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Falcon Flyer November 20, 2020

As a reminder, all IUSD schools will be on break for the Thanksgiving holiday, beginning Wednesday, November 25 and returning Monday, November 30. Tuesday, November 24 is a minimum day for 1st-6th grade students in the traditional model. Hybrid students and TK/Kindergarteners will follow their regular schedule. As you and your family prepare to enjoy some time off, I would like to take this opportunity to share some important reminders and resources that may be helpful and also help keep our school safe.

What You Can Do to Help Keep our School and Community Safe

The spread of COVID-19 remains low in IUSD schools, as evidenced by the District's Dashboard and contact tracing process. Collectively, we are doing a great job but we need your help to continue to keep our school and community safe, which starts by following state and local guidelines to reduce community transmission of COVID-19. According to the Orange County Health Care Agency, simple steps such as physical distancing, wearing a mask, washing your hands often, avoiding crowds and close contact, monitoring your health daily and staying home when ill can greatly reduce community transmission of COVID-19.

To learn more about how you can help prevent the spread of COVID-19, please visit the Orange County Health Care Agency's "[What You Should Know](#)" webpage, which provides important information in a variety of languages. Also visit the California Department of Public Health's "[Healthier Holidays](#)" webpage for information about celebrating the holidays safely.

California Department of Public Health Travel Advisory

As you anticipate making holiday plans, which may include travel, please continue to monitor and follow all [CDC](#) and [California Department of Public](#)

[Health guidelines](#). According to both agencies, travel increases the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. As a result, the California Department of Public Health recently issued a new 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 you do travel for the holidays, please consider self-quarantining for 14 days after you arrive home in California. 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. School staff will work with you and your family to continue your student’s education during this time. To learn more about traveling during COVID-19, including health risks and travel tips, please visit the [CDC’s travel page](#).

Additional Resources

- [California Department of Public Health Travel Advisory](#)
- [California Department of Public Health COVID-19 Resource Page](#)
- [Orange County Health Care Agency COVID-19 Resource Page](#)
- [IUSD’s Health and Safety Planning Webpage](#)
- [IUSD’s COVID-19 Resource Page](#)

We’re Grateful for Our School Community

Finally, I want to thank our students, staff and families. Your efforts to help keep our school community safe has and continues to make a difference. We are deeply grateful for your partnership, commitment and hard work and we are honored to serve this outstanding community. Please enjoy a restful and rejuvenating Thanksgiving break.

PTA Updates:

Reflections Art Celebration Video - [Watch our celebration video](#) and see all 45 participants art across visual art, film, photography, dance, music composition and literature. Congratulations again to our top 12 first place finalists and all 25 students who placed 1-2-3. We hope all of you enjoyed your awards and recognition prizes. Thank you Sudha Mohan Kumar, the Reflections Chair for creating this amazing keepsake and showcasing our talented Deerfield students.

Purchase and Create Your Deerfield 2020 Yearbook!

Now's your chance to document your child's journey through the 20-21 school year! Just follow these simple steps below. Visit our [PTA Website](#) for more information.

To Purchase Your Yearbook:

- 1) Go to www.treering.com/validate
- 2) Enter your school's passcode: **101601949358244**
- 3) Purchase yearbook for \$20
- 4) Create your 2 FREE custom pages which are printed ONLY in your book. Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

Earn and Learn Program:

Earn \$\$\$ money for Deerfield this holiday season as you shop and eat at Tustin Market Place! All you need to do is submit your receipts online for any purchases between from Sep. 1, 2020 through Apr. 30, 2021. It's that easy. We earn at least five points per dollar spent. So every receipt logged counts! Plus help us earn 1000 bonus points by for each gift card purchased! See our [website](#) for more details.

PTA Spotlights: We couldn't do any of our events without dedicated volunteers and staff support. We want to take this opportunity to recognize our parent leaders in the community.

Reflections: Thank you to Sudha Mohan Kumar, the Reflections Chair and the Reflections PTA team; Steve Knollmiller, VP Programs, Jen Foran, Historian, and Rashmi Singh, PTA President for their hard work launching

the new all online program, coordinating the judging, awards and communications.

6th Grade Guys Night: Thank you to Debby Holmgren for leading this event and organizing it so quickly. We had 33 boys attend with their dads or male role models for an informative discussion that will for sure create more dialogue in the future. Special thank you to Sons and Daughters Orthodontics for their generous donations to the boys' goodie bags.

Red Ribbon Week Ride/Run/Walk Event: Thank you to Rajeswari (Raji) Natrajan-Tyagi, Steve Knollmiller, and Vidya Valluru for organizing and setting up this fun outdoor event. We welcomed over 100 people throughout the morning as they rode, ran and walked by the PTA tent along the Walnut Trail. We will definitely do more of these outings in the future.