



DEERFIELD

ELEMENTARY

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Falcon Flyer September 24, 2021

Each month we practice emergency drills at Deerfield. Students participate in fire, earthquake and lockdown drills throughout the year. Teachers review procedures in the classroom and then the entire school practices evacuations. Drills are held on different days of the week and various times of day. The goal is for students to know how to react wherever they may be on campus. On Tuesday morning, we held our first fire drill of the year. The students did an amazing job. The entire school evacuated in less than four and a half minutes. Great job Falcons!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **Oct. 5:** No School – Parent Conference Day
- **October 4, 6,7,8:** Parent Conference Week, minimum days Gr. 1-6, TK modified day
- **October 8:** PTA Fall Carnival
- **October 14:** Fall Picture Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

School Parking: We understand that parking is difficult at Deerfield. However, we ask that parents not park in Deerfield or Venado's parking lots for arrival or dismissal. Spaces are limited and reserved for staff parking. There is also no parking allowed on the service road which is a fire lane. If you wish to park and walk your child on campus, please park in the neighborhood and cross at the crosswalk. Handicapped parking spots are always available to individuals with valid credentials.

Traffic Safety: The Irvine Police Department, in partnership with IUSD and the PTA, has created a [traffic safety video](#) with important tips for pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers in and around school zones, driveways and crosswalks. When it comes to the safety of our students on the roadways, we're in this together! Let's get our students to and from school safely.

IPD Traffic Safety Tips:

- Leave early. You won't have to rush if you plan for a little extra time.

- Obey all traffic, bike and pedestrian laws and signs, especially in school zones.
- When biking or skating wear a proper fitting helmet.
- Drop children off in the designated locations. Do not allow children to get out of the car in the middle of the street.
- Remember that everyone has the same goal of getting their children to school safely, so be patient with other drivers and pedestrians.
- Always obey crossing guards.
- Always use crosswalks.
- Do not engage in distracted driving. This is especially dangerous in school zones.
- IPD traffic officers patrol the streets near schools to ensure safety. Remember to slow down and make complete stops at stop signs.

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.

Join IPSF for Igniting Potential: Join IPSF on **Sept. 22** for Igniting Potential, a community initiative with 17 organizations in support of Orange County youth to raise funds to support critical mental health resources in Irvine schools. For more information, please [click here](#).

Turn Irvine Orange on Oct. 21: Wear orange Thursday, **Oct. 21** on IPSF Giving Day to show you value educational excellence in Irvine. Whether you are at school, work, or out in the community, rock your ORANGE to raise awareness about the importance of community support of public education! [Click here](#) for more information.

REMINDERS:

Parent Conferences: Teachers are currently scheduling parent conferences. We are giving parents the option of in-person or virtual conferences. Please remember that parent conferences are an important part of the school-home connection. This is a great time to find out how your child is doing and set goals for the year.

Parent Volunteers: We look forward to the day when we are able to welcome volunteers back into our classrooms. For now, we will be able to have a few volunteers to help teachers with clerical items. If you are interested in volunteering to help with clerical items, please contact your child's teacher. They will then set up a time for you to come in. All volunteers must be scheduled ahead of time. You will need to check in at the office with proof of vaccination, an ID and a mask. Also, if you have not already completed a [volunteer form](#) you'll need to complete one prior to your first visit.

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>.

School Lunch

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

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deerfield Fall Carnival: Join us Friday, Oct. 8, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. for this family event filled with games, prizes and cotton candy (while supplies last)!

Important reminders:

- Admission and games are free for students and siblings IF you pre-register by Oct. 6 for kids' wristbands.
- Day of the event, wristbands will be sold for \$5/per child (cash only).
- Food will be available for purchase from local food trucks.
- Due to space and safety, this event is for Deerfield students and their immediate family members (or adult chaperone) only.
- [Click HERE to learn more and pre-register.](#)

Volunteers for Fall Carnival: In order for this event to run smoothly, we need help! [See 1-hour shift opportunities HERE.](#)

Reflections Art Program 9/1 -10/20: Show us what this year's theme ..."I will change the world by ..." means to YOU! Entries are due ONLINE by Oct. 20. [More info HERE.](#)

Spirit Wear Update: Due to supply chain issues, our spirit wear is arriving in 2 batches. Our first shipment arrives next week and we will distribute orders to the classrooms once those are sorted. The second shipment is expected to arrive the second week of October. We will keep you posted on exact delivery dates once we have more information. Thank you for your patience.

Membership Drive: Almost There! Wow - we have 401 members to date out of 620 students. We are so close to reaching our 500 goal! If you haven't already, please join by 9/30 - it's only \$15 per adult. To help celebrate your amazing support this month, we are giving away popsicles to ALL students next Wednesday, 9/29! [Join Now and Learn More about What We Do to Support our School.](#)

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.