



DEERFIELD

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Falcon Flyer October 22, 2021

Big Shout Out to our PTA for their generous donation this week. Our amazing PTA has gifted Deerfield \$6,000 to help cover the bus fare for field trips this year. We are so thankful for their support of these enrichment activities for our students. Thank you Deerfield PTA!

This was another busy week for our Falcons. On Thursday, all students participated in the Great California Shakeout where students practiced how to duck and cover during an earthquake drill. They did a great job!

Next week is PTA's Red Ribbon Week, please see PTA's announcement below for more information on dress up days and daily challenges. Lastly, we look forward to seeing students in their favorite costume next Friday. Have a great weekend Falcons!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **Oct. 24:** Reflections Art Entries Due
- **Oct. 25-29:** Red Ribbon Week
- **Oct. 27:** Walk to School Day
- **Oct. 28:** Fall photo make-up day
- **Nov. 10:** PTA Meeting 7 p.m. (All are welcome to join!)
- **Nov. 11:** Veteran's Day, no school
- **Nov. 17:** Sami's Circuit Family Night

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tardies/Absences: We have seen a steep increase in the number of 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](#).

Dropping off items: Parents, please remind your students that if they forget to bring an item to school (instrument, jacket, water bottle, etc.) then they need to check with the front office during recess or lunch to see if it has been dropped off.

Irvine High's ASB's Halloween Fun Night: IHS is hosting a Halloween fun night on Oct. 28 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. for the community. The event will be held in the Irvine High School Amphitheater/Theater area. Activities include free trick or treating tables while supplies last. Costumes are fine, but no full face masks please.

REMINDERS:

Parking Lot Safety: We need your help. When dropping off and picking students up in the driveway, please be courteous to others and pull forward as far as possible. We do not allow cars to drive around and pull in front of others into open gaps. We understand that it can be frustrating to wait, but our first priority is student and family safety. Please do not have your child exit the car until you are at the sidewalk. We appreciate your help with this.

Also, please watch your speed. :)

Playground Safety: Students are not allowed to play on the playground equipment before or after school. Please help reinforce this rule with your children.

School Photos: Your student will receive an order form with a unique ID and instructions for online ordering. There is a make-up day scheduled for **Oct. 28** for students who were absent during the Oct. 14 photo day or if you'd like for their photo to be retaken. If you have any questions, please call Sumner for more information at (800) 440-2002.

Halloween: Students are invited to wear costumes, Halloween shirts or Halloween colors to school on Friday, **Oct. 29**. Please see the attached flier for information and restrictions. Costumes must be appropriate for school. **Insert flier**

IPSF Parent Ambassador: Deerfield is looking for a parent volunteer interested in serving as the school's ambassador for IPSF (Irvine Public Schools Foundation). The parent ambassador would work with our PTA to support IPSF after school offerings. Please contact Sandy in the front office for more information if you are interested.

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:

- **Red Ribbon Week (RRW) Starts Next Week!** RRW flyers were sent home this week highlighting this year's theme "*Life is a Journey, Travel Safely,*" fun spirit days and daily

challenge activities. Post it on your fridge as a reminder to join in on the school spirit!

[Learn More.](#)

- **Ride/Run/Walk event Saturday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m. -- 12 p.m.:** RRW week will end with our fitness event along the Walnut trail. Halloween costumes are welcomed and FREE goodies bags will be given out at the PTA tent to all registered **families**. **Sign-up [HERE](#).**
- **Yearbook Pictures:** We need your pictures for the yearbook! Parents and staff, please send any back-to-school, fall carnival, red ribbon week, Halloween, Sami Circuit, Reflections Art, behind-the-scenes pics and class photos to dfptayearbook@gmail.com.

PTA Reminders:

- **Reflections Art Entries Now Due Sunday, Oct. 24:** We have 40 entries to date. Keep them coming! Learn more and submit [HERE](#).
- **October Membership Contest:** Just 1 week left to win a class pizza party for our kids! All we need is for 90% of class families to become PTA members! If you haven't already, [Join Now](#). So far, PTA is slated to help fund class field trips, new student technology, PE equipment and a library grant IN ADDITION to everything else [HERE](#).
THANK YOU PARENTS FOR HELPING OUR SCHOOL THRIVE!
 - Kormos and Clark only need 1-2 more parents!
 - Cardinio, Lauren, Nikeli, Uribe and Whippo need 5-6!

PTA Thank You's:

- **Thank you for coming to our Fall Carnival:** What a night! We had over 25 parent volunteers, a few dear staff members, 50+ high schoolers, our food vendors, and the PTA Board that volunteered their time to make it happen. So many smiling faces thanks to all of you. *A special thank you goes out to our chair, Rashmi Singh, and our cotton candy crew - Mrs. Smith, Tracy Gong, Rena Stites, Karen Graham and Nicole Neubauer.*
- **Chipotle Dine Out Fundraiser:** We raised \$939!!! Thank you Deerfield families and staff for such a successful night! We are so excited to put these dollars to work for all of you. Thank you Karen Agreda for organizing the event.

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