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**Falcon Flyer
March 11, 2022**

Thank you to all our families who participated in Open House last night. A big shout out to our fabulous Deerfield teachers and students for making our classrooms so beautiful and welcoming. We had an amazing turnout! It felt wonderful to be able to welcome everyone here in person after a two-year pause. We look forward to sharing many more family events with all of you.

As you know, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued revised quarantine and isolation protocols for schools. In addition, the state has adopted new indoor mask policies that move from requiring students, staff and visitors on school campuses to wear masks indoors to “strongly recommending” masks indoors. This new indoor mask policy will take effect for California TK-12 schools, including IUSD, beginning **March 12**. IUSD school campuses including Deerfield will reflect this mask choice.

We understand and respect that our families have differing views and perspectives regarding mask wearing. While some students and families may feel relieved about changes to mask mandates in schools, others may feel anxious. Our teachers shared a presentation today about mask boundaries and the importance of being respectful to those around us. We are committed to fostering a welcoming and safe environment at Deerfield. Thank you again for your support this year in keeping all of our students safe.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **March 18:** PTA Step It Up Day of Awesomeness/Donation prizes given out
- **March 25 - April 1:** Minimum Days
- **March 26:** PTA Move N’ Groove Yoga Event
- **March 28:** Spring conference week
- **March 29:** Coffee with the Principal
- **April 4 - 8:** Spring Break Week
- **May 4:** Sami’s Circuit Family Night (This replaces the March date.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Student Poster Contest: In celebration of Earth Day/Month 2022 we are having our annual Student Poster Contest. The 2022 Earth Day Theme is Invest In Our Planet (Act, Innovate, Implement). Entries are due by **April 25**. For more details, see the flier here. [\(insert link to flyer\)](#)

REMINDERS:

Intent to Return: In order for us to plan for the 2022-23 school year, it is important that we understand your intentions for your child's schooling for next year. Please click on this link: [Intent to Return](#) and it will direct you to the Aeries Parent Portal. From here, please log in and it will send you directly to the Intent to Return form. Once on the Intent to Return screen, click on the "+Add" button on the right hand side and this is where you will respond to only a few questions. If you need additional "how to" assistance in this process, please [click here](#). We ask that this be completed no later than March 25, 2022.

OCTA Youth Ride Free: The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is excited to announce the extension of their "Youth Ride Free" promotional bus pass program. This free youth pass allows youth ages 6 to 18 to ride all OC fixed-route buses every day for free. The new blue Youth Ride Free passes are valid from March 1 to September 30, 2022 and require a new Parent Request Form. To participate in the program, complete a new Parental Request Form by clicking [here](#).

IPSF Summer Fun: This summer, students are only limited by their imagination with over 400 classes available with IPSF! Registration opens on April 13, see website for session dates and [sign up for updates!](#) See the following link: www.ipsf.net/summer

ACE Online Classes: IPSF is excited to offer a wide variety of interactive online classes after school for students in grades 1-12. Registration is now open at www.ipsf.net/afterschool.

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:

- Congrats to our [new 22-23 PTA Board](#) voted in this week! We are so excited about their plans for next year and grateful for their commitment to our community! See other email for more info!
 - 2 Open PTA Board Positions – Get connected and join this fun group of parents! Email dfptainfo@gmail.com if interested.
 - VP Fundraising - Plan, organize and manage fundraising activities i.e. dine outs, candy or ice cream sales, STEP IT UP, shop and earn programs

- Membership - Create and implement a plan to obtain PTA members for Deerfield. Majority of work happens mid-August - October.
- Volunteers Needed for PTA Bylaws Review Committee. 1-2 hour time commitment. Reach out to dfptaparliamentarian@gmail.com if interested.
- PTA 3/9 Meeting Highlights:
 - Upcoming Events: Move N' Groove with Coach Frontado on April 23, Movie Night with food trucks on May 6, Teacher Appreciation Week May 2 - 6.
 - Funded \$22,200 to date towards programs, events, classroom supplies, PE equipment, library and innovation lab materials
 - Membership - 486 members to date, 78% of our school. New member raffle winners were Anna Fitzpatrick and existing member Caroline Gorski.

PTA Reminders:

- Volunteers Needed for Day of Awesomeness Mar. 18th - To make this day successful, we need 6 volunteers from 8:30am - 12:30pm and 4 volunteers per grade time slot (45 min). Please sign-up [HERE](#).
- Move N' Groove Yoga with YogaSix Mar. 26th - Join us from 9-10AM at Deerfield! Receive a complimentary class to YogaSix, a FREE yoga mat (first 30 families that attend), and nutritious snacks and drinks. Don't miss this event!
- Coffee Chat with Principal Brewer, Mar. 29th - Come chat with our principal, Alicia Brewer, and enjoy some coffee and treats sponsored by the PTA. Meet at the lunch tables at 830am.
- Yearbooks on Sale - Only \$25 for a softcover book through March 31, 2022. Price to increase \$5 in April. Don't forget to create your 2 FREE pages! [Learn More](#)

PTA Shout Outs:

- Special thanks to Hiral Dedhia, Parliamentarian, for managing the new board voting process and to Carina Hollis, Treasurer, for chairing our nominating committee!
- Also, thank you to Karen Agreda, VP Fundraising, for leading our successful STEP IT UP fundraiser these past 2 months!

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