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**Falcon Flyer  
January 14, 2022**

Happy Friday Deerfield! Thank you to everyone who participated in Sami's Circuit Family Night this week. Sami does an amazing job supporting the emotional health and well-being of our students and teachers. Also, thank you to our wonderful PTA for stocking our fridge this week with yummy goodies and drinks. There is no school next Monday and Tuesday. Enjoy your long four-day weekend!

Thank you for your continued caution when your children are not feeling well. We appreciate the caution that our Deerfield community is taking. If you test your child, please do not send them to school until you have received a negative result, even if they do not have symptoms. If you need access to a test over the long four-day weekend, here is additional information about securing test kits or visiting test sites around Orange County:

<https://orangecountycovidclinic.com/>

<https://www.cityofirvine.org/covid-19-resources/covid-clinic>

<https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing?fbclid=IwAR2nZxJEjE55NkUox3xcmPIGWKd-nyrGmcwKT1EeStTyaweJEBIhRPlvpDs>

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- **Jan. 17-18: No School** (Martin Luther King Day and Teacher/Student Holiday)
- **Jan. 19:** Dine Out Fundraiser at Panda Express, Market Place
- **Jan. 22:** Move N' Groove Yoga Class, 9-10 AM
- **Jan 31:** Yearbook cover contest deadline

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Dashers:** Calling all 3-6 grade runners! Our beloved Deerfield Dasher running club is back and ready to register your student NOW! This is a super fun after school club that builds running endurance in a positive environment, while running a marathon over the course of 10 weeks. Dashers will meet every Tuesday starting Feb. 8 until the final race day on April 30. All registration information can be found on our school site under Parents-Dashers. Additionally, you may check out the Kids Run Website for complete details, <https://kidsruntheoc.org>. Kids RUN the OC is a great way for students to learn that exercise can be fun and take any form!

Students will also learn about good nutrition and making better food choices. Please email Mrs. Uribe- [christineuribe@iusd.org](mailto:christineuribe@iusd.org) for information or stop by the front office

**Virtual Mental Health Presentation:** IUSD is hosting a Virtual Mental Health Presentation on February 2, 2022, 6-7 p.m. on the topic of Self-Harm and Suicide presented by Hoag Aspire. Suicide rates among our youth continue to rise across the country at an alarming rate, and depression and anxiety are skyrocketing as well. It's more important than ever to raise awareness about this crisis and work together to prevent suicide in our community. To register, click here [IUSD Mental Health Speaker Series Jan. 2022](#). If you have any questions, please contact Christine Guerrero, Supervisor of Mental Health Services at 949-936-7502 or [christineguerrero@iusd.org](mailto:christineguerrero@iusd.org)

## REMINDERS:

**Intradistrict/School Choice for 6th Grade Students:** Families wishing to pursue Intradistrict/School Choice for the 2022-23 school year must make a request during the lottery window which opened on **January 3, 2022** and closes at **4 p.m. on January 28, 2022**.

If you would like to request a school other than the school to which your student is currently enrolled, please follow these steps by submitting a request through your ***Parent Portal***:

- Click on the banner titled: *The 2022-23 Intradistrict/School Choice lottery window is open*
- Under the Student Info tab, click on *School of Choice Requests*
- Review the *Parent Acknowledgement and Instructions*
- Click on *Create New School Choice Request*
- Complete the request and **SAVE**

**School Choice for 2022-2023:** If you live outside our boundaries and need to complete a school choice for the next school year, please click [here](#). You can also find the form on our website here: <https://deerfield.iusd.org/article/school-choice-2022-23-now-open>.

**Masks:** Just a reminder for parents and students, masks are required inside buildings on campus. Please do not enter the front office, MPR or other area of the campus without a mask. This will help protect our students and staff's safety. Masks are always available in the office and classrooms. For up-to-date health guidelines, please visit <https://iusd.org/2021-22-safety-and-planning-guide>.

**Health and Safety:** Deerfield, along with all of the IUSD, will follow the guidelines for schools provided by local and federal health agencies. For up-to-date district information, visit <https://iusd.org/2021-22-safety-and-planning-guide>.

**Menus** are always available on the IUSD website [here](#).

## PTA Announcements:

- **PTA Dollars At Work at Deerfield:** At this week's General PTA Meeting, the Board and attending members approved a total of \$5,600 for *new PE equipment, additional Innovation Lab materials and high-interest fiction books, and non-fiction resources for student research projects for the library*. Students will be able to take advantage of these

items soon. These dollars are in addition to our \$6,000 school field trip donation. Members, THANK YOU for your financial support! Please check your email for highlights and full meeting minutes.

- **NEW! \$800 Health and Fitness Grant Awarded to PTA:** Woo hoo! We are brainstorming ways to spend this money to encourage participation from both kids and parents in our Move N' Groove program. We would love your feedback! Please submit ideas to [dfptainfo@gmail.com](mailto:dfptainfo@gmail.com).

#### **PTA Reminders:**

- **Dine Out Fundraiser:** Jan. 19 from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. at **Panda Express, Tustin Market Place**. Order online or dine with us in person. Deerfield earns money from the dine out and also points towards the Earn and Learn program.
- **Move N' Groove Fitness Event - Yoga:** Jan. 22, 9-10 a.m. at Deerfield, no registration required. Join us and Ella Reich, a UCLA graduate and 200-hour certified yoga instructor, for an hour of mindfulness and exercise.
- **Yearbook Cover Contest:** We only have four entries so far. Show us what "Together Again" means to you. Entries due Jan. 31, 2022. See contest details **HERE**.
- **Yearbooks Now on Sale:** Only \$25 for a softcover book through March 31, 2022. **Learn More**
- **Future STEAM Ideas Needed:** **fill out the survey HERE** if you attended the event in Dec. or email us at [dfptainfo@gmail.com](mailto:dfptainfo@gmail.com).

#### **PTA Thank You's:**

- Thank you to our PTA Board Members, Jennie Bolinger, Melissa Gallo, and Steve Knollmiller, for your hospitality magic in the staff lounge this past Monday. Everyone enjoyed the treats and recipes.
- Thank you to Rashmi Singh, PTA president, and Jennifer Foran, PTA Historian, for creating the Move N' Groove program and submitting the grant!

Make sure to follow us on **Instagram** and check out our **PTA Website** for more information. We welcome feedback! Please email us at [dfptainfo@gmail.com](mailto:dfptainfo@gmail.com)