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Falcon Flyer January 21, 2022

It's been a busy, but short week here at Deerfield. Our sixth graders leave for Outdoor Education camp on Monday. We are excited for the learning adventures that are in store for them next week. Please continue to communicate and update us if your student is not feeling well. Together, we will get through this challenging time. Go Falcons!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **Jan. 22:** Move N' Groove Yoga Class, 9-10 AM
- **Jan. 30:** 6th Grade Kinder / 5-6 Year Old Pictures Due to Yearbook
- **Jan. 31:** Yearbook Cover Contest Entries Due
- **Feb. 02:** Step It Up PTA Fundraiser Kick-Off
- **Feb. 18:** No School (Teacher Staff Development)
- **Feb. 21:** No School (Presidents' Day)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ACE Online Classes: IPSF is excited to offer a wide variety of interactive online classes after school for students in grades 1-12. This session features classes to expand students' creativity like Math, Creative Writing, Cooking, Chess and a selection of Coding and STEAM classes. Registration is now open, and classes will fill up fast! www.ipsf.net/afterschool

Enrichment Day - One Day Event: On Monday, February 21, IPSF will celebrate the districtwide holiday by hosting Enrichment Day. [Enrichment Day](http://www.ipsf.net/enrichmentday) provides students in grades 1-8 with an educational and fun outlet to explore new topics or learn a new skill. Instructors will guide students through a morning of in-person, hands-on discovery in a variety of engaging subjects that may not be offered in their regular classroom. Registration now open. www.ipsf.net/enrichmentday

ACE In-Person Classes: IPSF is also offering engaging in-person enrichment classes right after school at select school campuses throughout IUSD. Please note, students may only register for in-person ACE classes at their home school. Classes will be kept small to ensure optimal engagement and safety for all students. Click below to view site specific information, and for registration and session dates. <https://ipsf.net/what-we-do/afterschool/#inperson>

REMINDERS:

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 or [click here](#).** Additionally, you may check out the Kids Run Website for complete details, <https://kidsruntheoc.org>. Please email Mrs. Uribe at christineuribe@iusd.org for information or stop by the front office.

COVID Reminders and Resources: 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://orangecountyclinic.com/>

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

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

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. 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

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>.

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:

- **NEW! Step-It Up Fundraiser Starting Feb. 2nd** - We are excited to announce our new fundraiser [STEP IT UP](#) (replacing the jog-a-thon)! This is an experience-based fundraiser that celebrates friendship, fitness and fun. Kids will be challenged to use their awesomeness to help others and make a difference at their school! Then, we will celebrate their success with our [DAY OF AWESOMENESS](#) on March 18 (so cool) - with an interactive field day where kids get to play on massive obstacle courses inspired by international TV shows like Wipeout and American Ninja Warrior. Stay tuned for more details! In the meantime, we do need a few volunteers to help out with tickets and prizes. Please sign-up [HERE](#) by Feb.1st.
- **PTA Membership Chair Needed for 22-23** - The Membership Chair is our final slot to fill on next year's amazing PTA Board slate. The main workload for membership takes place between mid-August through October 2022. To find out more information, please email Carina Hollis.

PTA Reminders:

- **Move N' Groove Yoga!** - Join us this Saturday, Jan. 22, 9-10AM at Deerfield, no registration required. FREE nutritious snacks and drinks will be available for everyone! Ella Reich, a UCLA graduate and 200-hour certified yoga instructor, will be leading us in an hour of mindfulness exercise.
- **Yearbook 6th Grade Kinder Pictures - Due Jan. 30th.** We need 100% participation to create these special yearbook pages. Please send your child's kinder picture or a photo of him/her at this age. dfptayearbook@gmail.com
- **Yearbook Cover Contest** - 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](#)

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