



Miss Palladino-Principal

March 10, 2023

Donovan Middle School Principal Palladino's Update



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LOOKING AHEAD

March – 30-week
Assessments

April 7 - 16
(No School)

April 17
(Back to School)

Welcome New Staff

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Social Emotional Learning



Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. See attached resource:

20 Ways to Keep Your Middle Schooler Interested in Reading

Attached is a list of award winners for the month of February.

RAVING ABOUT A RAIDER (RAR) Raffle Tickets are given to students by any staff in the building for attendance, behavior and academics. Some examples of how to earn a RAR Raffle Ticket are turning in lost money, improved attendance, improved tardiness, getting a perfect score on an assessment, helping others and any other reason a staff member wants to reward or thank a student. Staff may also recognize other staff with RARs; typically 10 student winners and 2 staff winners are drawn each month.

STAR RAIDER Awards are given out by the Attendance Teacher, Mrs. Kristoff and Mrs. Lupi. Teachers nominate students monthly for Citizenship, Most Improved, Best Participation and Perfect Attendance. From the nominees, winners are randomly chosen to receive a special certificate and reward for this month.



SCHOLASTIC

20 Ways to Keep Your Middle Schooler Interested in Reading

These teacher-approved techniques will find your child adopting books into their daily routine.

By Scholastic Parents Staff Mar 03, 2023



Sports, screens, sleepovers: The life of a middle schooler is busy and frenetic.

- 4. Keep up with what they're reading.** If you can, read a few pages of their books yourself so you can discuss them together. If your child is a strong or advanced independent reader, this also allows you to judge material for age-appropriateness.
- 5. Talk about what they're reading.** Asking your child what they like about their books compels them to make connections and think critically. Summarizing and sequencing events will challenge their reading comprehension (which is a significant component of standardized testing).
- 6. If they're struggling or bored with a book, let them put it down.** Reading is meant to be fun, and the more kids enjoy their books, the more likely they are to keep reading. Achieving reading frequency takes practice, and that means **trying different titles until that just-right book is found.**
- 7. Ensure they have a good reading space.** Let them choose the nook, and make sure it's well-lit and inviting. If you find your child is enjoying their reading space past bedtime, be flexible. Avoid asking your child to stop reading.
- 8. Play games that utilize reading.** If you have a family game night, try incorporating word- and vocabulary-based games, like Scrabble or Boggle. Completing crosswords in the morning is another opportunity for learning new words and practicing spelling.
- 9. Encourage your middle schooler to read to a younger sibling.** Letting your older child take over the **nightly reading ritual** once a week will ensure they read something. They may find their younger sibling's enthusiasm for stories contagious.
- 10. Visit the bookstore or library together.** Make **discovering new books** a regular event where you get to share quality one-on-one time.
- 11. Encourage journaling.** Journaling is a **skill-building activity** that allows your child to record observations, ambitions, problems, and solutions. Writing about their books further allows them to explore their interests, not to mention refine their book-reviewing techniques for class and build their **social-emotional skills.**
- 12. Explore books based on popular media.** Your child may not know that the on-screen adventures of their favorite superhero continue in books. For example, check out **The Bad Guys** series and watch the movie! **Literary extensions of multimedia franchises** offer an entry point for reluctant readers drawn to movies and TV series.
- 13. Provide access to audiobooks.** Books on tape are an easy way to connect your child with the rhythms and pace of a story — and they're surprisingly successful among this age group. Whether you're heading on vacation or just back-and-forth to school, try listening to a book that appeals to everyone. Equip your child's mobile device with an audiobook platform as well, so they can listen on their own time.

RAVING ABOUT A RAIDER

February Award Winners

Student

Derrick Henderson
Shi Shi Htoo
Jaseyda Johnson
Caysen Jones
Na'Quan McGirt-Savage
Christine Moskal
Johanna Padilla Rivera
May Pearl
Dayanis Sevilla
Devin Smith

Nominated by

Ms. Conner
Ms. Jones
Ms. Wehrle
Ms. Buono
Ms. Conner
Ms. Saville
Mr. Singleton
Mr. Fagan
Ms. O'Herien
Mr. Fagan

Employee

Jasmine Parker
Mrs. Polinski

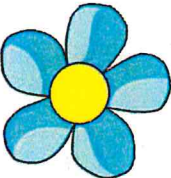
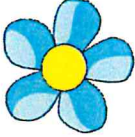

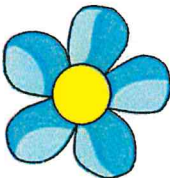
Nominated by

Mrs. Moss
Mrs. Kokoszki

DMS April 2023

VISION Students will be prepared to be successful in the 21st Century

MISSION DMS Staff will use data driven decision making to provide academically challenging experiences in a respectful, responsible, safe and a kind environment in collaboration with parents!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 	3 Day 2	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 1	7 No School	1 
9 	10 No School	11 No School	12 No School	13 No School	14 No School	15 
16 	17 Day 2	18 Day 1	19 Day 2 NYS ELA ASSESSMENT	20 Day 1 NYS ELA ASSESSMENT	21 Day 2 Principal Update posted on website	22 
23 	24 Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 1	27 Day 2	28 Day 1	29 
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