



DEERFIELD

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Falcon Flyer **May 7, 2021**

What an amazing week! On behalf of our teachers and staff, thank you for an incredible Staff Appreciation Week. It has been fun to see the creativity and kindness from our students and parents. Special thanks to our hard-working PTA for showering us with a delicious lunch, yummy snacks and words of affirmations and encouragement all week. Thank you to all of our Deerfield families for the cards, gifts and kind words as well. We are so lucky to be a part of such an amazing community. As the school year winds down, we look forward to building many more memories. We have four weeks to go Deerfield, let's finish strong!

Happy Mother's Day to all of the amazing moms. We hope you have a wonderful day filled with love.

Dates to Remember:

May 12: Sami's Circuit Virtual Family Night 6-7:00 pm

May 31: Memorial Day, no school

June 3 & 4: Minimum days

June 4: 6th grade in-person promotion

Deerfield School Spirit Days: Show your school spirit on Thursdays and Fridays by wearing a Deerfield shirt, yellow or blue.

Announcements:

6th Grade Pano Photo: We are excited to offer a panoramic picture of the Deerfield Elementary School 6th Grade class of 2021! It's a little different this year as we were not able to take the traditional group picture, but we hope that it provides both recognition for the promoting class as well as a fun memory of the year. You can preview and purchase your copy: [Click Here](#). Make sure and place your order by Thursday, May 13 for free delivery to the school.

May is Mental Health Month: IPSF is proud to support K-12 Mental Health programs as part of our annual donation to the school district! During these challenging times, the need for mental health resources has been felt even more acutely. In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, we sat down with a licensed Family Therapist to get tips on how to talk to your child about their mental health and wellness. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Lost and Found: Please be sure to check the lost and found cart before and after school for any lost items. Any items left over at the end of the school year will be donated.

Reminders:

- **STEAM Fest:** We're packaging the hands-on excitement of [OC STEAMFest...In a Box](#)! These will be available for online purchase soon with contactless pick up on **May 22**. Each box will contain five interactive activities – one representing each discipline of STEAM. OC STEAMFest...In a Box is a safe and positive community-building project to rally together in support of our students.
- **May Parent Enrichment Workshops:** The Irvine Family Resource Center is offering a variety of workshops in May. Please click [IFRC Parent Enrichment Workshops](#) for more information. The Irvine Family Resource Center provides individualized services designed to meet the needs of our IUSD students and community. The Irvine Family Resource Center is now accepting new referrals for short-term

mental health services, case management and to assist with resource linkage.

- **IPSF Summer Programs:** IPSF will be offering both in-person and online classes beginning in June for grades K-12. Registration is now open. Learn more: <https://ipsf.net/what-we-do/summer/>. Scholarships are available for all IPSF programs to families demonstrating financial need. For more information and to apply, please visit ipsf.net/acescholarship.

PTA Shout Outs! We have 2 major accomplishments to highlight this week!

- **What an amazing week of Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week!** None of this would have happened without our fierce and super organized **parent volunteer, Jennie Bolinger** (kinder mom/room parent for Mrs. Whippo). This truly took a village of new parent volunteers, room parents, and PTA board members to pull it off. Thank you all for stepping in to help! The decorations alone created so much school spirit and so many smiling faces. Also, thank you to our Deerfield families for participating in the daily activities. I know the staff felt loved all week long with the daily treats, kind notes, flowers and gifts. We are so proud of our school!
- **Yearbook! A huge thank you goes out to Sirisha Kuchibhatla, our yearbook chair,** for her countless hours of work to complete our yearbook, which went to print today! Designing our yearbook is a monumental task and we are so grateful for her leadership, organization and diligent effort all year long. **I also want to thank Raji Natrajan, co-chair, Kathrine Hong, Sandy Clark, Principal Brewer and Jenny Minoux** for helping create pages, proofreading, adding fun details and ensuring as many students as possible were represented in the book. Also, thank you to all the teachers and families for submitting photos! **Yearbooks will arrive before school ends. We hope everyone enjoys it!**