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Falcon Flyer
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Today is the last day of the first trimester, we are one third of the way through the school year. This week our fourth graders took the first field trip of the year to Mission San Juan Capistrano. It was exciting to see our students partake in an interactive experience of this historic landmark. Special thanks to our generous PTA for sponsoring the bus ride.

Please plan to join us this Wednesday night for Sami's Circuit Family Night. If you have not had a chance to participate in a family night, please log on and check it out. It is great family fun! See you online! www.samiscircuit.com/familynightcalendar

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **Nov. 16:** 6th Grade Guys Night Out
- **Nov. 17:** Sami's Circuit Family Night
- **Nov 20:** PTA Bollywood Zumba
- **Nov. 23:** Minimum Day
- **Nov. 24-26:** Thanksgiving Holiday

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Masks: Just a reminder for parents and students, masks are required on campus. Please do not enter the front office, MPR or other area of the campus without a mask. This will help protect our students and staff's safety. Also, many students are losing or forgetting their masks during the day. Please have them pack a back-up mask just in case. For up-to-date health guidelines, please visit <https://iusd.org/2021-22-safety-and-planning-guide>.

Pop-its and other toys: We realize pop-its are the latest craze right now, but we have had issues with students bringing these and other toys to school. We will be making an announcement on Monday morning for students telling them that they may not take toys out to recess or lunch. Please refrain from having students bring these items to school unless your student is approved to bring them for therapeutic purposes. Otherwise, please have your student enjoy them at home.

Lost and Found: There are several jackets, sweaters and other items in the lost and found cart which is out on display in the morning and afternoon by the MPR. Please check the cart for any lost items by November 30. Any items left after this date will be donated to charity.

REMINDERS:

Parent Volunteers: We will begin welcoming volunteers back in our classrooms the week of November 22. Volunteers must be vaccinated and present proof of vaccination to the school's office staff and be processed through the Raptor System, as well as follow all site level volunteering practices. Masks must be worn at all times in our facilities. All volunteering must be set up with the classroom teacher. If you plan to be a volunteer, we ask that you contact Christine Saucedo to get set up in the system prior to the first day you plan to volunteer.

IPSF Education Excellence Fund: The Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF) is kicking off their annual [Educational Excellence Fund](#). Your donations to IPSF provide critical resources to our school that are needed now more than ever. The City of Irvine will generously match your donation *dollar for dollar - doubling the impact* at our school. Donations received by the end of this year will determine what programs can be offered at our school next year. **Please consider supporting IPSF** by making a donation online at ipsf.net.

Register for Afterschool Classes: IPSF's ACE program is offering a wide variety of interactive, online classes after school for students in grades 1-6. This ACE Online session features classes to expand students' minds and creativity, including Billionaires Club, Public Speaking, Chess, and a selection of coding and STEAM classes. In-person after school enrichment classes are also offered at select school campuses throughout IUSD. [Register](#) today!

Tardies/Absences: We have seen a slight improvement in tardies. Please make every effort to ensure your students arrive on time. For upper grade students, please plan for a few extra minutes in the morning to drop off instruments. Please remember that students who are late must go to the front office to receive a tardy slip. [Click here](#) for our bell schedule. Also, if your student is absent, please call the attendance line at (949) 936-5651. Otherwise, the absence will be unexcused. Students with three or more unexcused absences, will be referred to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB). For more information about SARB, please [click here](#).

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:

NEW! Virtual Family STEM Nights (12/13 & 12/14): Deerfield PTA has partnered with Science Explorers to offer two STEM programs: Laser Light Show (12/13) and Art with a Spin (12/14).

Both program dates start at 6:30 p.m. Sign up for one project or both! Each session includes a STEM Kit and 90-minute lesson led by a Science Explorer Lab instructor. Costs have been subsidized by the PTA and PTA members receive a 20% discount. Members, please check your email for the promo code. Please register by Nov. 22. Also, if you haven't already registered on the PTA site, a one-time registration is required to sign-up for events. Once registered, please log-in and go to My Account/My Forms to sign-up for the event.

NEW! Coffee Chat with Principal Brewer (12/1): Come chat with our principal, Alicia Brewer, and enjoy some coffee and treats at the lunch tables on Wednesday, 12/1 at 8:30 a.m. This is a very casual event and is open to all topics. A few PTA board members will be there too if you have any questions about the PTA.

NEW! Virtual Parent Seminar (12/9): Join us and learn about Anxiety and Stress in our Kids from our very own, Mrs. Shannon Chabot, Deerfield's school counselor on Thursday, 12/9 at 7 p.m. More info and Zoom link coming soon.

PTA 11/10 Meeting Highlights: PTA members, to keep you informed, please check your email for the full presentation and meeting minutes.

- PTA has donated \$6,000 towards Deerfield field trips for this school year and additional money to each teacher through class grants. More funding opportunities are coming soon.
- Mrs. Brewer will be handed the music building keys on March 11 for furnishing, then it will officially be student-ready for fall 2022.
- We have 477 PTA members so far. For those that have donated, please look into your company's corporate matching program to match your donation for Deerfield.

PTA Reminders:

- **Yearbook Photos Due TODAY:** Please send pictures to dfptayearbook@gmail.com for the following events: 1st Day of School, Fall Carnival, Red Ribbon Week, Halloween and any behind-the-scenes school pics. Please include the event and teacher's name.
- **Reflections Art Awards:** Awards and yearbook photos will take place next Wed., 11/17 for all 1-2-3 winners. Certificates and Yogurtland coupons will be handed out in class for all participants.
- **Bollywood Zumba Nov. 20,** 3-4 p.m. at Deerfield: Make sure to join us for our next fitness event with Apra Bhandari, founder of Adaa Indian & Bollywood Dance Academy.

Note: PTA's Fall Book Fair and Family Picnic have been rescheduled for the spring.

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.