

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: September, 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 Spring edition is March 1st, 2017

Message From The Principal

Dear Families,

I hope this greets all of you doing well, and adjusted to the 2016-17 school year. It has been an amazing start to the year as staff, students and you as family settle into routines, challenges and demands of middle school. We appreciate your involvement and feedback to continue our successful connection between school and home.

The District mission of Engage, Educate and Empower continues to be our guiding principles in the teaching and learning process. We believe that having a relationship with each and every student is essential to implementing this mission. As a result, we use the 7 C's for our commitment to student success as we lead with care and compassion.

- **We communicate our expectations with each student** repeatedly and consistently over time until they have a thorough understanding and can apply them in daily learning situations easily.
- **We communicate with families** about the progress, strengths and concerns that we have observed. We seek your support and input to make the home and school connection for success, early and often as needed. We use our H.E.L.P Parents protocol to communicate effectively with the following: H (home visit), E (email), L (letter), P (phone call/text), and Parent (parent conference).
- **We coordinate a plan of action** to support academic and behavioral needs with the student and the family before, during and after school. **We collaborate with team members** to be creative, flexible and consistent across subject areas.
- **We connect** the student and/or family to our school counselor, social worker, psychologist, nurse, family liaison and administrator as additional resources and support as needed. We inform and encourage our learners and families to use these student resources because of their expertise, knowledge, and capacity to understand in making a difference.
- Lastly, **we contact and collaborate** with our grade level RTi (response to intervention) team in which a plan of action is created to address the identified need and concern of the student. We continue to monitor this plan for changes, modifications and flexibility in the student's academic program.

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One of the District's initiatives is to "engage the families." We encourage your participation and involvement in the teaching and learning process of your child. We further invite you to attend all of our scheduled events throughout the year. Please check our calendar for upcoming events at DeWitt Middle School.

As you know, we give our NYS assessment in the Spring of each year. This includes our 3-8 assessments in ELA and Math and other tests; Science, World Language, ENL, Earth Science and Algebra. This year, our NYS assessments in ELA and Math will be administered with computers. We pilot the use of computers during our field tests last year and as a result will use the NYS CBT (computer based test) program this year.

Finally, a few caring safety notices to which we would like to alert your attention.

- As the weather gets colder, we asked that you make sure our children are dressed for the elements. Please listen to weather reports and prepare for wind chill, freezing rain, and snowy conditions.
- We are trying to educate our students around the heavy backpacks by encouraging them to use their lockers in organizing their day for AM (morning classes) and PM (afternoon classes). There has been a lot of research about the potential harmful effect of carrying weighted backpacks all day. Let's work together to support our students to lighten their load.
- Please check chromebooks for safe and appropriate use while at home. We have electronic blackout during lunch from Monday through Thursday.
- Please pay attention to our students and use safe driving practices during the pick-up and drop-off times. There are two lanes in the turn to help expedite the movement of traffic. However, students and staff may be crossing traffic to get to their respective cars. Please be mindful and aware as you pick-up and drop-off during this time.

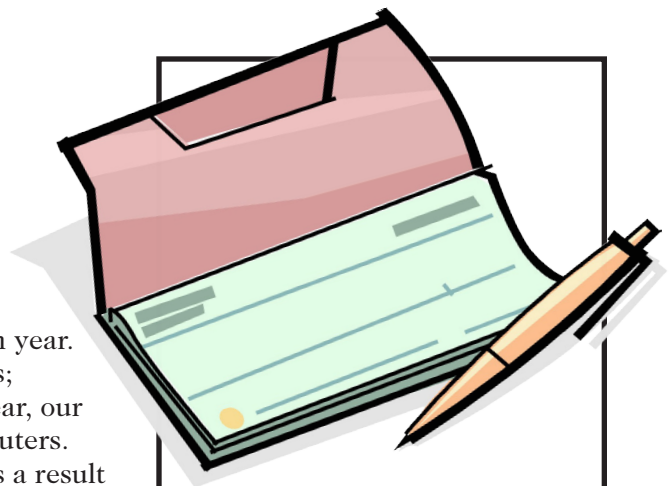
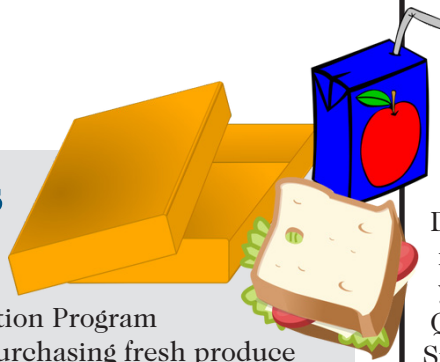
Ms. Rachetta, Associate Principal and myself look forward to seeing and hearing from you on ways to improve our learning community for your children. We have an open door policy as your feedback is important to us. Please do not hesitate to bring suggestions as well as concerns to our attention in a timely manner.

*Be in peace,
Mac*

DeWitt Cafeteria Prices

The meal prices are: \$1.75 breakfast, \$2.80 lunch

The Ithaca City School District Child Nutrition Program incorporates farm-to-school practices by purchasing fresh produce from local farmers. Additionally, the program uses these fresh ingredients to prepare plant-based recipes from scratch. For information on the Program and online account payment, go to: <http://www.ithacacityschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=231>.

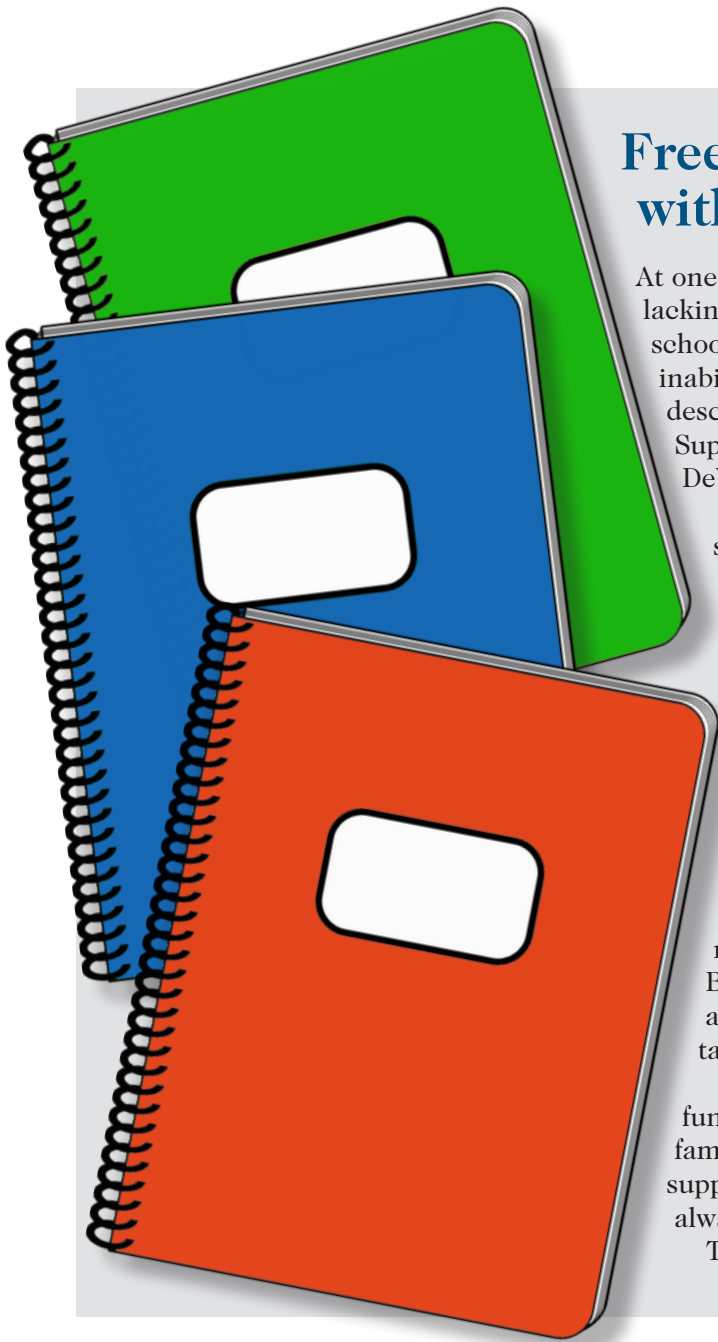


DeWitt PTA Direct Appeal

In order to maximize impact and offer families an easy way to contribute, we are once again conducting a Direct Appeal fundraiser. No bake sales, no selling (or buying!) magazine subscriptions or candy – simply make a tax deductible donation, where 100% of what you give goes directly to help the school community.

DeWitt PTA provides funding for school programs and events such as the Back to School Picnic, International Night, student supply cabinet, books for the library, Staff Appreciation luncheon, newsletters, and so much more. Help us continue this important work! Any amount of donation is appreciated and makes a difference!

Please make checks payable to "DeWitt PTA" and return to the Main Office (drop off or mail to the school) by Friday, December 23. Include your name and return address if you would like a receipt. Questions? Contact Patricia Sipple, DeWitt PTA Volunteer, at psipple@twcny.rr.com or 216-1952.



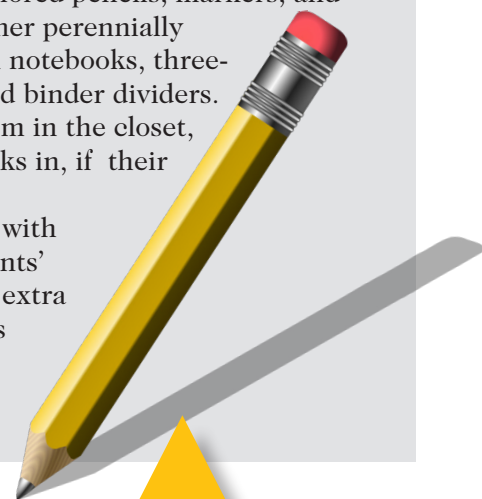
Free School Supply Closet with Its Pass-It-On Point of View

At one time or another, nearly everyone has found themselves lacking a pencil, ruler, notebook, or other important item for school—whether through forgetfulness, carelessness, or an inability to acquire the item in the first place. If any of the above describes you—or a student you know—take note of the School Supply Closet, a free-to-students service run by Penny Boynton, DeWitt’s Family Liaison.

The closet runs on a “pass-it-on” gift philosophy. If any student, for any reason, needs a school supply, that student can stop by Penny’s office (or browse the auxiliary supply cart located just outside her office—her door opens into the cafeteria) and take whatever supplies are needed. The pass-it-on part is this: students who have the means—whether now or at any time in the future—are asked to give back to the closet. So, a student could take a pencil one day, but give back with a three-ring binder a day later, a year later, or still later as an adult. The most popular items in the closet are index cards, colored pencils, markers, and loose-leaf notebook paper. Other perennially popular supplies include spiral notebooks, three-ring binders, pocket folders, and binder dividers. Backpacks are also a desired item in the closet, and students can trade backpacks in, if their tastes or needs change.

The PTA provides the closet with funding for some items, but students’ families are encouraged to donate extra supplies to ensure that the closet is always stocked.

Thank you for your help!




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! **Watch for messages on the listserv for the dates and time for our next Shared Decision Making Team meeting. Meetings are held in the Main Office Conference Room.**

—Mac Knight



PTA Meeting
Monday,
February 13
7:00 pm
In the Choir Room.



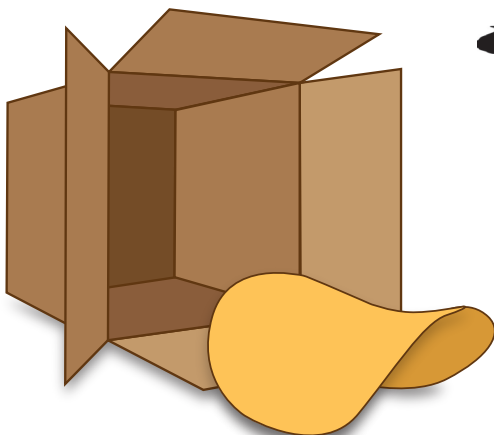
DeWitt's TSA Chapter

(Technology Student Association)

After a whole of number crunching by the TSA advisors (Mr. Buchner and Mr. Walters) along with the TSA alumni, twenty of the applicants were offered membership on to this year's team. That swells the team size to twenty-eight. That number will be whittled down quite a bit through a deliverable process. One deliverable is attendance, others include turning in forms and replying to requests for information and most important, and new this year, are competitive events.

The team members are:

Aruul Avralt-Od, Nicholas Barry, Jessandra Bender, Anna Cohen, Ting Fei, Simon Goldweber, Joonah Jang, Brady Weyble, Ethan Ku, Plazone Lhamo, Grace Lim, Andrew Lim, Rowan Dodge, Maggie Ma, Gabriella McKain, Jinho Park, Yoonsuh Kim, Xuyan Dong, Willa Royce-Roll, Luke Shan, Galen Smyth, Albert Sun, Lily Yang, Tony Mao, Benigno Mckain, Aadi Patel, Jacob Yoon, Lukas Jander.



Spring 2017 Film Club

Registration for Fall 2016 Film Club

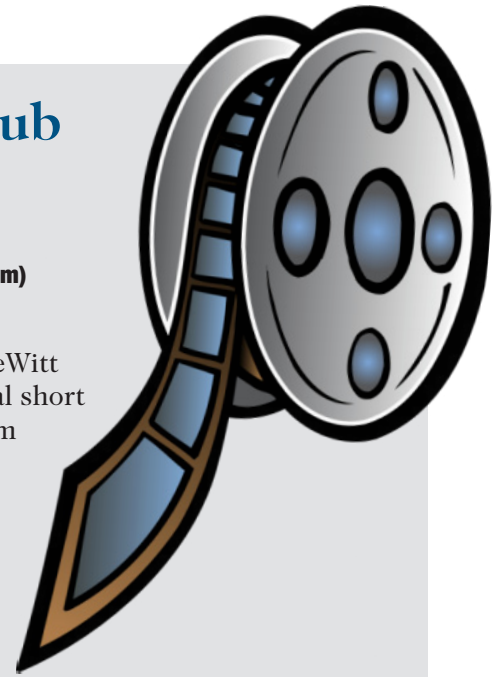
Open to 6th and 7th graders
Wednesdays and Fridays after school (3:30-5:00 pm)
Program runs March 1-May 10

Guided by Cornell students, teams of DeWitt students will write, film, and edit original short movies. You can see a sample movie from our "studio" by visiting the online registration form below.

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/Spring17FilmClub> . If you have questions, please contact Bryan Duff at (607) 255-8663 or Penny Boynton at the school.

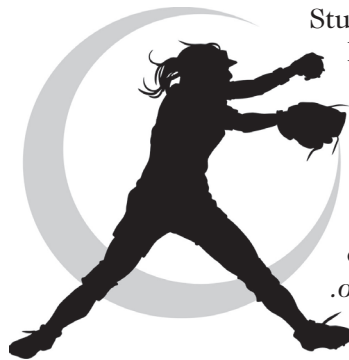


Winter and Spring Modified Sports

Don't forget to fill out your forms

The winter modified sports season has begun and includes Boys and Girls Basketball and Wrestling.

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



Student forms can be turned in to the school nurse from February 13th through March 8th. 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 Sports Sign Up Forms and the Caregiver Code of Conduct Form on the ICSD website (<http://www.ithacacityschoools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=205>) 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.

There will be a Parent and Student Athlete Kickoff Meeting on Sunday March 12th, at 6 PM at the high school. All spring Modified sports will begin on Monday, March 13. Check with the athletic office for practice times and locations.



Clubs at DeWitt

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

Club Name	Day	Time	Staff	Meeting Place
HomeWork Club	m,t,th,	3:20-4:30	Penny Boynton	Cafeteria /Classrooms
TSA	Tues. - Thurs	3:30-6:00	Mr. Walters	TECH N
Jazz Improv Club	Mon.	3:20-4:30	Mr. Treat	Band Room
Knitting club	Mon.	3:25-4:30	Ms. Edwards-Parker	E 219 A
Chess Club	Mon.	3:20-4:30	Pboynton & E. Klimowicz	D 241
Writers Guild	Mon.	3:20-4:30	Mr. Arm	B204
Media Club	Mon.	3:20-4:30	Penny Boynton/ IC	B204
Club of Clubs	Mon.	3:20-4:30	Ms. Karli Potter	D235
Guitar Club	Tues.	3:20-4:30	Mr. North	E202
Horse Club	Tues	3:20-4:30	Smith / Palmer	D223
Library Squad	Tues.	3:20-4:30	Ms Church	Library
Anime /Manga	Tues.	3:20-4:30	Regina De Mauro TCPL	Library
Destination Imagination	Fri.	3:20-5:00	LLoiacono/PBoynton	C105
Year Book Club	Thurs.	3:20-4:30	Ms. Smith	Library Computer Lab
Ping Pong Club	Thurs.	3:20-4:30	Ms. Hoffman	Game Room
Bring your Game	Thurs.	3:20-4:30	Ms. Fagerland	D235
Comic Book DeSign	Thurs	3:20-4:30	Mr. Mclean	A207
Newspaper/Blogs	Thurs.	3:20-4:30	Mr. Pritz	C102
Morning Clubs				
Aquarium club	Fri	8:00-8:45	Mr. Gottlieb	D205
NJHS	Thurs.	8:00-8:45	Quadrozzi	Library
Agency sponsored clubs				
Cooperative Extension	Tues 11/2-29	3:20-5:30	Photography	Beth Bannister
Tutoring Program:				
Go Tutors	Tues. Thurs.	3:20-4:30	Robin Rosoff/K Harrell	Library
STEP Cornell	Tues.	3:20-4:30	Eric Pritz	C102
IYB College Discovery	Mon. & Thurs	3:20-4:30	Ithaca Youth Bureau	Library
Learning Web	Wed	3:20-5:30	Isaac Piha	D241
Cornell Film Makers	Wed. & Fri	3:20-5:00	CU Dr. Duff	B102 B103 B104
Paul Schreurs (IYB)	Thurs.	3:20-4:30	Mike Smith, IYB	A201

Music at DeWitt

DeWitt Chorus

The chorus concerts are December 22, 2016 and June 1st, 2017. Both are at Kulp Auditorium, Ithaca High School. Both concerts start at 7:00pm. However, 6th grade students are to arrive in concert dress code at 5:45pm to prepare. They are to meet in the Auditorium of the High School. 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 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.

You can contact Mr Woodbridge directly at jwoodrid@icsd.k12.ny.us.

DeWitt Orchestra

The orchestra concerts are January 11, 2016 and June 14th, 2017. Both are at Kulp Auditorium, Ithaca High School. Both concerts start at 7:00pm. 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 Boston in early spring. Details will be sent home with your students.

You can contact Mr. Buck at abuck@icsd.k12.ny.us.

DeWitt Band

The band concerts are December 15, 2016, March 2nd and May 16th, 2017. All concerts are 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 is 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 is planning a trip in the spring. Details will be sent home with your students.

You can contact Mr. Treat at michael.treat@icsd.k12.ny.us.



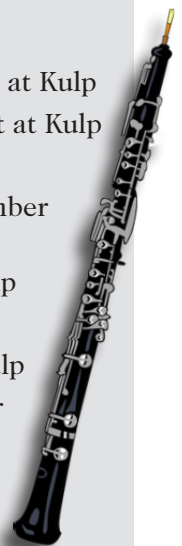
Important Dates from the Music Department

- December 15th at 7:00pm – DeWitt Winter 6-8 Band Concert at Kulp
- December 22th at 7:00pm – DeWitt Winter 6-8 Choral Concert at Kulp
- January 15-16 – All-County Chorus
- January 11th at 7:00pm – DeWitt Winter 6-8 Orchestra/Chamber Concert at Kulp
- May 17th at 7:00pm – DeWitt Spring 6-8 Band Concert at Kulp
- May 20-21 – Grade 7/8th Band Trip
- June 1st at 7:00pm – DeWitt Spring 6-8 Choral Concert at Kulp
- June 14th at 7:00pm – DeWitt Spring 6-8 Orchestra/Chamber Concert at Kulp

Dates to come:

- Orchestra Trip, Band Trip, 7/8 Chorus Trip, Combined Band, Choral and Orchestra Concerts, Jazz Band Concert and NYSSMA Solo Festival

Mr Woodridge, Mr. Buck and Mr. Treat will send event information home with students as it becomes available.



Parent/Teacher Conferences at DeWitt

If your student attended elementary school in the Ithaca City School District, you've probably already been to a few parent-teacher conferences and you know that parent-teacher conference days are marked on the official ICSD calendar. However, once a student moves up to middle school, these conferences don't occur automatically.

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) for last names from A-K; Alan Miller (alan.miller@icsd.k12.ny.us) for last names L-Z.

Another way to stay informed with your child's progress is by signing up for the School Tool Parent Portal. (<https://ithaca.schooltool.cnyric.org/schooltoolweb/>) You can access the Parent Portal Request Form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ouyodBC-SMLtig9ObUbukNG-ipKxtX6LpSlGDfb150U/viewform>.

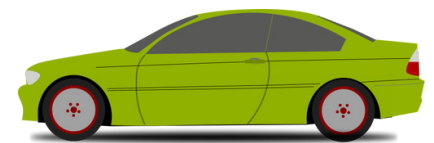


Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

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.



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.



Dances at DeWitt

The School Dance schedule will be announced. All dances are held on Friday evenings from 7 to 9pm. During ski season, dances are on Saturdays. Dances are held in the gymnasium with half the gym

dedicated to the dance, and the other half open for basketball or other similar activities. A live DJ plays music on the dance area of gym. Music is reviewed for middle school by our DJ who is a staff member at DeWitt.

- A DJ plays music throughout the dance.
- Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased during lunch on the Thursday and Friday prior to the dance, and at the door before the dance.
- Dress code is the same as the school day. Soft-soled shoes help preserve the gym floor.
- Food and drinks are sold at the dance. Prices vary from 25¢ to \$1.
- Friends of middle school age from other schools are welcome to attend with a DeWitt student. However, you must sign them up during lunch no later than Thursday before the dance, otherwise they will not be able to attend.
- Once students arrive they cannot leave and come back unless a parent is with them.
- Dances are chaperoned by staff members and parent volunteers. Parent chaperones are always needed. Please let the Main Office know if you can help.

If your organization is sponsoring a dance, send the information to Carol Barry (cmbarry@icloud.com) and she will put the dance on the calendar and post the date and time on the website.



Take Charge of Your Transportation

Supporting student success means making sure all students can get to activities they're interested in, and families have the transportation they need to stay involved. Students and families who participate do better!

YOUR SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION LIAISON!

As your School Transportation Liaison, I can share information on existing transportation services and resources, and/or help problem-solve transportation challenges. I can be reached at *pboynnton@icsd.k12.ny.us* or 266-3554.

CARS ARE FOR DRIVING FULL:

Find or offer a ride, and help make the whole community successful! For help setting up carpooling or shared rides, contact your Transportation Liaison (see above,) or call Sophie at Way2Go at (607) 272-2292 x184. Or talk directly with other parents/caregivers, your child's coach, drama director, afterschool program teacher, or other activity leader, to offer or look for a ride.

HELP WITH RIDESHARING:

Way2Go also offers a guide to ridesharing that can help you support parents and caregivers like yourself who want to do more ridesharing! To get the guide and/or volunteer to help out, contact your School Liaison, your child's activity leader, or Way2Go, as shown above.

TCAT BUS PASSES

Are available for students who can use a TCAT bus route for transportation to or from school-based (or related) activities. Contact your school transportation liaison or Way2Go.

INSTANT HELP USING TCAT BUS ROUTES:

Download a free app from iTunes called Ride 14850 for instant bus info based on where you want to go. The app is not affiliated with TCAT, but is based on TCAT's route maps.

RED

School Rides offers rides to school meetings and events by volunteer drivers, when possible. Contact RED at least a week ahead by emailing *redschoollrides@gmail.com*. If you call at the last minute, they will try but it's harder to find a ride. If you have a car, consider volunteering to help families get to meetings. You decide which and how many rides to offer—even just one ride makes a difference!

VIDEOS!

See Way2Go's videos on using the bus, carsharing and ridesharing at *way2go.org*.

ITHACA CARSHARE DISCOUNT:

For self-serve, by-the-hour access to Ithaca Carshare cars—plus a truck and a minivan—check out the Easy Access plan for low-income families! Call Ithaca Carshare at 607-277-3210.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call 2-1-1 (or 877-211-8667) for information on current transportation services, contact your school Transportation Liaison, or see *www.way2goinfo.org* or call Way2Go at 272-2292.

CONTACT:

Sophie Somerfeldt, Way2Go Educator
607-272-2292 ext. 184; *chrisophia@cornell.edu*

ITHACA SPECIAL EDUCATION PTA

The Special Education Parent-Teacher Association is a group of parents, caregivers, and professionals who care about students with special needs. Our focus is on inclusion of all students in all aspects of the school community and the belief that *Inclusion is for Everyone*.

We are here to support you and your family. Join us in the conversation.

Support

Empower

Parents/Caregivers

Teach

Advocate



How can you find out more?

- **Join us at our first meeting! Thursday, Oct 6 at the Finger Lakes Independence Center (215 5th St, Ithaca). Our speaker will be ICSD Deputy Superintendent Matt Landahl who will give an update on the ICSD Inclusion Plan. We will meet at 5:30 for light snacks followed by the meeting at 6:00pm.**
- **Visit the SEPTA website: www.ithacasepta.org.**
- **Follow us on Facebook (facebook.com/IthacaSEPTA.Org/) and Twitter (@ithaca_septa)**
- **Contact us at: ithacasepta@gmail.com**

Membership information is available at www.ithacasepta.org.



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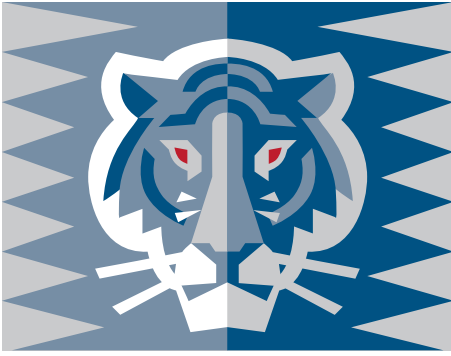
2016-2017 DeWitt PTA Board and Chairpersons

Our group of dedicated volunteer board members for 2016-2017 includes:

Co-President	Jacquie Kaden	jacquiekaden@gmail.com
Co President	Melissa Rachlinski	mrachlinski@gmail.com
Treasurer	George Gao	zefenggao@yahoo.com
Secretary	Beverly Way	bway66@yahoo.com
PTA Council Rep	Lauren Loiacano	laurenelyse1@gmail.com
Site-Based Council Reps	Wendy Wilcox Mark Lewis Chuck Goelzer Lyons	ww83@cornell.edu melewis23@hotmail.com chuck.lyons@cornell.edu
DeWitt Communications	Lauren Loiacono	laurenelyse1@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor	Carol Barry	cmbarry@icloud.com
Website Manager	Carol Barry	cmbarry@icloud.com
Newsletter Ads	VACANT	Please consider volunteering
Membership Chair	Michelle Landers	mi.landars@gmail.com
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Listserv Moderator	Sara VanLooy	svanlooy@umich.edu
Back-To-School-Picnic (September)	VACANT	Please consider volunteering
Open House (September)	Anne Thomas	aburnsthomas@yahoo.com
International Night (November)	Tal Cohen	talorco@gmail.com
Book Fair	Meadow Petersen Ewa Pillardy Rachel Newton	mpetersen137@hotmail.com ewa@pillardy.org rachelsnewton@gmail.com
Staff Appreciation Luncheon (May)	Chelan Mazza	chelanmazza@gmail.com
8th Grade Promotion (June)	Michelle Eells	mle93416@gmail.com

**Please consider volunteering for any of our open positions.
We are an open, welcoming group.**

Email jacquiekaden@gmail.com for more information.



Join The DeWitt PTA!

Our DeWitt PTA is an amazing group. Each year we support and partially fund four mailed newsletters; an e-mail list for parents and staff; a Welcome Back to School Picnic; a Student Directory; parent education programs; coordination of volunteers; participation in PTA Council; staff appreciation luncheon; and the 8th grade promotion party.

Your help is needed for the continuation of these programs. We know that parent involvement in school decreases as children become teens. However, studies have shown that parent involvement is critical to student success in middle school and high school. Your participation also gives you

the opportunity to get to know other parents (something that is tough to do at the middle school level).

Please complete the membership form below to join our PTA. \$7 of your membership fee is shared with the national and state organizations to support their work as advocates for children, families, and schools. The rest of your fee stays at DeWitt and goes directly to funding the programs listed above. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Landers at mi.landerson@gmail.com.

2016-2017 DEWITT PTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Student name(s) _____ Grade(s) _____

Student name (s) _____ Grade(s) _____

Membership (\$7 individual; \$5 additional family members, \$4 teacher) \$ _____

Additional tax-deductible contribution to DeWitt PTA \$ _____

TOTAL (check payable to DeWitt PTA) \$ _____

Mail form and dues to DeWitt PTA, attention: Membership, 560 Warren Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850, or put in an envelope labeled "DeWitt PTA" and send in with your child to school.

See the PTA Volunteer Opportunities form on the next page.

Thank you for your support!

Get Involved At DeWitt!

PTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DeWitt Middle School encourages parents to become involved at the school. If you are able to volunteer some of your time for school programs and activities, please complete this form and return to the DeWitt school office (attention: DeWitt PTA).

Please email Jacquie Kaden at jacquiekaden@gmail.com with any questions or for more information. Thanks!

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Name(s)

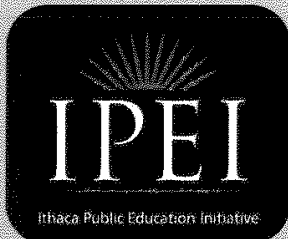
Preferred Contact Information)

Phone _____

Email _____

Volunteer Opportunities:

- PTA Board
 - Co-President (work together with Co-President to: set agenda for year, run triennial PTA meetings, volunteer at PTA events and write message from PTA for triennial newsletter)
 - Newsletter Ads - (Solicit advertising for triennial PTA Newsletter)
 - Welcome Picnic Chair (work with the PTA board as point person for Back-to-School Picnic Event held in September)
 - Staff Appreciation Luncheon Chair (work with the PTA board as point person for Staff Appreciation Luncheon Event held in May)
- Site-Based Council Rep
- PTA Fall Events (donate money, food or time!)
 - Back-to-School Picnic (September 20, 6 PM)
 - Bring Your Family to School Night (September 29, Time TBD)
 - International Night (November 19, 6 PM)
- DeWitt Communications (Create a Dewitt Facebook/Twitter page and update as needed)
- Library (assisting with and supporting library programming--i.e., checking books in/out, shelving books, dusting, processing new/discarded books, setting up topical book displays, bulletin board displays or student book club/lunch bunch)
- Field Trips 6th 7th 8th
- School Dance Chaperone



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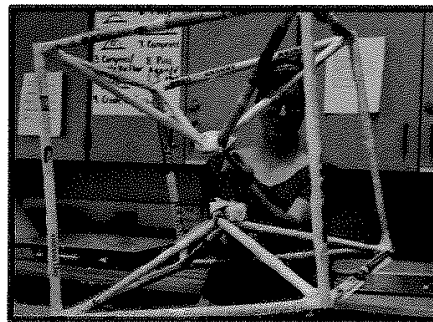
Phun with Physics

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



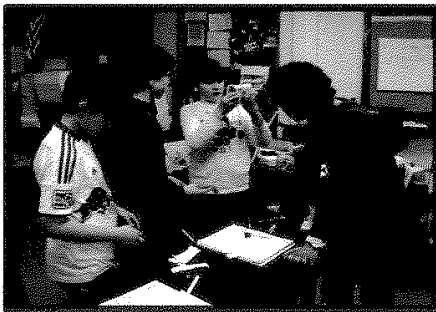
Improvisation and Process in Sculpture

"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

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December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	8th Grade Careere Day 2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Winter Band Concert Kulp Auditorium 7:00 pm	16	17
18	19	20	21 6th Grade Skating →	22 Winter Choir/Chorus Concert Kulp Auditorium 7:00 pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Winter Break — No School						

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Winter Break — No School						
8	9	10	11 Winter Orchestra Concert Kulp Auditorium 7:00 pm	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day — No School	17	18	19 Immigration Night (8th Grade Only)	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Regents Exams						
29	30	31				

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Begin Accepting Spring Modified Sports Health Forms PTA Meeting-7 PM	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
February Break — No School						
26	27	28				

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Dance 7:00 pm	4
5	6	7	8 Spring Modified Sports Health Forms Deadline (Final Day)	9	10	11
12 Spring Sports Kickoff Meeting for All Student Athletes & Parents 6PM High School	13 Spring Modified Sports Begin	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Harlem Renaissance Night 6 – 7:30)	24	25 Spring Modified Sports Picture Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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