



The Deerfield Elementary PTA Proudly Presents

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Principal Dalley's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome to December! I hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving Break and are looking forward to this fun season!

A few events and items of business I would like to make everyone aware of...

- Our Christmas Sing will be held on December 19th at 9:30 and at 1:15. I will send out information of what students in each grade should be wearing closer to the big event.

- This year at Deerfield we have a new award that students can work to earn, the Soaring Eagle. Be sure to check out

the Deerfield website for more information on how to earn the Soaring Eagle!

- To help traffic move through the Kindergarten drop off better, we are asking you to not pick up second track students there (unless they are in Kindergarten). Please do not park in the drop off/pick up area in the front of the building.

- Each year, we put together a Stakeholders Report for patrons to see programs that are going on, how we are doing compared to the district and state, and how our Trust-Lands money is spent. This report is on our school webpage and I'd encourage you to take

some time to see the great things that are happening at Deerfield.

Have a great Holiday Season!

Mr. Dalley



PTA President's Message

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank everyone that helped with the Halloween and Thanksgiving parties. It is a lot of work being a Room Parent and we appreciate your effort to make a fun event for the students.

A big thank you to Becca Mathis for all of her hard work with the Reflections contest this year. She did a fabulous job! Although Becca did the lion's

share of the work, she had many others helping her as judges. Thank you to all the parents who were willing to use their expertise as judges. I would also like to recognize Syndee Seeley for her work on Take Home Reading. It is a huge job and she is the one behind the scenes (along with a small force of mom's) changing out books every day. I don't know all the names of those helping with Take

Home Reading, but we appreciate everyone's help on this big and important program that PTA runs.

Thank you to everyone that volunteers in any capacity. Your help is truly appreciated.

Kristin Howard

Calendar of Events

Play Try Outs	Dec. 3-5th
Ballroom Christmas Performance	Dec. 12th 6:30
Yearbook Cover Contest Entries Due	Dec. 16th
Christmas Sing	Dec. 19th 9:30 & 1:15
Snowman Run	Dec. 19th 4:30
Holiday Grams Available in the Office	Dec. 18- 20th
Cast List Posted	Dec. 20th
Christmas Parties	Dec. 20th
Christmas Break!!!	Dec. 23 - Jan. 3

Special points of interest:

- ♦ *Yearbooks and Deerfield apparel will be sold at the Christmas Sing!*
- ♦ *If your 6th Grader is been unable to order a yearbook, please print out and give Mr. Dalley the ticket on pg. 5*

We Want You!



To Be Our Next PTA President!!!

**We are looking for a PTA President
for the 2014-2015 year.**

**It is a fun job that enables you to work directly with the principal
and other talented parents at our school.**

The President's Responsibilities Include:

Planning the calendar with Mr. Dalley

Create a budget with the Treasurer

Fills positions for PTA events

Represents Deerfield at Regional Meetings

Oversees the PTA programs

Runs monthly PTA meetings

A great committee makes the job of PTA president fun and easy.

We have many great leaders at our school.

We are looking for someone that would like to be PTA President next year.

Please inquire at the front office.

December Mile Club News

So what's new?

Toe Tokens: Toe tokens are small plastic feet that come in a rainbow of colors. They have a small hole in the top that your kids may choose to put on his/her shoelace, backpack, keychain, bracelet, etc. For every **5 miles** they complete they earn one toe token. Toe tokens can help your runner keep track of miles completed and hopefully give them something to work for.



Friday Morning Mile Club Drawings: Runners have a chance to get their name entered into a drawing every Friday if they complete a mile or more during that week. Mile Marker feet will be counted on Thursdays. We have some really great prizes worth running for!

5th grade Monday laps: It has been brought to my attention that all 5th graders walk/run every Monday. Many runners would like these laps to count towards their Mile Club goal. Starting in December, 5th graders can keep track of their laps they do as a class and hand it in on Fridays to receive credit.

Running at home or on your own: If your child is regularly running at home and they would like to count that toward their goal, have them make a chart and keep track of their miles and on Fridays have them bring it in signed by a parent so we can add that toward their goal.



Snowman Run: Bundle up for this fun run and bring your family, friends & neighbors. Our first fun run will be Thursday, December 19 at 4:30. Earn extra miles while listening to Christmas music as you run. Then warm up after with hot chocolate and a healthy snowman snack!

Calling all Runners!!

We have a lot of kids that signed up to run but we have yet to see! Come run with us and **get warm!** Remember it's not too late to get started! By starting now you could still run a marathon! Set a **marathon goal of 26.2 miles** and run 3 laps twice a week and earn a marathon shirt!

Winter is here to stay and so is the Mile Club! Rain or snow we meet Tuesday-Friday on the South-East field. If the kids go outside for recess, so do we!! Parents please help remind your kids to wear appropriate shoes. It might be a good idea to send an extra pair of socks in your child's backpack in case their feet get wet while running. Unfortunately It's only going to get wetter and colder.

A big thanks to our Volunteers who are giving so much! and remember.... KEEP RUNNING!

Ballroom

Deerfield Ballroom Christmas performance

Come support your friends and neighbors
A fun filled night of Christmas music and dancing.

Thursday, December 12th at 6:30 pm.
Everyone is welcome and admission is FREE!





Get ready to jump right into the new year
with our ...



Annual Reading Contest!!!

We'll be tallying up the minutes Deerfield students read outside of school
from January 9th - February 5th.

There will be daily prizes and some fun after school activities for the whole family.

We'd love your support making reading a priority!

If you're able to do more

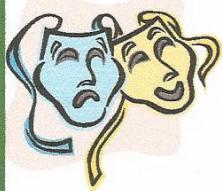
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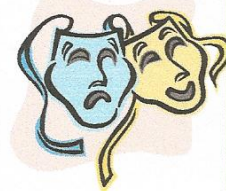
***Take Home Reading

is in need of a couple volunteers for
AM Kindergarten and 1st grade on Thursdays for the
months of January, March and 1/2 of May.***

School Play



Thank you to all who attended the mandatory parent meeting for the upcoming school play! If you were unable to attend, please talk to a friend or neighbor who did attend or has had experience with the play to fill you in on expectations for you and your student. It is such a great experience to be involved with but you need to make sure it is the right fit for your student and family.



Tryouts for the play are coming up the first week of December.

Please refer to the school website for dates and times and also to download another copy of the tryout form from the parent meeting if you have misplaced yours.

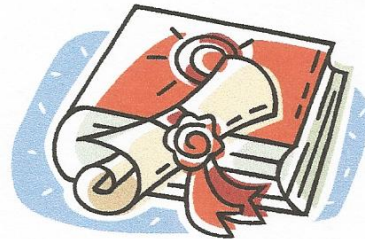
The school play (Robin Hood) will run March 18-21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. We are so excited to see what great talent is out there in the student body this year! Tryouts are open to all 4th-6th grade students. Bring your loud and enthusiastic voice to tryouts! Please call or text Annalee Dimond with any questions ([801-830-9391](tel:801-830-9391)).

Yearbook Info Page

A big thank you to those of you who have already purchased Yearbooks! We want to thank our fantastic Room Parent Volunteers for helping us submit photos of classes this year! We invite all parents to contact our Room Parents if they'd like to submit pictures for the YB for directions on how to do this. Last day for everyone to submit photos AND purchase a YB will be 1/31/14! Please look on the Deerfield website for an online ordering option!!!

Questions contact

Lisa Newell-lisaenewell4@gmail.com and Kimberly Starkie-jamesandkimstarkie@msn.com



6th Grade Info for the Yearbook

6th GRADERS - Please submit your baby pictures ASAP and plan to purchase your YB by the deadline so you will have it for the 6th grade celebration! We do not

Purchase "extra" YB's. Your student can enclose this finished sentence when submitting photos either online OR in the envelope, "I soared to new heights this year at Deerfield when/in/by..." (Remember this deadline is Dec. 20th! Thank you!)



Go to: <https://images.memoryebooks.com/login>

-Click on "Image share" then enter info below

User ID: 400263780

Password: deerfield

-Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload

-Enter information about class/teacher etc

Submitting Photos for Yearbook

For all Room Parents, Student's parents or 6th Graders wanting to submit photos from parties, school activities or baby photos for 6th graders please follow the directions below.

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-Enter information about class/teacher etc.

-Click on "Save Details"

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST 2013-2014

We are excited to once again announce that we will be featuring Deerfield's finest artists for our yearbook cover!

The theme for this year's cover is...

"DEERFIELD EAGLES SOARING HIGH!"

*Students can also answer this question in their artwork to help them explore this theme;

"I CAN SOAR AS A DEERFIELD EAGLE BY..."

We are encouraging all students grades K-6 to enter an **original artwork** no larger than 8.5 x 11' and submit their entry to the front office ON OR BEFORE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

All entries must have the student's name, grade and teacher on the back. YB cover contest winners will be announced January 2014! Good luck!

Show Your **School Spirit!**
Get Your Deerfield T-shirts and Hats
Before They're Gone!



Deerfield apparel will be sold at the Christmas Sing.

You can also purchase by contacting
Jamie Denney at (801) 785-2025 or jcormani@yahoo.com