



**DEERFIELD**  
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**Falcon Flyer**  
**October 23, 2020**

It's been a great week at Deerfield. The window has closed for requests to switch academic models. We will now take a look at all of the requests and determine if we have space available. Continued student safety will be our top priority. We will accommodate as many requests as possible, while continuing to follow our guidelines for social distancing and safe classroom arrangement. Families will be notified of placement that last week of the month. Next week is Red Ribbon Week. PTA has set up events and webinars during the week. ALI information and sign-ups can be found on the PTA website - [dfpta.membershiptoolkit.com](https://dfpta.membershiptoolkit.com). Please check the schedule below for daily themes.

**PARKING and DROP OFF/PICK UP**

I would like to start by thanking you for your cooperation with social distancing and limiting your time on campus. Please continue to arrive on campus just five minutes before the start of school. This will help minimize the numbers of bodies on campus at one time and assist with social distancing. We have a significantly smaller number of students on campus which has made arrival and dismissal smoother than in the past. That being said, we need to review some parking procedures.

When parents or other adults come to school to take a student off campus, they must not double park or park by the (red) fire curb. THE RED CURB IS A FIRE LANE and in case an emergency vehicle is needed this must be OPEN. We have had many problems with people parking in unauthorized areas that have presented unsafe conditions for our children at dismissal time. Please remain in your vehicle when in the drive through lane. This is not a parking area and cars left unattended slow up traffic and restrict movement. Please give us your full cooperation as we don't want to restrict parking altogether before and after school in the lot, but we are committed to keeping the parking lot safe for all children and parents. Also, please do not drive through the second lane of traffic and call children to the car through the first lane of traffic. Staff members will not

allow children to step off of the curb through traffic in an effort to prevent unsafe conditions.

The parking lot is painted to identify staff parking spaces and allow all staff members to park on campus. Please do not park in any numbered spaces during the school day. We often have staff members whose schedules alternate or are different than our traditional school hours that arrive throughout the school day. Also, please remember that spaces painted blue are reserved by law for individuals with the handicapped placard. You must not block or park in these spots at any time unless you have a placard.

Please note that there is one entrance to the parking lot and one exit as established in partnership with the city of Irvine and the Irvine Police Department. Please drive carefully through the Deerfield parking lot.

Kindergarten and TK parents: When picking up in the drive-thru, please stay in your car and pull forward until your child is loaded into your car. The teacher will bring the student to you. Students will be loaded on the sidewalk side only. Please hold up/display the sign with your child's name in the front window. During dismissal, teachers are busy loading students and making sure they are safe. Please do not try to ask questions or talk during this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Red Ribbon Week is coming!**  
**October 26-30, 2020**

**Theme: BE HAPPY, BE BRAVE, BE ACTIVE!**

We will celebrate the following spirit days during Red Ribbon Week:

**Monday:** "Be Brave Be You" - Wear crazy socks or style your hair crazy.

**Tuesday:** "Be Happy and Comfy" - Wear pajamas or Disney apparel and be in a happy place!

**Wednesday:** "Be Courageous" - Wear red, the badge of courage.

**Thursday:** "Be Playful and Creative" - Experiment with dots and stripes.

**Friday:** "Be Festive" - Wear orange and black to display your Halloween spirit!