



Falcon Flyer
January 29, 2021

Happy rainy Friday Deerfield! It's hard to believe that February is already here. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate our way through this interesting school year.

Dates to Remember:

- Monday, Feb. 15:** No school - Presidents' Day
- Friday, Feb. 26:** School of Choice closes at 12 noon

Announcements:

IUSD Annual Survey: Please take a few minutes to complete the IUSD [Annual Survey](#). Each year, every school in Irvine Unified administers a climate survey. By making this an annual district-wide effort, we can begin to understand our most compelling needs and measure our growth over time. We appreciate you dedicating your time to provide us candid and constructive feedback. 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 program is designed to meet the needs of a unique population of highly intellectual learners. The APAAS application is open on the IUSD website and will be available until Feb. 19. Here is the [link](#) for the application and additional information.

Virtual Science Showcase: We are excited to announce that the 2021 IUSD Virtual Science Showcase, our 40th annual event, sponsored by Irvine Public Schools Foundation in partnership with Broadcom Foundation, will take place Friday, January 29th through Friday, February 12th. We are so thrilled that all projects submitted by students will be honored and presented online at this year's Virtual Science Showcase. We are so proud of all of our students. Please take time to explore their amazing work by visiting the [IUSD 40th Annual Science Showcase](#).

Reminders:

- **No-Cost COVID-19 Testing:** Here's the [link](#) for more information regarding no-cost COVID-19 testing for students and staff.
- **Operation School Bell:** Click [here](#) 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.
- **Afterschool Enrichment Classes Now Enrolling:** Here's the [link](#) to register for IPSF's next session of ACE Online which offers after school online classes for students in grades 1-8. Registration is now open, and classes will fill up fast!
- **School of Choice:** The window for School of Choice is now open and will close on Friday, Feb. 26 at 12 noon. This [SCHOOL CHOICE 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 www.iusd.org.

PTA Announcements:

Deerfield Yearbook! Don't miss this chance to document your child and family's journey through 20-21. A year like no other! TreeRing allows you to showcase your family exactly the way you want to with your 2 free personalized pages. And for every yearbook purchased, TreeRing plants a new tree. How cool is that!

Just follow these simple steps below.

- 1) Go to www.treering.com/validate
- 2) Enter your school's passcode: 101601949358244 and create a login ID and password.
- 3) Purchase yearbook for \$20 through Jan.31st by clicking on "Kid Yearbooks"

Price increases to \$25 Feb.1st! For any questions, please email dfptayearbook@gmail.com

PTA Nominating Committee!

Thank you for dedicating your time to finding our 21-22 PTA Board. We are excited to see who they identify as potential candidates to join our strong, energetic and supportive PTA team.

If you have a passion in any of the PTA Board positions or have questions about the responsibilities, please let us know at dfptainfo@gmail.com! We want the best school experience for our kids but it takes a village to make it happen. We hope you consider submitting your name.

Committee Members include: Jennie Bolinger, Jenny Minoux, Nithya Muthurangam, Melissa Gallo, Kavita Deepak, Jessica Bern, Mr. Harper - 2nd grade teacher, Principal Brewer

6th Grade Dedication Yearbook Pages - Due Feb. 15