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Falcon Flyer
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Happy New Year Deerfield Families! We hope you have had happy and restful holidays. We are looking forward to the return of staff and students on Monday, January 4, 2020. All traditional and hybrid students will return on their regular schedules. We are asking for your continued diligence in daily home health checks and close monitoring of student health. Below is a copy of the communication sent by the district regarding the return to school. Apologies for the repeat of information but we want to make sure everyone has it. Please feel free to contact the front office with any questions or concerns.

Dear IUSD Community,

*We hope you had a wonderful winter break. As a reminder, **school will resume Monday, January 4**, per your student's regular schedule for both in-person instruction and IVA. Please take a moment to review the following important safety reminders.*

Help Keep Our Schools Safe

If your holiday plans included travel, please continue to follow all [CDC](#) and [California Department of Public Health guidelines](#), including the recent travel advisory, which states, "Persons arriving in California from other states or countries, including returning California residents, should practice [self-quarantine](#) for 14 days after arrival." While this is not mandatory, it is recommended to help prevent the transmission of the virus in our community and schools. If your student or a member of your household

experiences COVID-19 symptoms, do **not** send your student to school and contact your physician for next steps.

Over the break, IUSD remained in close contact with the California Department of Public Health and the Orange County Health Care Agency. These agencies, along with the Governor's recently released "[Safe Schools Plan](#)," continue to affirm that schools are effectively combating COVID-19 with stringent mitigation strategies and have set a course for all California school districts to reopen, similar to the academic models offered by IUSD.

What Families and Students Can Do

The health and safety of our students, staff and families is our priority. Below are important health and safety reminders for keeping our IUSD community safe.

- IUSD will continue to implement health and safety protocols including face coverings, physical distancing, use of outdoor spaces, smaller cohorts, enhanced ventilation systems, standalone air purification systems for each classroom, and disinfecting protocols. For more detailed information [click here](#).
- Families should continue their [daily home screenings](#).
- Per IUSD and expert health guidelines, **keep students home if they are sick, have COVID-19 symptoms or if they or a member of their household has tested positive or are awaiting COVID-19 test results.**
- IUSD encourages families to observe [the state's travel advisory](#). This includes students who traveled for the holidays or who have traveled out of state for club sports.

We understand that missing school for any reason can be stressful. Please contact your school and they will work with you to continue your student's education and will maintain confidentiality.

Thank You for Your Partnership

Thank you in advance for your partnership and for following health and safety guidelines. It is going take a concerted effort to continue to keep our schools safe and we all need to do our part. For updates and information, please continue to visit iusd.org/2020-21, iusd.org/COVID-19 and iusd.org/News.

PTA Updates:

- **PTA Room Parent Program by Jan. 8th** - To sign-up and learn more about the program responsibilities [click here](#).
- **Yearbook Cover Contest Due Jan. 15th** - See the flyer for details [20-21 Yearbook cover contest flyer.pdf](#)
- **PTA Nominating Committee by Jan. 15th:** If you are interested in joining this important team or want more information, please sign-up [here](#).

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with the PTA gift giveaway. We really appreciate your time, support and holiday spirit. Deerfield PTA stainless steel water bottles are still available in the office for pick-up.

President and EVP PTA Board members, Rashmi Singh and Katherine Hong who organized the event.

PTA Board members - Jen Foran and Esther Tiong

Parent Volunteers:

Tracy Gong

Natalie Rodolfo

Jennie Bolinger

Irene Tan

Alice Li

Joshai Jayachandran

Sarang Deshpande

Liz Duckworth

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