



DEERFIELD

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Falcon Flyer November 5, 2021

It's hard to believe it's already November. This Sunday marks the end of Daylight Saving Time for 2021. On Sunday, please remember to turn your clocks back an hour so your students are on time to school on Monday. Also, there is no school on Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. Next week will be the last week of the trimester. November 15 is the first official day of the second trimester. Keep up the good work Falcons!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **Nov. 10:** Deerfield Spirit Day - Wear a Deerfield shirt or school colors!
- **Nov. 10:** PTA Meeting 7 p.m. (All are welcome to join!)
- **Nov. 11:** Veteran's Day, no school
- **Nov. 16:** 6th Gr Guys Night Out
- **Nov. 17:** Sami's Circuit Family Night
- **Nov. 23:** Minimum Day
- **Nov. 24-26:** Thanksgiving Holiday

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

Public Information Meeting regarding Solar Parking Lot: You are invited to attend a public information meeting next Wednesday, **Nov. 10 at 6 p.m.** regarding IUSD's intent to construct a new parking lot with solar carport system at Deerfield Elementary School. The new parking lot will provide additional parking for the site and school community. The solar carport installation system will be added to produce clean energy, save on energy costs, and provide shading for the school site. It is the District's intention to conduct both parking lot and solar installation work during the summer of 2022. IUSD representatives will be available to answer questions. If you are unable to attend, but would like to submit comments, you can email Jennifer Razo at

jenniferrazo@iusd.org.

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. This means that with a \$50 donation, \$100 will go toward your child's education. 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!

REMINDERS:

Bicycle Safety Class: The City of Irvine is hosting a bicycle safety training and riding skills class on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Civic Center. The goal of the class is to improve the safety of students going to and from school. The class is available for students K-8th grade. For more information, please see attached flyer. [\(insert flyer\)](#)

Tardies/Absences: We have seen a slight improvement in tardies. The day begins when the bell rings. 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. Coming to class late not only disrupts your child's learning, but the learning of others as well. 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/covid-19-resource-page>.

Menus are always available on the IUSD website [here](#).

PTA Announcements:

- **PTA General Meeting Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.:** Join us and learn about upcoming events, what PTA is funding for Deerfield (so far) and Principal Brewer's school updates! Also, we will be voting on updated PTA bylaws (basic rules of our

association) and 21-22 PTA nominating committee at this meeting.

- **PTA Nominating Committee: Members needed by Nov. 9.** PTA members, please consider joining the PTA nominating committee which identifies candidates for the 2021-22 PTA Board. Time commitment = 3-4 meetings, an hour each. Per our bylaws, we need 5 committee members and 2 alternates to be elected by our association at the Nov. 10 PTA Meeting (7 p.m. via Zoom). Email Hiral Dedhia, our PTA Parliamentarian, at dfptaparliamentarian@gmail.com by Tuesday, Nov 9.
- **Red Ribbon Week Door Contest:** Congrats to Mrs. Schellenberg and Mrs. Nikeli for winning the “Be Your Best Self” door contest! Each winning class received ice cream and a \$50 gift card to put towards the class celebration. Thank you to all the teachers for participating in this activity!
- **PTA Membership Classroom Contest:** Congrats to Mrs. Clark’s kindergarten families for reaching 90% PTA memberships and winning a pizza party for their students! Thank you Deerfield parents for your support, especially in Mrs. Larson’s, Kormos’ and Clark’s classes who all achieved 90% or more members.
- **Round 1 Yearbook Pictures Due Nov. 12:** Parents and staff, please send pictures for all events and activities through Oct. 31 to dfptayearbook@gmail.com. Please include back-to-school, fall carnival, red ribbon week, Halloween, Sami Circuit, Reflections Art and behind-the-scenes pics. Please include the event and teacher’s name.
- **Bollywood Zumba Nov. 20, 3-4 p.m. at Deerfield:** Join us for our next fitness event with Apra Bhandari, founder of Adaa Indian & Bollywood Dance Academy.

PTA Thank You's:

- **Red Ribbon Week:** Wow, what a fun week! Deerfield families, you received an A+ for your participation. Thank you Meghan Humphreys for organizing our spirit days and daily challenges and to Steve Knollmiller, for organizing the Ride/Run/Walk Event. Life is a Journey - Let’s Continue to Travel Safely Together Falcons!
- **Spirit Wear:** Thank you Hiral Dedhia, our spirit wear chair, for organizing and distributing more than 450 spirit wear orders this year!

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