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Falcon Flyer November 19, 2021

It's been a busy week at Deerfield as we kicked off the second trimester. It seems hard to believe that the holidays are here. We only have two days of school next week. Tuesday is a minimum day and we are off the rest of the week.

Thank you to all of our students and families for doing a great job with staying healthy and safe. With the holidays quickly approaching, let's continue to work together to keep our students, staff and community well. We appreciate the close monitoring you are all doing of your children's health and keeping them home when they are not feeling well. Just a reminder, students must be fever free, without medication, before returning to school.

There will not be a Falcon Flyer sent out next week. On behalf of myself and the staff, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving break with your families!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Nov 20: PTA Bollywood Zumba
- Nov. 22: STEM Registration Due
- Nov. 23: Minimum Day
- Nov. 24-26: Thanksgiving Holiday
- **Dec. 1:** Coffee Chat with Principal Brewer
- Dec. 9: Online Parent Seminar Anxiety and Stress in Kids
- Dec. 13 & 14: PTA Virtual STEM Nights
- **Dec. 17:** Minimum Day (Last day before winter break)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ACE 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 afterschool enrichment classes are also offered at select school campuses throughout IUSD. Register today! www.ipsf.net/afterschool

Support IPSF: At Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF), we believe in nurturing the spark of curiosity within each child to grow and discover their unique gifts, talents, and

passions. Donations to IPSF from parents like you make a difference by creating the educational opportunities our children need now more than ever. www.ipsf.net/eef2021

Savings for the Whole Family: Check out our Fall 2021 Flyer Booklet for savings from our partners including Crean Lutheran High School, ModernBrain, SoCal Elite Sports Inc., and much more! https://ipsf.net/flyer-booklet/#flyer-booklet

REMINDERS:

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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

- Bollywood Fitness Event Saturday, 11/20: See you this Saturday at Deerfield from 3-4 p.m. for Bollywood Fitness led by Apra Bhandari, founder of Adaa Indian & Bollywood Dance Academy.
- Virtual Family STEM Nights Registration Due Mon. 11/22: Make sure to reserve your spot by Monday, 11/22 for our upcoming STEM Nights held on Dec. 13 and 14.

Sign-up is required to order and deliver science kits in time for the event. Create your very own Laser Light Show and/or build a Spin Art Machine! Costs are \$8 for PTA members and \$10 for non-members. PTA pays for the rest so everyone receives a 50% discount or more off the price. Members, please check your email for the promo code. Sign-up Now! Note: Remember to register first on our PTA website if you haven't already completed it. Once registered, go to My Account/My Forms to sign-up for this event.

- Coffee Chat with Principal Brewer on 12/1: Come chat with our principal, Alicia Brewer, and enjoy free coffee and treats provided by the PTA. Meet at 8:30 a.m. by the lunch tables.
- Virtual Parent Seminar 12/9: Learn about anxiety and stress in our kids from our very own, Mrs. Shannon Chabot, Deerfield's school counselor. Sessions start at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Details and Zoom link will be sent 1 day prior to the event.
- Reflections Art Thank You: Thank you to our chair, Namrata Singh, for leading this year's successful art program. We appreciate your hard work, organization and attention to detail.
- Yearbook Sales and Cover Contest coming soon, starting 12/1

Make sure to follow-us on Instagram and check out our <u>PTA Website</u> for more information. We welcome feedback! Please email us at dfptainfo@gmail.com.