



## Daniels Run Dictionary

**A-Z Directory:** Our secure, private online mobile directory allows you to access the school directory from your smartphone, tablet, or computer. You'll have the ability to call, text, email and get driving directions directly from the app. Typically released in early October. This mobile directory replaces a paper directory. *Access is FREE and only available to PTA members.*

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**Back to School Night:** At Daniels Run we host two; Grades K-2 and Grades 3-6. These evening events are held during the first few weeks of school. As the dates approach, a more detailed time schedule is provided by the teacher and available on the school website. You'll be able to meet your child's teachers and assistants, the principal, other staff members, and of course your fellow parents. This is for adults only and childcare is not provided.

**Bingo Night:** A family friendly bingo night fundraiser that benefits our Food for Thought Program (F4T) (Description noted below). DRE Staff members will entertain you with their number-calling skills. Join us in the DRES cafeteria for one or both BINGO sessions. Game cards are available for presale and at the door. Pizza and concessions may be purchased at the event.

**Box Tops for Education:** Earn cash for our school by clipping and collecting box tops from eligible items. Send them to school with your student or drop them in the marked bin in the school lobby. Information will be sent home in Thursday folders announcing upcoming Box Top contests and deadlines. To participate in the contests, bags must be marked with the classroom teacher's name by the contest date. The three classes that collect the most box tops earn a classroom reward. Box Tops are found on many products. A full list of eligible items can be found at: [boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products](https://boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products).

**Carnival:** A family friendly event held in the afternoon over a weekend in the Spring. The carnival consists of children's games, activities, and performances.

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Tickets may be purchased in advance of the event or at the door. Concessions will be available.

**Chess Club:** This is a before school program taught by experienced Silver Knights Chess players and educators for children interested in learning about and playing chess.. This program is offered in the fall/winter and spring. They meet in the morning and registration is managed by Silver Nights. All grades and skill levels welcome. Visit the PTA website for registration information.

**Daniels Run Runners:** This before school program focuses on promoting a healthy & active lifestyle while having fun. This program is led by parent volunteers and teachers. This program is offered in the Spring to children in upper grade levels. Information regarding program and the registration is communicated through Thursday folders. The program culminates in a Daniels Run 5k Fun Run which is open for all members of our school.

**EScrip:** Make a difference when you shop. Sign up for FREE at the eScrip Online Mall and support Daniels Run Elementary. Sign in and find your favorite online shops and coupons. Shop with money saving offers from retailers that give back. It is that simple. You will earn automatically for our school. Share eScrip with everyone you know that shops online!

**Family Resource Center (FRC):** The FRC is committed to creating a stronger home/school partnership where parents and families become contributing members of our school community. The goal of the FRC is to meet the needs of our families by providing resources, programs and services so adults can better support their children. You can assist teachers by volunteering to complete projects placed in the FRC's Hot Box. The PTA works closely with the FRC to support social events that celebrate diversity and global citizenship including the International Festival.

**Food for Thought (F4T) :** Daniels Run Elementary School F4T program helps families in our own community who are in need. The program's mission is to provide select children with packages of easy-to-prepare, nutritious meals to last throughout the weekend, and to supplement their meals during school breaks. Volunteers help shop, fundraise and pack bags. The FRC and the school manage the F4T program.

**Fun Run:** The culminating event for the Daniels Run Runners Club. This is a 5K Fun Run held on school grounds and open to everyone in our school. Registration information will be shared in Thursday folders prior to this spring event.

**Girls on the Run (GOTR):** This is an after school program offered in the fall/spring which teaches life skills through dynamic lessons and running games. Certified GOTR coaches (also teachers at Daniels Run) teach the curriculum. GOTR programs across Northern Virginia participate in a 5K race at the end of their season. Runners of all ages and abilities are welcome and invited to register for the 5K.

**International Festival:** Each year the PTA hosts a family friendly International Festival, giving our students the opportunity to learn more about the diversity of our school and community. Families may showcase a country with show and touch tables, giving a hands-on global learning, and geography lesson for our students. Enjoy an evening of food, crafts and more. This event takes place in the early spring. Admission to this event is free.

**Kiss N Ride:** A dedicated area at the side of the school for students being dropped off and picked up during arrival and dismissal. Please review the Kiss & Ride policies with your children and all potential drivers to avoid confusion. The safety of our children is our primary goal. If all drivers cooperate, we can accomplish a safe and efficient Kiss & Ride process.

**Movie Night:** A family friendly evening at Daniels Run. Bring your blanket, sit back and enjoy the show. This is a free event. Pizza and concessions will be available for purchase.

**Oldest and Only:** When the school or PTA sends home information in a Thursday folder it sometimes goes to every child, but when possible we use an oldest and only distribution list to avoid having parents receive duplicates. This means the oldest child in the family at Daniels Run or an only child will receive the flyer.

**Original Works Program:** Students create artwork as part of their typical school curriculum during art class. Students and parents then have the opportunity to order quality products featuring their very own artwork! This program is offered in the early spring and all items purchased will arrive before Mother's Day. This program is a fundraiser for our PTA.

**PTA Meetings:** The PTA hosts meetings for parents and teachers in order to communicate information regarding past and future PTA events and business. School updates are provided by administration, teachers, PTA committee chairs and PTA Officers. Meetings last 60 minutes and childcare is always provided

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during the meetings. Meetings may also be paired with Guest Speakers. Information regarding PTA Meetings and Presenters will be communicated in the Thursday folder.

**PTA Membership:** Everyone—parents, educators, students and other citizens active in their schools and communities—is invited to join our not-for-profit parent association. Memberships are available throughout the year but we encourage you to sign up early to maximize the benefits. The number one reason to join the Parent Teacher Association is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school.

**PTA Programming:** Parent-education programs on various topics of interest for our school and parent community. Check the calendar on our PTA website for dates and times. Information will also be sent home in Thursday folders.

**Remind:** A free communication tool that helps the PTA connect instantly with students and parents. Quick and simple messages can be sent to any of your devices via text and email. To receive Remind messages on your phone your phone must be able to receive texts. If you cannot receive texts, you can sign up to receive Remind notifications by email. Registration information is available on the PTA website.

**Restaurant/Community Nights:** A great way to support our school. The PTA partners with local restaurants to bring you fun and fundraising. Restaurants donate between 10-50 % of proceeds on these nights to the PTA. These social events are fun for the kids and give you a chance to meet other DRE parents and teachers. Check the PTA calendar for dates and times as well as information sent home in the Thursday folder.

**Scholastic Book Fair:** This is an event where children, families and teachers are able to buy scholastic books at our school. This event is organized by the PTA, Scholastic sends a wide range of books for every grade level and interest to our school. Each classroom will visit the fair during the school day at the beginning of the week. Parents can send in money with their students to purchase books, families can attend our family night, or parents are welcome to come in and browse the selections themselves. The fall/winter fair is a PTA fundraiser. The “Buy one, Get one free” otherwise known as “BOGO” fair that is held in the spring is not a PTA Fundraiser.

**School Supplies:** The PTA selects an outside vendor to provide school supply kits for the following school year. Order forms are distributed in the spring. Payments are collected in school and online. School supply kits are delivered to students’ classrooms prior to the first day of school. This is an hassle free way for families to purchase school supplies for their children. This is a PTA fundraiser.

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Information will be communicated in the Thursday folders.

**Spirit Wear:** The PTA creates and sells school spirit wear to promote School Spirit and Pride. Short and long sleeve shirts, and hoodies are available for purchase. Spirit wear sales are all online and available throughout the school year. After the items are purchased will be delivered directly to your home. Information regarding Spirit Wear sales will be communicated through the Thursday folders. This is a PTA fundraiser.

**Staff Appreciation:** Various designated weeks throughout the school year where we are able to show gratitude for those that help our kids each day. This recognition includes our custodians, crossing guards, and administrative staff. During this time the PTA recognizes and shows gratitude to these staff members on behalf of the parents at DRE. During these weeks, students are encouraged to provide recognition and appreciation to these staff members as well. Please refer to the PTA calendar for staff appreciation dates.

**STEAMium Education:** The PTA has an established relationship for to offer afterschool STEM classes at DRE for all grade levels throughout the school year. Courses will vary throughout the school year. STEAMium provides all the equipment and instructors. Registration is available on the PTA website and information regarding class offerings will be sent home in Thursday Folders.

**Store Rewards:** Several local stores offer a percentage of purchases to be donated back to our school. Registration is required and often needs to be relinked each school year. Our school ID codes are listed on our PTA website. Amazon=Amazon Smile, Giant=A+School rewards, Harris Teeter=Together in Education. See EScrip and Amazon Smile for additional program information. Share our ID's with all your family and friends to support our school.

**Success Day:** At the end of the school year each class celebrates their students' successes in their individual classrooms. Every grade celebrates on a specific day in June for approximately an hour. Coordinated by the classroom teachers, invitations and information is shared towards the end of year.

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** In recognition of the hard work of our classroom teachers, instructional assistants, and specialists the PTA organizes a week of activities to show them our gratitude. Detailed information is sent home in Thursday folders and posted online prior to this week. Room parents will help with communication and coordination within the classrooms. Students and families can celebrate and contribute individually throughout the week. Teacher

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Appreciation Week is celebrated in the spring.

**Thanksgiving Lunch:** Mark your calendars for a Daniels Run tradition. Come to school and celebrate Thanksgiving with your child! Each grade eats together. Lunch prices and individual times are provided closer to the date. Volunteers are needed to help serve lunch.

**Thursday Folders:** Each child will bring a folder home with them each Thursday. This folder contains important information from the school, teachers, PTA and community to communicate important dates, events, and information. These folders are prepared each week by a classroom adult volunteer. Please make sure to check your child's backpack every Thursday. The folder should be signed and returned to school the next day. This folder is a very important means of communication from our school to each family.

**Walk A Thon:** A two-week, school wide program that will focus on physical activity, school spirit and fun. This is the PTA's largest fundraising activity and it is organized and managed by the PTA. Students will rally pledge support with the help of an easy to use online fundraising page. The fundraiser culminates with a fun-filled walk at school. There are several incentives for the students and classrooms each week. This event will replace the Read-A-Thon this year. Information will be communicated through the Thursday Folder and PTA website.

**Welcome Walk:** Teachers and staff visit every family before school starts, establishing positive relationships creating excitement for school. Class placement information is posted on the school website by student ID # and grade level. These visits are in lieu of a formal Open House.

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