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Falcon Flyer February 5, 2021

Happy Friday Deerfield! Next week, we will be celebrating Kindness Week. Each day, students will participate in activities that involve acts of kindness. A color has been matched to a theme for each day.

Students are encouraged to wear these colors on the following days:

Monday - green for gratitude; Tuesday - orange for helpful; Wednesday - yellow for positivity; Thursday - blue for encouragement; Friday - red for self love

Dates to Remember:

-Kindness Week: Feb. 8-12

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

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

Announcements:

Dogs on Campus: If you are bringing your dog with you at drop off or pickup, please remain on the sidewalk or in the park area to wait for your child. We are requesting that you do not bring dogs on campus. Thank you!

Message for 6th Grade Parents from Venado Middle School: We are reaching out to see if any parents, who will have children at Venado Middle School next year, would like to serve on the Venado PTSA Executive Board in the fall. We have all 9 positions open: President, Vice President of Membership, Vice President of Ways and Means, Treasurer, Secretary,

Financial Secretary, Auditor, Historian, and Parliamentarian. If you are interested, please reach out to PTSA President Mehnaz Piracha at mehnazpiracha12@gmail.com or Parliamentarian Lana Weiss at lanaweiss@cox.net.

IUSD National Counselor Week: We would like to honor and celebrate our school counselors, Mrs. Chabot, elementary resource counselor, and Mrs. Robertson, guidance assistant, this week during National Counselor Week. We are so thankful to have them on our team to support our students and families! From Mrs. Chabot, "I love to think of my job as a bridge builder between the community and school to make it an equitable and inclusive environment. One of my favorite things to do is educate students and families on social and emotional learning so that they can have healthy families and a strong education."

Irvine Family Resource Center: The Irvine Family Resource Center is now 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 detailed information.

Reminders:

- Virtual Science Showcase: IUSD's Virtual Science Showcase is on now through Feb. 12. All projects submitted by students will be presented online at this year's Virtual Science Showcase. Please take time to explore their amazing work by visiting the <u>IUSD 40th</u> <u>Annual Science Showcase</u>.
- IUSD Annual Survey: Please take a few minutes to complete the IUSD Annual Survey. The survey will be open from now until Feb. 22. All responses to this survey are anonymous and will be kept strictly confidential.
- 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 <u>application</u>

is open on the IUSD website and will be available until Feb. 19.

- **No-Cost COVID-19 Testing**: Here's the <u>link</u> for more information regarding no-cost COVID-19 testing for students and staff.
- Operation School Bell: Click <u>here</u> to apply to the Assistance League of Irvine's free, confidential clothing service for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade children in need. Applications are due by **April 3**. Please contact Christine Saucedo at (949) 936-5653 if you have questions regarding OSB.
- Virtual Parent Night Hosted: Deerfield is proud to partner with College Park and Greentree to offer a virtual parent night hosted by CHOC Children's Mental Health Education Program on Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The topic is anxiety, depression and the impact of COVID-19 in children. *Registration date has been extended until Feb. 8.

To sign up, please click **here**.

For more information, please click here.

- Afterschool Enrichment Classes Now Enrolling: Here's the <u>link</u> to register for IPSF's next session of ACE Online which offers after school online classes for students in grades 1-8. The registration deadline is Feb. 7.
- School of Choice: The window for School of Choice is now open and will close on Friday, Feb. 26 at 12 noon. This <u>SCHOOL CHOICE</u> request is for Deerfield Elementary School only. If you wish to pursue a school choice spot at ANY OTHER Irvine Unified School District school site, please visit <u>www.iusd.org</u>.

PTA Announcements:

"Six Feet Together" Yearbook Cover Contest: Thank you to the 29 students who submitted entries. We will begin the judging process and announce the winners soon!

National PTA Safer Internet Online Sessions: The National PTA is hosting an entire week of digital safety experiences Feb. 8-12, 2021 to help PTAs and families create a safer, kinder, more inclusive online community together. This interactive series will include something for everyone — PTA leaders, teachers and family members and kids. You can attend all our sessions or pick the one that's right for you. Learn more and sign-up for sessions here.

For the latest school and PTA updates, check out our <u>Instagram</u> page at and the <u>PTA Website</u>.