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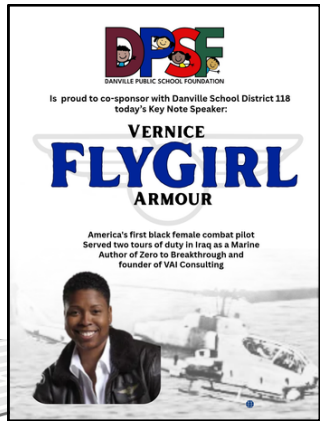
DPSF Has Strong Start to School Year!

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO! That is exactly what we, at the Danville Public School Foundation, did for a strong start to the new school year.

Even before the ring of the first school bell, the Foundation was off to the races providing funding for a mobile planetarium for all Danville public elementary schools. In November, over 2,000 students will have an unforgettable journey through the universe in a planetarium set up in their own school gymnasium.

DPSF also partnered with Danville School District in bringing Vernice "FlyGirl" Armour to speak to all District staff at the first Teacher Institute of the year. Ms. Armour is the first black female combat pilot serving two tours in Iraq and is now a highly sought motivational speaker.





In conjunction with the Teacher Institute Day the Foundation was on hand with their Idea Exchange Table where teachers were encouraged to "exchange" a classroom idea for a sweet treat. Over 50 ideas were collected that morning with many presently in various stages of implementation.

Since July 1, through the Idea Exchange Table and traditional endowment application process, $48,000 has been awarded for twelve different projects in support of the Foundation's mission. Three of them are highlighted in the What's New For You article on page 3. Others will be featured in future issues of the Danville Public School Foundation newsletter.

The Foundation also offered a $100 raffle prize to any teacher submitting an idea for the exchange. This year's winner was Ashley Omlor a 3rd Grade Teacher at Liberty Elementary.

Ms. Omlor's idea for a classroom set of Human Body Models was funded with a $900 award from the Foundation. Ms. Omlor stated that the models will provide students with a visual, hands-on way to explore the human body systems and how they work together. Being a first year teacher, she is very thankful for the oportunity to share this with her students.



Ms. Omlor and her 3rd Grade Class with Body Models

We are off and running. Our team of passionate donors and dedicated teachers will help us finish strong as we provide fun and challenging educational opportunities for the students of Danville District 118 throughout the year.

18th Annual 365 Club Campaign Kicks Off in November

make a difference everyday

Throughout this newsletter, the Danville Public School Foundation has highlighted educational projects that our donors have made possible through their generous gifts. Many of these gifts are made through the Foundation's annual **365 Club Campaign.** To our donors we thank you. Your efforts are making a difference and we cannot do it without you.

In November, we will begin our 2027, **365 Club Campaign**. As in the past, Stephanie or Bob will be contacting current and prospective donors by telephone. We will also be sending an email announcing the beginning of the campaign. **365 Club** members know that a pledge of at least $1.00 per day, supports our mission of providing enhanced educational opportunities for the children attending Danville Public Schools.



JULIUS W. HEGELER II FOUNDATION

We look forward to talking with you, but you do not have to wait for our call to join the **365 Club**. An online option is available by clicking on the **JOIN NOW** button. If you are new to the **365 Club**, that's ok too, just click the **JOIN NOW** button and start making a difference.

JOIN NOW

We are extremely grateful that the **Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation** is continuing their support as the **365 Club's 2027 Title Sponsor**.

For those who prefer mail, please use the form below.

YES, I WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY & JOIN THE 365 CLUB!

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What's NEW From YOU

Because You Deserve a Chance to See the Difference Your Generosity Makes in the Classroom

Liberty Elementary Yoto Players



Ms. Destiny Dye, second grade teacher at Liberty Elementary School requested Yoto Players to help provide students engaging, screen-free opportunities to build reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, and listening skills. She stated that many students learn best through hands-on, interactive experiences, and the players encourage independence while making reading exciting. Students can listen to high-quality stories, nonfiction texts, and chapter books, during literacy centers, independent reading, and indoor recess. Upon receiving the Yoto Players, Ms. Dye stated, "Oh my goodness, again I am so grateful and thankful. I cannot put into words how happy I am."

Award: $700

3D Printers for the Growing CTE Engineering Program



Mr. Jason Boehm, CAD (Computer Aided Design)/Drafting Teacher at DHS stated, "Thank you so much for your incredible generosity in funding our new 3D printers and filament! Having access to this technology gives our students hands-on experience with modern design, engineering, and problem-solving tools. Students are excited to turn their digital concepts into tangible projects, and the materials you provided ensure we can dive straight into creation without delay. Your continued support makes a dynamic, lasting impact on our classroom and our students' learning journeys. We truly appreciate your commitment to supporting innovative learning opportunities at our school!"

Award: $8,570

Math Stackers© for Southwest Elementary



Ms. Jana Berry, first grade teacher at Southwest Elementary School, requested a classroom set of Math Stackers©. Math Stackers© is a hands-on Learning System that helps Pre-K through 5th grade kids build connections, spark conversations, and make sense of math. Her students will benefit in seeing and touching math ideas before the abstract version makes sense, giving them a way to build number relationships, patterns, and comparisons they can physically point to and talk through. Ms. Berry stated "I am so excited about getting these Math Stackers©! I can't wait to use them with my first graders!"

Award: $972

Welcome New Board President Mark A. Denman



The Danville Public School Foundation's new Board President Mark A. Denman, is no stranger to Danville School District 118. Many know that Mark retired in 2015 after a stellar 40 plus year career with the district as a teacher, principal, associate superintendent and superintendent. The expertise that he brings to the Foundation Board is immeasurable. Mark joined the Foundation Board in 2021 and has been a great member of the team. We look forward to his leadership as we continue in our mission of providing enhanced educational opportunities for the children attending Danville Public Schools.

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The Custard Cup Selected DPSF to benefit from Scoops of Love in September

The Foundation had a sweet surprise when The Custard Cup and its owner Andrew Seibert selected DPSF to be the September recipient of the Scoops of Love program. Scoops of Love is a giving partnership with Custard Cup customers. At the end of each transaction, their customers are invited to make a $1 donation to the selected organization. At the conclusion of the month, those donations are then distributed to the beneficiary organization and The Custard Cup matches those donations, up to $1,000. Andrew, a Danville High School graduate, began this program shortly after purchasing the Custard Cup in 2024. Scoops of Love supports many local not-for-profits and is a testament to Andrew's commitment to the community. Thank you Andrew and the Custard Cup for your support of the Danville Public School Foundation!



Andrew Seibert

Walk of Honor

Niah Hamilton- By Don & Deanna Witzel

Isabella Hernandez Class of 2026 - by Trinidad & Brenda Hernandez