



**DEERFIELD**  
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**Falcon Flyer**  
**April 16, 2021**

We had another great week as we count down the school year. Thank you to those families who participated in Sami's Circuit this week. If you weren't able to join us, please plan on attending the final night on May 12. It is motivating, a good workout and a lot of fun!

Safety is one of our top priorities at Deerfield. This week we have received a few complaints about parents speeding in our parking lot. Please remember to drive carefully when dropping off or picking up your children. Please watch your speeds and follow the correct path of travel in the parking lot and around the school. Thank you for helping to model respect for others at our school.

**Date to Remember:**

**April 20:** Last day to purchase yearbooks

**April 21:** PTA STEM Night Kit Pick-up for IVA 12:00-1:00pm (On campus student kits will be delivered to classrooms)

**May 12:** Sami's Circuit Virtual Family Night 6:00-7:00pm

**Announcements:**

- **Parent Presentation, April 21:** Mark your calendar for the upcoming district wide zoom presentation on gaming, social media and mental wellness on April 21 from 6-7:30 p.m. **To register click on the link:** [Gaming, Social Media and Mental Wellness](#). The World Health Organization recently recognized "gaming disorder" as a diagnosable condition. Excessive gaming and focus on social media can cause

psychological effects such as irritability, depression, isolation and anxiety. Learn the signs for concern, differences between normal teen behaviors and potentially harmful ones and what you can do to help. The presentation is by Hoag ASPIRE Intensive Outpatient Program with Dr. Sina Safahieh, child and adolescent psychiatrist.

- **May Parent Enrichment Workshops:** The Irvine Family Resource Center is offering a variety of workshops in May. Please click [IFRC Parent Enrichment Workshops](#) for more information. The Irvine Family Resource Center provides individualized services designed to meet the needs of our IUSD students and community. The Irvine Family Resource Center is now accepting new referrals for short-term mental health services, case management and to assist with resource linkage.

#### **Reminders:**

- **PATS Extended:** The deadline for [Parents Appreciating Teachers & Staff \(PATS\)](#) has been extended to this Saturday, April 17. Don't miss your chance to thank teachers and school staff for everything they do and help support IPSF innovation grants for educators across the district. When you recognize teachers and staff with PATS, they will enjoy receiving a digital certificate of appreciation with your personal message of gratitude. Make your PATS donation today at [www.ipsf.net/pats!](http://www.ipsf.net/pats!)
- **Chromebook Requests:** If your student needs to replace or request a chromebook, please email IUSD's help desk at [helpdesk@iusd.org](mailto:helpdesk@iusd.org). Please include the student's name and ID number. If it's a replacement, please include what is wrong with the current chromebook. Once the request has been completed, you will be notified when the chromebook is available for pick-up.
- **IPSF Summer Programs:** IPSF will be offering both in-person and online classes beginning in June for grades K-12. Registration is now open. Learn more: <https://ipsf.net/what-we-do/summer/>. Scholarships are available for all IPSF programs to families demonstrating financial

need. For more information and to apply, please visit [ipsf.net/acescholarship](https://ipsf.net/acescholarship).

- **Earth Day:** In celebration of Earth Day 2021, IUSD is having its annual Student Poster Contest on the theme: Restore Our Earth. Entries are due by **April 23**. Email at [jenniferrazo@iusd.org](mailto:jenniferrazo@iusd.org) with any questions. Here are the details:
  - Evaluated based on originality, message impact, and visual appeal
  - Poster Size: up to 12"x18"
  - Include your name, school, grade, teacher's name
  - Winner entries in 4 categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 & 9-12
- **Attention 6th Grade families:** Venado will be hosting a live "Family Night" Zoom event for parents and students. Please save the date for this important event scheduled for **April 29 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Venado teachers and staff will review important information about programs, academic and elective course selections, dates for registration, class and bell schedules. This event replaces Venado's in-person parent night for incoming 7th graders and the in-person 6<sup>th</sup> grade student visit.
- **STEAM Fest:** We're packaging the hands-on excitement of [OC STEAM Fest...In a Box](#)! These will be available for online purchase soon with contactless pick up on **May 22**. Each box will contain five interactive activities – one representing each discipline of STEAM. OC STEAM Fest...In a Box is a safe and positive community-building project to rally together in support of our students.
- In our continuous effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our classrooms and workspaces, the District will again host a COVID-19 testing clinic for students and staff. The next COVID-19 testing clinic is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2021 at Irvine High School. Registration is now open for April 19, 2021. **\*\*Insert flier**

## **PTA Announcements:**

- **Mental Health Month Kicks-Off in May:** Mental Health Awareness starts next month. To kick it off, CHOC Hospital invites students (T-K to Year 12) to participate in their Mental Health Word and Art Contest. **This year's theme is "Checking-in".**

- How do you “check in” with yourself?
- What are ways we can “check in” with others during this time?
- What does “checking in” look like to you?

**Entries are due by April 30 and can be submitted by mail or email.** Click [HERE](#) for rules and more information.

Please submit any questions to:

[MentalHealthAwareness@chocchildrens.org](mailto:MentalHealthAwareness@chocchildrens.org) or call 714-509-8682

### **PTA Key Reminders:**

- **Yearbook - April 20th is the purchase deadline!** [Learn more and purchase HERE](#)
- **STEM Kit Pick-up** - Kits are available for pick-up on April 21st from 12-1PM for IVA families who signed up for this PTA event or available in the front office. In-person student participants will receive their kits in class.
- **Staff Appreciation Week Coming Soon May 3-7th! Daily activities will be sent out next week!**
- For the latest school and PTA updates, follow us on [Instagram](#) and our [PTA Website](#).