



DEERFIELD
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Falcon Flyer
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Happy almost Valentine's Day and long three-day weekend Deerfield! We have been celebrating kindness all week. Deerfield students and staff had a great time this week practicing acts of kindness.

Your voice matters! Please take a few minutes to complete the IUSD [Annual Survey](#) by Feb. 22. The Annual Survey is an important tool that assists the district in making financial decisions. These include support for student learning, access to resources, and creating a more positive learning environment. Your responses in this survey help determine actions in our district Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and in the school site Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). All responses to this survey are anonymous and will be kept strictly confidential.

Dates to Remember:

Monday, Feb. 15: No school - Presidents' Day

Friday, Feb. 26: School of Choice closes at 12 noon

March 29-April 2: Spring Break

Announcements:

- **Virtual Science Showcase:** IUSD's Virtual Science Showcase ends today. The following Deerfield students have submitted projects that will be presented online. Please take time to explore their amazing work by visiting the [IUSD 40th Annual Science Showcase](#).

Mrs. Kearney: Sebastian Corzano and Faith Medina

Ms. Loomis: Poorna Ayyaswamy and Aanya Saravanan

Mrs. Uphouse: Yoshito Motoi and Ahmed Al Saffar

Mrs. Van Deventer: Asmi Aggarwal, Saisantosh Arasala, Anika Kurup, Shaun Murzello and Vera Sy

Reminders:

- **Message for 6th Grade Parents from Venado Middle School:** If your student will be attending Venado Middle School next year and you're interested in serving on the Venado PTSA Executive Board in the fall. There are several positions open. Please reach out to PTSA President Mehnaz Piracha at mehnazpiracha12@gmail.com or Parliamentarian Lana Weiss at lanaweiss@cox.net.
- **Irvine Family Resource Center:** The IFRC is offering a variety of Parent Enrichment Workshops as well as a 6-week Parent Support Process Group. Please click this link [Irvine Family Resource Center Workshop Flyer](#) for more information.
- **No-Cost COVID-19 Testing:** Here's the [link](#) for more information regarding no-cost COVID-19 testing for students and staff.
- **APAAS Application is Open:** The APAAS, Alternative Program for Academically Advanced Students, is an elementary school program option for students in 4th through 6th grades. The APAAS [application](#) is open on the IUSD website until **Feb. 19**.
- **School of Choice:** The window for School of Choice will close on **Feb. 26** at 12 noon. This [SCHOOL CHOICE request](#) is for Deerfield Elementary School only. For ANY OTHER Irvine Unified School District school site, please visit www.iusd.org.
- **Operation School Bell:** Click [here](#) by **April 3** to apply to the Assistance League of Irvine's free, confidential clothing service for TK-12 grade students in need. Please contact Christine Saucedo with any questions at (949) 936-5653.

PTA Announcements:

PTA Parent Survey - Thank you to everyone who participated in our Parent PTA Survey 20-21. We appreciate your feedback and are excited to share the results with you next week.

Yearbook Under Construction - Photos Needed! Our Deerfield 20-21 yearbook is currently under construction and we need your help. Please submit photos of the 1st day of school, spirit wear days, behind-the-scenes classroom photos, staff photos, class or family holiday fun, kindness week, valentine's day celebration and 100 days of school celebration.

Submit photos to: dfptayearbook@gmail.com

- Haven't purchased your yearbook yet? Visit www.treering.com/validate; Passcode:101601949358244
- Families, don't forget, your 2 FREE custom yearbook pages are due March 31st
- Sixth graders, please submit your dedication page responses to dfptayearbook@gmail.com by Feb. 15th!

Yearbook Cover Contest: All submissions are hanging up in the MPR room for the staff, yearbook team and PTA Board to cast their votes. We will be announcing the winner soon!

Save The Date: 5th Grade "Girl Talk" Event - Tuesday March 9th at 7pm via Zoom for all academic models. PTA is hosting a "Girl Talk" event for 5th grade girls and their mothers or adult female role models. Mark your calendar, more information will be emailed to 5th grade families. For questions, please contact dfptainfo@gmail.com.

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