstmann

Honors

Alden Oelze



8th Grade

High Honors

Charlotte Cleeton
Blake Detmer
Ava Jansen
Dylann Netemeyer
Lucas Rye
Charlie Sauer
Aubrey Taylor
Haylee Yarber

Honors

Reid Toennies

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DAMIANSVILLE HONOR ROLL 2025-2026 • QUARTER 1



5th Grade

High Honors

William Jansen
Henry Sauer

Honors

Alexa Contreras
Harper Kalmer



6th Grade

High Honors

Evelyn Cleeton
Haylee Detmer
Izabella Molina
Marris Penn
Miranda Richter
Lanie Skaggs
Bryn Wuebbels

Honors

Grayson Plichta



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November



THEME: FRIDAYS @ DGS

Friday
November 7th
National
Jersey Day
Support Your Team!



Veterans
DAY
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Monday
November 10th
Honoring our Veterans
Wear Red, White, Blue

Friday
November 14th
National Family
PJ Day
Wear Pajamas

**PAJAMA
DAY**

Friday
November 21st
We are GRATEFUL
Wear Fall theme or
Gratitude Gear

Tuesday
November 25th
Cougar Crew Tuesday!
Wear Your Crew Shirts +
DGS Colors



*IN ALL
Things
GIVE
Thanks*

#Well-DressedWednesdays



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





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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