

DeWitt Middle School Hours:
8:55am – 3:21pm
(Doors open at 8:00 am)

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DeWitt PTA News

The PTA newsletter, DeWitt PTA News, keeps families and staff up to date with what is happening at school. It is published three times a year: August December and April, mailed to every family and posted on the DeWitt PTA website (dewittpta.org).

If you would like to submit an article, please send it to Carol Barry at cmbarry@icloud.com.

The deadline for the Fall 2016 edition is August 1st, 2015

Message From The Principal

Dear Parent, Guardians and Caregivers,

Greetings to all of you as we leap from the mild winter days to the lengthy warm weather as Spring unfolds. This is certainly a challenging time of year as we prepare for the home stretch of the school year.

Our dedicated staff continue to work diligently and enthusiastically to provide a stimulating and nurturing learning environment, supported by creating and establishing positive and healthy relationships. We hope that you have been able to enjoy the innovative teaching and learning activities and projects by our students. Some notable projects include; Harlem Renaissance, Homespun Days, TSA state competition, combined band and orchestra concert, Quebec trip and upcoming events that reflect our excellence.

I want to thank all of you for your support during this school year, especially the communication; whether it's concerns, suggestions, volunteering, and/or participating. Your interest and feedback continue to improve our learning environment to fulfill our goal of being an excellent middle school. As we begin the countdown to June, I want to encourage each of you to continue your involvement and participation in the teaching and learning process.

We want to acknowledge your support and understanding of the water situation in our school district. We will continue using the replacement water towers while the monitoring and testing of the water is being done. In addition, we will keep you informed of any updated data we receive during the testing period.

As most of you know, this is the time of year that we administer the NYS ELA and Math testing, along with Grade 8 Science. The ELA test will be April 5, 6, 7 and the Math test will be April 13, 14 and 15. The staff has



Mac M. Knight, Principal

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discussed ways of reducing the anxiety of state exams by doing fun, celebratory events the day before the exams. We will do mojos with students in the cafeteria in the morning. As parents/guardians/caregivers, we encourage you to support your child during the testing periods. The District will be sending out more information regarding changes in the tests this year and parent options.

Since this is the first year of the putting a device in every student's hand, it has not been without some challenges and unforeseen issues that have been brought to our attention. We appreciate the fact that these devices have been an enhancement to classroom instruc-

tion, from online research, to interactive learning apps, to classroom and homework assignments, to flip classroom activities and connection to the global world we live in. We will reflect on the use of chromebook by using a survey to get feedback from students, staff and parents.

One of the last items that I would like to share is the subject of backpacks. We have discussed this subject at length with supporting details among staff. As part of our plan, we would like to raise awareness by talking to students about research for carrying heavy backpacks. In order to make any change in our student's habits and behaviors, both school and home must take responsibility for informing and raising awareness. In addition, staff will

periodically have students organize their backpacks and arrange them according to morning and afternoon classes. A link you can share is:

<http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/04/23/heavy-backpacks-can-spell-chronic-back-pain-for-children/>

As always, I look forward to improving our culture of community and through building life-long relationships. Communication and teamwork are the essential ingredients to our success. Please continue your involvement in our learning community as we strive for excellence.

*Respectfully,*  
—Mac Knight, Principal

## DeWitt PTA Direct Appeal

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Direct Appeal fundraiser! We are close to our budgeted goal of \$1650! If you have not yet made a donation, you may still do so by sending it in with the form below to the school office, in an

envelope marked "DeWitt PTA - Direct Appeal". As a reminder, 100% of your tax-deductible donation will go directly to the PTA to help fund programs and activities for DeWitt students and staff. Any amount is welcome and makes a difference!



### DeWitt PTA Direct Appeal 2015-2016

**Parent/Caregiver Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (if you want a receipt sent):** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ . Enclosed please find my check payable to "DeWitt PTA".**

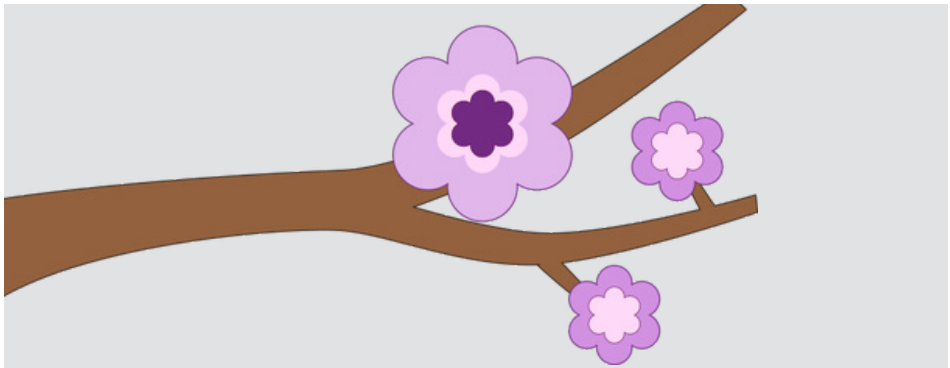
**I would like to volunteer. Please contact me at \_\_\_\_\_**

Examples of programs the PTA has made possible include the following:

- Funding for communications such as the Student Directory, a tri-annual newsletter and listserv management
- Providing new books for the school library, new student supplies for the supply cabinet and current maps for classrooms
- Providing funds for the Welcome Back Picnic, Bring your Family to School Night and 8th Grade Promotion
- Providing support for student activities, such as educational field trips
- Providing funds for International Night, the Staff Appreciation Luncheon and much more

For questions regarding the PTA Direct Appeal, please contact Patricia Sipple, [psipple@twcny.rr.com](mailto:psipple@twcny.rr.com) or 216-1952.

—Thank you for your support!



# Message from the DeWitt PTA Co-Presidents

Spring is here with several PTA sponsored activities during these last months of the school year! In May, the teachers and staff look forward to and greatly appreciate our annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon where we honor our dedicated staff. This special day requires numerous parent volunteers to contribute food items and help with set up, serving and clean up. Elsa Hyde, Staff Appreciation Coordinator, has outlined the opportunities to participate with the May 18 luncheon on page 11.

June 20th brings an exciting promotion ceremony and reception for our 8th grade students at Kulp Auditorium. There will also be a Mexican themed Fiesta Night at DeWitt on Friday, June 17. We have a wonderful team of parent volunteers organizing these events. They also will be sending out details in the next few months to ask for support and assistance in celebrating with our 8th grade families.

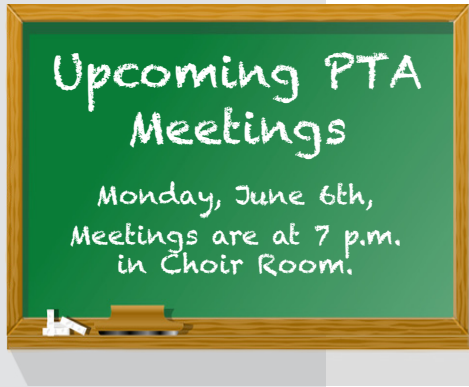
In early March, the PTA made a donation to support the DeWitt Spelling Bee team, The Lexicon Artists! We also contributed to the cost of bringing the Physics bus to DeWitt. Both sixth grade teams visited the bus and enjoyed science activities!

We are so THANKFUL for your memberships and direct appeal donations that support the DeWitt PTA and help enrich our students' education! Another integral part of our PTA is our volunteers. THANK YOU to our numerous parent/families that have graciously coordinated events and served on committees for one, two and sometimes three years!

This time of year also leads us to look at many open board and volunteer positions (see page 15) for the 2016-17 school year: Co-President, Vice President, Back to School Picnic, Open House, International Night, and Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Please carefully consider serving and volunteering in these important roles.

Thank you again for your generous commitment and support of the DeWitt PTA!

—Jacquie Kaden, Michelle Eells Co-Presidents, DeWitt PTA  
jacquiekaden@gmail.com, meells@juno.com



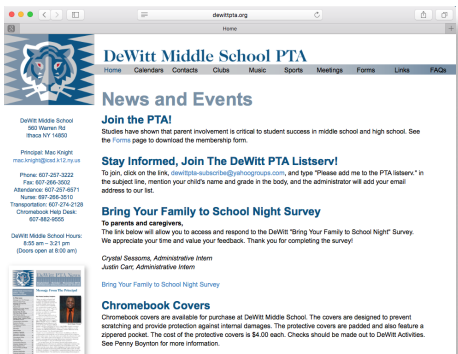
# New Immunization Requirement for 7th Grade Students as of 9/1/2016:

All 7th graders must have a single dose of vaccine against meningococcal serogroups A,C,W-135, and Y. ( MenACWY vaccine; brand names Menactra or Menveo ) should be administered to all adolescents at age 11 or 12 years for school attendance. Contact Mary Gessini, DeWitt School Nurse, with any questions.

## dewittpta.org

The DeWitt PTA website has been completely re-designed. You can use it to learn what is going on at school, find PTA contact information and much more! Check it out!

You can help keep the website current by submitting information about upcoming events and activities. Email your event information to Carol Barry at [cmbarry@icloud.com](mailto:cmbarry@icloud.com). Thanks!





## Family Liaison at DeWitt Middle School:

**Penny Boynton, DeWitt's Family Liaison**

My function as the DeWitt Middle School Liaison is to assist with the flow of information and resources around your child's and our student's circle of learning.

I do this by connecting students, families, school staff and community agencies to address their needs. This is done by embracing the values of the Circle of Courage: Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity.

I am happy to encourage any one of our community to start clubs, create events, supply school materials, share information, find and share resources and provide service-learning opportunities.

This year we have 17 different clubs happening at DeWitt so far this Spring. This does not include Home Work Club, TSA, NJHS or the other agencies doing activities here. Most all these clubs are happening because students shared their ideas about what they would like to do after school. I am so happy to be able to find connections, turning their ideas into reality. Thanks!

Contact me with more ideas or questions: 266-3554-office  
[pboynton@icsdk12.ny.us](mailto:pboynton@icsdk12.ny.us) home-539-6345



## Advance Registration for Fall 2016 Film Club

**Open to 6th and 7th graders**

The program runs from late September through early December 2016 on Wednesdays and Fridays after school (3:30-5:00 pm).

Guided by Cornell students, teams of DeWitt students will write, film, and edit original short movies.

A snack will be provided, and any student who needs a late bus home will have one available.

Students can participate only if they commit to the whole program; dropping in occasionally is not allowed. Spots are limited.

To apply, please complete the registration form here: <http://tinyurl.com/Fall16FilmClub> or call (607) 255-8663 to reserve a spot.

## National Junior Honor Society

National Junior Honor Society is an organization that fosters and promotes the growth of student scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship and character. Students with a cumulative average of 3.5 or above will be invited to apply for membership to NJHS. However, students who are invited to apply to NJHS are not guaranteed entry.

Selection is based on a student's demonstration of initiative, leadership, good character and citizenship.

Students who participate in NJHS are required to complete 5 hours of community service before the start of 8th grade. During the school year, students are required to complete 2.5 hours of community service each quarter, as well as attend bi-weekly meetings. Students are also expected to participate in NJHS activities, fund-raisers and initiatives throughout the year.

Applications for National Junior Honor Society will be available in the guidance office starting March 8th, and are due back to the guidance office by April 5th. Applications must be complete and signed by both the student and the parent/guardian. **Late applications will not be accepted.**



# Clubs at DeWitt

Registration forms are available on Penny's table. Late buses are available.

<b>Winter/Spring 2016</b>				
<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Meeting Place</b>
HomeWork Club	M,T,Th,	3:20-4:30	Penny Boynton	Cafeteria /classrooms
TSA	Tues.- Thurs	3:30-6:00	Mr. Walters	TECH N
Knitting club	Mon.	3:25-4:30	Ms. Edwards-Parker	E 219 A
From Fabric to Fashion	Mon. 11/9	3:20-4:30	Mr. Scott /Cornell students	C104
French Club	Mon.	3:20-4:30	Ms. Stevenson	B104
Art Club	Mon.	3:20-4:30	Ms. Bryant	Art Room
Math Club	Mon. 11/2	3:20-4:45	Tom Fisher-York PTA	C204
Dungeons & Dragons	Mon.	3:20-4:30	Pboynton & E. Klimowicz	C205
Chess Club	Mon.	3:20-4:30	Pboynton & Robert Weinberg	D241
Horse Club	Mon.	3:20-4:30	Smith / Palmer	Office Conference rm
Computer Code Club	Mon.	3:20-4:30	Penny Boynton/ IC	Art Computer Lab
Library Squad	Tues.	3:20-4:30	Ms Church	Library
Club of Clubs	Tues.	3:20-4:30	Tvoorheis/Pboynton	A201
Magic the Gathering	Tues.	3:20-5:30	Isley/ Arena	Art Room
Beginners Guitar Club	Tues. 1/12	3:20-4:30	Mr. John North	E202
All things Anime/Manga	Tues.	3:20-4:30	TCPL Regina DeMauro	Library
CU PublicDebateProg	Tues.	3:20-4:30	Jake Meany CU outreach	?????
Destination Imagination	Wed	3:20-5:00	LLoiacono/PBoynton	D241
YearBook Club	Thurs.	3:20-4:30	Ms Smith	Office Conference rm
Ping Pong Club	Thurs.	3:20-4:30	Ms. Hoffman	game room
<b>Morning Clubs Winter/Spring 2016</b>				
<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Meeting Place</b>
Aquarium club	Fri	8:00-8:45	Mr. Gottlieb	D205
NJHS	Thurs.	8:00-8:45	Quadrozzi/Arm	Library
<b>Agency Sponsored Clubs Winter/Spring 2016</b>				
<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Meeting Place</b>
IYB College Discovery	Mon.&Thurs	3:20-4:30	Ithaca Youth Bureau	Library
Cornell Film Makers <i>(6th &amp; 7th graders only)</i>	Wed.& Fri 2/26 - 5/13	3:20-5:00	CU Dr. Duff	B102 B103 B104



## Voyage à Québec!

For February break, 39 ICSD middle school French students traveled to Québec City, Canada. The five-day trip was led by DeWitt French teacher Rebecca Stevenson, with chaperones Michele Morse, Kathy Troy and Gilbert Antoine.

The adventure started at 6 am on Friday February 12. Nine hours later, the charter bus arrived in time for a walking tour of Vieux Québec. Blue skies accompanied the bitter cold, but all were glad to stretch their legs! At the end of this long travel day, students were matched with French-speaking host families who included Ithaca students in family meals and activities every night of their stay.

Saturday saw record low temperatures, but the group stayed indoors for a very educational presentation of the history of Québec, and an incredible military demonstration. Convincing actors in historical dress taught students to load muskets and cannons and learn

how hard life was for soldiers and civilians in the 17th century. Later, at lunch, everyone got to order their food in French! Then it was on to the Basilica of Sainte Anne with its sparkling stained glass and incredible architecture. A stop at Albert Gilles copper museum gave everyone a chance to create their own work of art, and a final stop at the magnificent Montmorency Waterfalls capped off the day.

Students and teachers braved the cold on Sunday to meet the beautiful sled dogs that guided them through the woods outside of Québec City. What an adventure! Red cheeks and cold feet testified to the bitter temperatures, but it was impossible to resist the opportunity to ride and drive a dog sled! Lunch warmed everyone up, lumberjack style at a sugar shack, and there was music and dancing too! Students learned how maple syrup is made and had a chance to sample the famous maple taffy on snow. Then, back to town for the closing day of the annual Carnaval

festival, where crowds of families filled the streets. Students joined in for an afternoon full of music, entertainment, giant sled runs and more.

Monday was sunny and still very cold. Students boarded an ice-breaker ferry to cross the frozen St. Lawrence River for a spectacular view of the city. Then a 2-hour visit to a local school followed, where fun activities and a pizza party encouraged lively conversations in French and English. Then it was on to visit the famous Ice Hotel, and back to Québec City for leisure time in the city's oldest shopping district and UNESCO World Heritage site, le Petit Champlain. Finally, the day ended with hot chocolate and spectacular toboggan sledding on the famous Glissades. It was hard to believe our trip was over!

On Tuesday February 16, students said "au revoir" to their host families and boarded the bus for the long ride home. It was a wonderful, unforgettable trip!





## Seeking Host Families for month of July

Does your family want to learn about new cultures and share your own? Then you would make a great host family for Carla or Lidia, two 14-yr old girls coming from Madrid, Spain to stay in Ithaca in July 2016. They want to improve their English and get to know small-town USA. Contact Rebecca Stevenson for more information. [rebecca.stevenson@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:rebecca.stevenson@icsd.k12.ny.us)

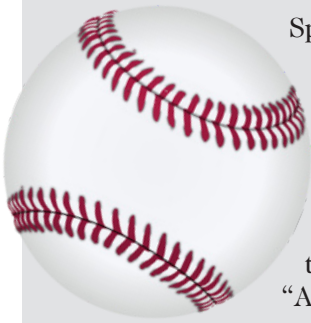
## Keep Track of Your Child's Progress with the Parent Portal



Stay informed with your child's progress is by signing up for the SchoolTool Parent Portal. Just click on the SchoolTool Icon on the upper right side of the Ithaca City School District's website. (<http://www.ithacacityschools.org>) You can access the Parent Portal Request Form at <https://docs.google.com/a/icsd.k12.ny.us/forms/d/1ouyodBC-SMLtig9ObUbukNG-ipKxtX6LpSl-GDfb150U/viewform>. Or follow the link on the SchoolTool page.

If you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's teachers, contact their Guidance Counselor: Leann Young ([leann.young@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:leann.young@icsd.k12.ny.us)) for last names from A-K; Alan Miller ([alan.miller@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:alan.miller@icsd.k12.ny.us)) for last names L-Z.

## Spring Modified Sports have Begun!



Spring sports offered this year are Boys Baseball, Girls Softball, Boys and girls Lacrosse and Boys and Girls Track.

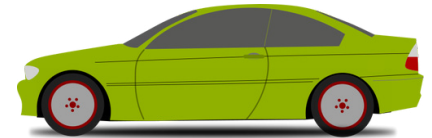
The complete schedule for Ithaca City School District Sporting Events can be found at [Ithacaathletics.digitalsports.com](http://Ithacaathletics.digitalsports.com). To view only the sport you are looking for, select your team, in the center of the blue bar, then choose "Apply Filter" at the far right.

### Fall Modified Sports

The fall modified sports will most likely include Boy and Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Girls Volley Ball and Boys Football. Check the PTA website, ([dewittpta.org](http://dewittpta.org)) or the Ithaca City School District's athletic page (<http://www.ithacacityschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=205>) during the summer for an updated list and startdates.

New forms are needed for each sport season, check with the athletic office (607-274-2155) for any questions. Filling out the paperwork may involve taking your child for a physical. You can find links to all of the school forms on the ICSD website (<http://www.ithacacityschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=205>) The link to the forms are on the lower right-hand side of the page, you may need to scroll down and to the right to find them. Or ask the school nurse for paper copies. Students must have an updated physical on file in the medical office before they can participate.

For more information call the athletic office 607-274-2155.



## Parking Reminder

For the safety of everyone in the DeWitt school community, please do not park in the Fire Lane area. Even if you are picking up your child, you must park in a parking spot, not the Fire Lane. Thank you for your cooperation.

# Music at DeWitt

## DeWitt Chorus

The spring chorus concert is June 14th, 2016 at Kulp Auditorium, Ithaca High School. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7:00pm. The Concert Dress Code is simple: All white on top and black on the bottom. No ties. Comfortable shoes. If there is a need due to economic restraints, guardians can contact me no later than two weeks prior to the concert.

Guardians can email me directly at [jwoodrid@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:jwoodrid@icsd.k12.ny.us).

## DeWitt 7/8 Choir

The 7th and 8th grade choir will be initiating a spring fundraiser of flower bulbs and, once again, Krispy Kreme donuts. Please look for details via Google Classroom from your choir student/member.

Donations for student trips, supplies, accompanists, or festival scholarships/assistance always appreciated in lieu of fundraising.

The Spring Choral Concert is June 14th at 7:00pm, at Kulp. Any rehearsal and concert announcements will be posted on Google Classroom, through the PTA, email and paper handouts. Dress code is standard black bottom and white top, ties for the gentlemen please, accent scarves for ladies are fine.

The NYC trip for Choir 8th Graders is June 4th. Bus payment reminders will be sent home in April, and final information after the Spring Break/early May.

Please contact me with questions, [jkiivil@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:jkiivil@icsd.k12.ny.us)



## DeWitt Band

The spring band concert is May 17th at 7:00 pm. at Kulp Auditorium, Ithaca High School and will begin at 7:00pm. Mr. Treat will let students know when to arrive at the auditorium. Guardians are responsible for transporting their child to and from the event. Timely planning is encouraged if there are transportation issues.



The Concert Dress Code is simple: All white on top and black on the bottom with black shoes. Skirts must fall below the knee when sitting down.

The 7th and 8th grade band will be going to Hershey Park for the "Music in our Parks" celebration.

You can contact Mr. Treat at [michael.treat@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:michael.treat@icsd.k12.ny.us).

### Important Dates from the Music Department

- April 21st at 7:00pm – Jazz Band Concert
- May 6-7 – NYSSMA Solo Festival
- May 17th at 7:00pm – DeWitt Spring 6-8 Band Concert at Kulp
- May 20-21 – Grade 7/8th Band Trip
- June 4 – 8th Grade Choir Trip
- June 10-11 – Orchestra Trip
- June 13th at 7:00pm – DeWitt Spring 6-8 Orchestra/Chamber Concert at Kulp
- June 14th at 7:00pm – DeWitt Spring 6-8 Choral Concert at Kulp

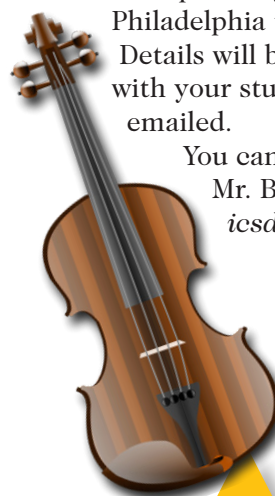
## DeWitt Orchestra

The spring orchestra concert is June 9th, 2016 at 7:00pm at Kulp Auditorium, Ithaca High School. Mr. Buck will let the students know what time to arrive at the auditorium. Guardians are responsible for transporting their child to and from the event. Timely planning is encouraged if there is transportation issues.

The Concert Dress Code is all black. Black shirts, pants and shoes. Girls may wear black dresses that fall below the knee when sitting down.

The 7th and 8th grade Orchestra is planning a trip to Philadelphia this spring. Details will be sent home with your students or emailed.

You can contact Mr. Buck at [abuck@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:abuck@icsd.k12.ny.us).



**PTA Meeting**  
**Monday, June 6th**  
**7:00 pm**  
**In the Choir Room.**





## Spark Student Learning!

Join IPEI in our mission to connect school and community, engage students and enhance education. IPEI needs volunteers to assist with social media messaging, website development, other communications needs, and with events like our Adult Spelling Bee.

[ipei@ipei.org](mailto:ipei@ipei.org)

607-256-4734

[www.ipei.org](http://www.ipei.org)

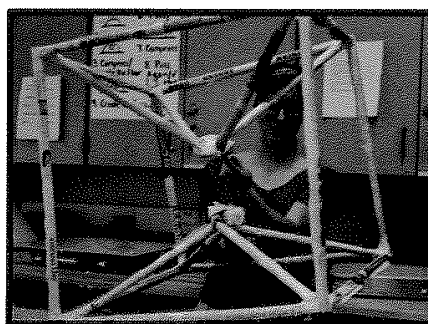
### Phun with Physics

*"It's great to see students becoming the teachers and learning from each other."*



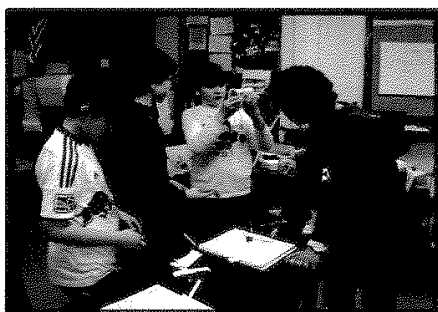
### Improvisation and Process in Sculpture

*"Art students confronted a basic limitation of sculpture—gravity. Working against physical limitations often stimulates creative solutions!"*



### Engineering and Electricity with Magnets

*"This is real science! Trial and error problem solving, collaborating, thinking outside the box, that's what makes it exciting."*



### Caroline Wilderness Campus Curriculum Initiative

*"The entire school seems so happy to be involved and you can see and feel the ownership the students have over their work."*



***"Thank you so very much for the opportunity to help me grow as a teacher and for my students to grow as independent learners."***

*-2014-15 IPEI Grant Recipient*

For more, visit  
[www.ipei.org](http://www.ipei.org)

Free Fun for the whole family

# Ice Cream Social



Fun for all the DeWitt students & their Families

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

in our cafeteria at DeWitt Middle School

6:30 – 8:00



### Schedule of events

- 6:30 Ice Cream served throughout the evening
- 6:45 Jazz Band on cafeteria stage
- 7:00 6th grade Choir
- 6:45-8:00 DeWitt's String Quartet performing in Art Room
- 6:30-8:00 Tech North & South rooms on going mini industrial process ending with your product: a key chain tag
- 8:00 Thanks for coming

## 8th Grade Promotion Information

The 8th grade “moving up” ceremony will be held at Kulp Auditorium on Monday, June 20th. The students will have their dance/party on Friday, June 17th.

Volunteers will be needed for the party as chaperones, refreshment committee and decorating committee. Please contact the office or email [karengorsky@gmail.com](mailto:karengorsky@gmail.com), [hrblockr@hotmail.com](mailto:hrblockr@hotmail.com), or [hollyheitzman@gmail.com](mailto:hollyheitzman@gmail.com) for further information.

## Spring Event: Celebrate Ping Pong at DeWitt!

**Purpose:** To experience and enjoy ping pong diplomacy and ping pong skills as developed throughout the school year with DeWitt's own international Ping Pong Club

**Who:** An ENL sponsored family event for all ping pong enthusiasts including students, parents, siblings, ICSD bus drivers, and the entire DeWitt community

**Date:** Saturday, April 16, 2016

**Time:** 1pm to 4pm

**Location:** DeWitt Middle School cafeteria

**Activities Include:** singles play, doubles play, play against ping pong robot, instruction, both friendly and competitive games, viewing of ping pong documentary/clips, donations (for ping pong equipment), and more!

**Light refreshments provided**

**Pre-registration (helpful, but not required):** forms available at DeWitt

**Contact:** Carol Hoffman for more information: [choffman@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:choffman@icsd.k12.ny.us)

## Shared Decision-Making Team:

Your Chance to Have a Voice at DeWitt Open to all DeWitt Parents and Caregivers

The DeWitt learning community is fortunate to have students and parents who are interested in making decisions that influence our continued success. As a result, we have provided an opportunity for all stakeholders to be active participants and have a voice in the future planning and growth of DeWitt. Topics discussed might include: hiring, budget issues, school safety, grounds and facilities improvements.

Please take advantage of this opportunity and join our collaborative team. Everyone is welcome. Get involved and support our mission for excellence! **The date and time for our next Shared Decision Making Team meeting will be April 7, 7:00 pm in the Main Office Conference Room.**

—Mac Knight

# Staff Appreciation Luncheon

## Wednesday, May 18th, 2016



The DeWitt PTA sponsors the Staff Appreciation Luncheon in order to express our gratitude to teachers and staff for their efforts on behalf of our students. Staff members look forward to this luncheon, so let us make it memorable for them!!

Opportunities to participate include:

• **Contributing a favorite family dish: appetizer, main course, side dish or dessert.**

• **Volunteering** for a 1-hour shift

Shift 1: Setup (10:15-11:30am)

Shift 2: Lunch (11:30am-12:30pm)

Shift 3: Lunch (12:30-1:30pm)

Shift 4: Clean up (1:30-2pm)



**Monetary donations** are also greatly appreciated and can be used to supplement the luncheon with flowers, platters and table settings. **Checks can be made out to DeWitt PTA** (with Staff Appreciation Luncheon on the memo line). Please send checks in with your student or mail to: DeWitt PTA, 560 Warren Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.

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(Tear off and send into the school office with your student)

I will provide this dish for the luncheon \_\_\_\_\_

I will volunteer for the following shift on May 18th \_\_\_\_\_

I will donate to the staff appreciation fund \_\_\_\_\_

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (email address) \_\_\_\_\_

We look forward to hearing from you!

--Elsa Hyde (ehyde65@msn.com), luncheon coordinator



April 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Ice Cream Social & 5th Grade Open House DeWitt Middle School 6:30-8:00 pm April 6		DeWitt Musical "Honk"	DeWitt Musical "Honk"
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
DeWitt Musical "Honk"	National Junior Honor Society Application Deadline	NYS ELA Assessments	Shared Decision Making Team Meeting 7:00 pm			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					Dance	ENL Ping Pong Celebration
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Staff Appreciation Luncheon		NYS Math Assessments	6th grade trip to Cornell (1/2 each day)	6th grade trip to Cornell (1/2 each day)	Spring Break
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Jazz Band Concert 7:00 pm	Reading Race Celebration	
Spring Break — No School						

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<b>May 2016</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Spring Break				Shared Decision Making Team Meeting 7:00 pm	NYSSMA Solo Festival	NYSSMA Solo Festival
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Spring Band Concert Kulp Auditorium 7:00 pm			Band Trip to Hershey Park	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					Memorial Day Recess — No School	
29	30	31				
Memorial Day Recess — No School						

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<b>June 2016</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Shared Decision Making Team Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8th Grade Choir Trip to NYC
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> PTA Meeting 7:00 pm in the Choir Room	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Spring Orchestra/ Chamber Concert Kulp Auditorium 7:00 pm	<b>14</b> Spring Choral Concert Kulp Auditorium 7:00 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8th Grade "Fiesta Night" DeWitt Middle School	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony Kulp Auditorium	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Last Day for Students	<b>23</b> Last Day for Staff	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

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International Night	vacant	vacant
Staff Appreciation Luncheon	vacant	vacant

## Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

When dropping off or picking up your child at DeWitt, please make use of the drop-off/pick-up area at the North exit (parking lot exit).

Please follow the one-way direction of cars to create a smooth flow of traffic, and be patient during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. In order to keep the flow of traffic moving, it is important that drivers pull up as far as possible in the drop-off area.

It is critical to pay attention to cars moving in all directions and, more importantly, check for pedestrians crossing the lanes. Thank you for your consideration.

## Thank You Volunteers!

The PTA would like to thank all of the volunteers who add so much to our children's experience at DeWitt Middle School.



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