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DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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A Word From the Principal

Deer Creek Families:
As the leaves change and our first snowfall has arrived, we're approaching the end of our first trimester. Thank you to all the families that participated in parent-student-teacher conferences in October, and thank you from the Deer Creek staff for the dinners provided during conference evenings by our PTO.

End of First Trimester
As a reminder, the first trimester ends on Friday, November 11, so students will begin their second trimester schedules starting on Monday, November 14. This is a good time to check in on your student's progress in the Campus Portal and make sure they have taken care of missing work before the term ends.

All grading and attendance information is available to parents online through Campus Portal. Gradebooks are updated each week, so this is a great tool for staying informed of your student's progress throughout the year.

You can go directly to Campus Portal from our Quick Links on the Deer Creek webpage. Once you're logged in, select your student's name to view teacher gradebooks and attendance information.

What did autumn say to summer?
Make like a tree and leave.

Have a great November,

Rob Hoover
Principal

Jeffco Talented Teacher of the Month

Ms. Amy Dehne - 7th and 8th Grade Science

We are delighted to share that Ms. Amy Dehne was one of 5 teachers awarded Talented Teacher of the Month by the Jeffco School District. Over 75 teachers were nominated for this award under the theme of "An Educator Who Has Been A Lifesaver". We are fortunate to have some of the best and brightest classroom teachers here at Deer Creek Middle School!!

Student Insights in Campus

How to see test scores and other student information

Student Insights is a secure online tool that makes it easy to access information about a student's district and state tests and their individual learning plans. It is a helpful way to check in on learning progress, review academic goals, and identify issues to talk about with teachers.

Student Insights provides information for the learning plans a student may have and provides results for the district and state tests they have taken. The learning plans and tests included in Student Insights include CMAS, MAP Data, ACCESS for ELLS, READ Plans, and ALPs.
Student Insights is confidential and may only be accessed by Jeffco students and their parents or guardians. Use the log-in user name and password you use for other district tools, such as Infinite Campus Parent Portal or Student Portal.

Click here for instructions on how to access Student Insights in Campus.

From the Deans, Ms. Skillern & Ms. Nichols

Students have settled into the school routine and Thanksgiving and Winter breaks will be here before we know it! Below are some reminders for families so please take a moment to review and remind your students of things to know.

- Thanks to all parents who attended conferences and checked the Lost & Found. There were many items that were claimed. What was left was donated, if possible, or disposed of if needed. New items will quickly start to appear in Lost & Found, so remind your student to check periodically for sweatshirts, water bottles, or any other items that are misplaced. The next "clean out" will be at the start of winter break in December.
- A friendly reminder to check your student's attendance in the Campus Portal. You should be able to see if your student is late to school or class. Please support and communicate the expectation that they should be to school and to class on time each day. We appreciate your help with this.
- While we have had gorgeous fall weather, the mornings are getting cooler, and the cold days are approaching. Students are using their lockers this year, and they do have space to store a coat. We have students go outside during recess as much as possible, even when it is cold, so keeping a coat in their locker might be a good idea.
- If your student is texting you during class time or lunch, this means they are violating school policy. Students should not be on, or have their phones, during class or lunch. We continue to have family members call or come to school after their student has contacted them, yet the office/school staff has no idea what is happening. This is particularly important if your child is sick or is having an issue at school. We can't help if we don't know. Please support our efforts and expectations to provide a safe and productive learning environment that includes abiding by the school phone policy.

Thank you for your partnership!

Julia Skillern, 7/8 grade Dean
Jennifer Nichols, 6th grade Dean

Student Activities and Celebrations at Deer Creek

Congratulations to the **vocal music** students who made the Jeffco All-County Honor Choir! Gailyn Harrigan, Keeley Hogan, Kelsey Kramlich, Kathryn Hannegan, Koen Roads, and Maxx Gendron were selected to be a part of this year's Honor Choir. Emma Halstead & Sean Speck were selected as alternates. The concert is **January 6th at 6:00 PM** in the auditorium at Columbine HS. Also, on September 15th Maxx Gendron, Koen Roads, and Oliver Gehrke participated in the Jeffco Tenor/Bass festival with Chatfield Tenor/Bass choir at RVHS.

Our **SSN students,** peer partners and staff have been busy with different activities this school year. Our students have participated in cross country, soccer and flag football. Every month they have an opportunity to participate in an adapted athletics event where they meet up with, and compete against, other SSN programs from around the district.
The students and their peer partners are also busy each week taking orders, preparing food and drinks and making deliveries to staff for the Deer Creek Cafe.

The Middle School Sports Program **(MSSP)** has been in full swing with lots of student participants. The cross-country and flag football seasons are already complete and volleyball is now taking place with basketball to start soon.

There were two flag football teams this year: 6/7 and ⅞. The 6/7 team made it to the semi-finals with an amazing game that was lost in the last moments. The cross-country runners had fun, rain or shine. They had to run two meets in the pouring rain. Everyone improved their times during the season!Thanks to and congratulations to all students who got involved and represented Deer Creek!

Recently, many of our female students attended the **Transportation and Construction Girl** event. They met with women who are successful in a variety of fields such as architects, engineers, project managers, estimators, attorneys, electricians, carpenters and more. There were over 37 interactive exhibits of the transportation and construction companies who support women in their industry. Students were able to try out activities including welding, drone flying, robotics, trucking simulators, pipefitting and even maneuvering a dump truck. Feedback from students was that it was a great event.

Thanks to Ms. Goecks, Ms. Farris and Mr. Wompey for organizing the trip as well as many parent volunteers who attended the with the DCMS students.

Geography Club, sponsored by Ms. Jonas, is new this year at Deer Creek. The club meets once a week on Tuesdays after school. They work on geography puzzles, play geography games, learn

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Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable!

Reach parents in your local community and a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Want to sponsor this school? Please contact Rob Mangelson at Rob@tscacolorado.com or (720) 878-4107.

Student Activities and Celebrations at Deer Creek, continued...

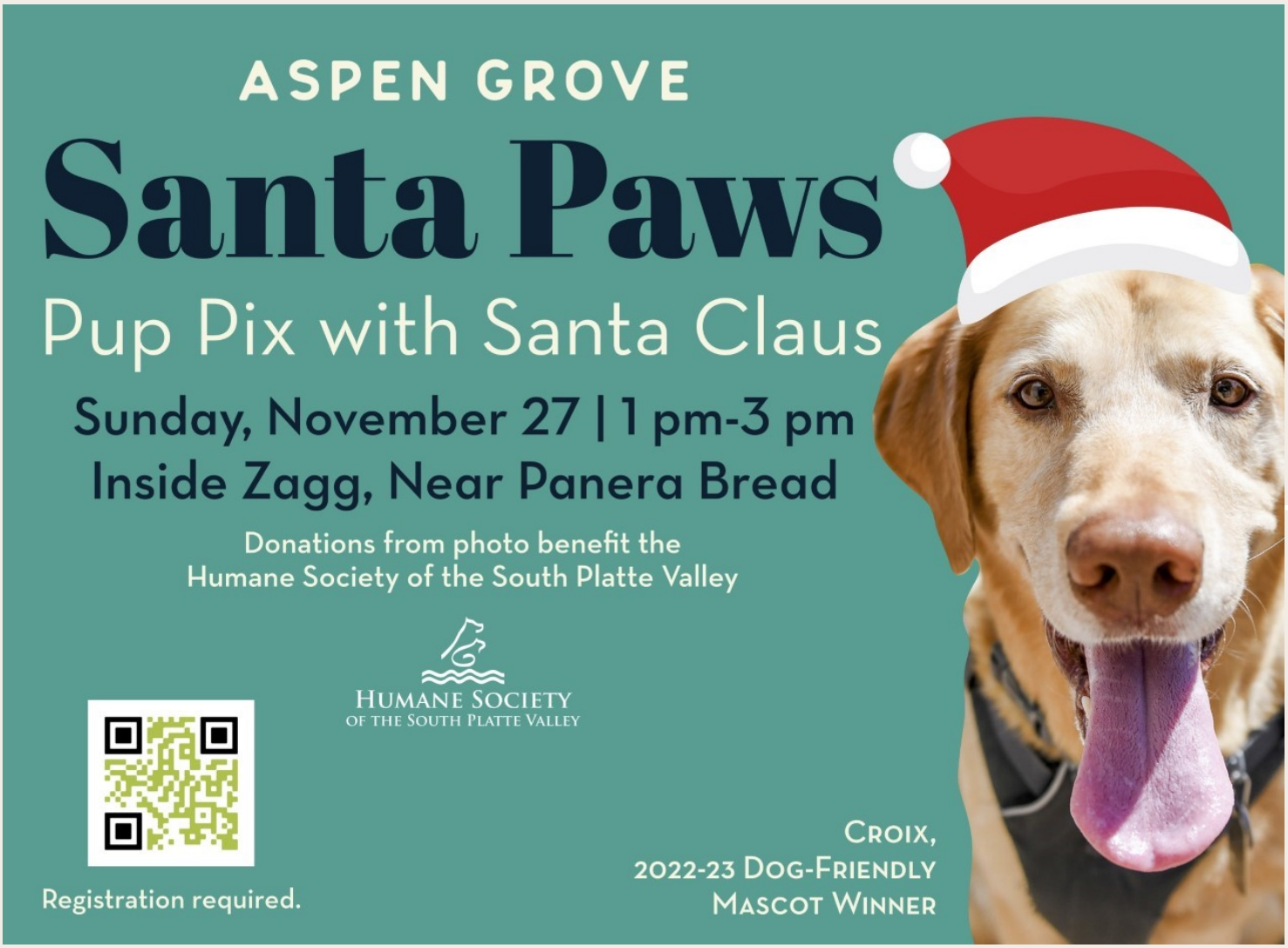
about different geographical areas, and compete in geography bees. Sixth grader, Mason Jussel, said he joined GC because "it sounded like a fun thing to do" and he gets to do something with "friends that I don't have classes with. I think it's cool [learning] about different states, regions and countries."

On October 7, Chatfield Senior High students and staff came to DCMS for a pep rally to get ready for CSH Homecoming. CSH students from sports teams, cheer and pom squads, and band welcomed students as they came into the gym, played music and shared the excitement of the upcoming game and spirit week.

On October 7, DCMS students got to wear hats to school to raise money for Heavenly Hats. This is an organization that provides hats for people undergoing treatment for cancer. Thanks to students and staff for participating and raising over $400 for the organization!

Technology at Deer Creek

Chromebook Repairs:
If your student has a Chromebook issue, please fill out the Chromebook Help Form. It can be found at tinyurl.com/ChromebookSOS and can be used on a phone, tablet, laptop, etc. This form provides all the information we need to get a working device in the hands of your student.



The Library at Deer Creek

Coming soon…Battle of the Books!

Battle of the Books is a program that encourages students to read a variety of good books, have fun, and compete by demonstrating their knowledge of these books. The books are from different genres including historical fiction, graphic novels, fantasy, nonfiction, realistic fiction, science fiction, and novels in verse.

Students who join Battle of the Books will form a team of 3-5 students from our school. The collective group will agree to read all eight books. This means the group is responsible for reading all the books on the list, but not every student needs to read every book. Teams have from December-March to read. Then, they will compete in a Battle of the Books competition that reaches across multiple Jeffco middle schools. For the competition, students will be quizzed about the book(s) that they have read.

Battle of the Books will launch in December. Below you will find this year's booklist. Copies will be provided. There is no need to purchase the books.

Book Title	Author	Genre
The Crossover	Kwame Alexander	Novel in Verse, Sports
Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World	Jennifer Armstrong	Nonfiction
Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World	Ashley Blake	Realistic Fiction
El Deafo	Cece Bell	Graphic Novel
The Benefits of Being an Octopus	Ann Braden	Realistic Fiction
The Cryptid Catcher	Lija Fischer	Fantasy
The Last Cuentista	Donna Barba Higuera	Science Fiction
Inside Out and Back Again	Thanhha Lai	Novel in Verse, Historical Fiction

Mental Health Update

Did you know that November 2nd is International Stress Awareness Day?

Short term stress can push us to reach short term goals like studying for a test. Long term stress however, can contribute to a long list of physical and mental health problems. As children get older, their sources of stress expand. Teens are more likely than young children to be stressed by events or situations outside their home.

How stress shows up in youth:

- Irritability and anger
  - Children don't always have the words to describe how they are feeling and sometimes tension bubbles over into a bad mood. Stressed-out kids and teens might be more short-tempered or argumentative than normal.
- Changes in behavior
  - A young child who used to be a great listener is suddenly acting out. A once-active teen now doesn't want to leave the house. Sudden changes can be a sign that stress levels are high.
- Trouble sleeping
  - A child or teen might complain of feeling tired all the time, sleep more than usual or have trouble falling asleep at night.
- Neglecting responsibilities
  - If an adolescent suddenly drops the ball on homework, forgets obligations or starts procrastinating more than usual, stress might be a factor.
- Eating changes
  - Eating too much or too little can both be reactions to stress.
- Getting sick more often
  - Stress often shows up as physical symptoms. Children who feel stress often report headaches or stomach aches, and might make frequent trips to the school nurse's office.

Amanda Arnson, MSW, LCSW
School Social Worker

Immunizations

Parents, please check your email/ voice mail for notification if your child's vaccines are not current. It is Colorado State law that all school-aged children be up to date with their vaccines or complete the state exemption form. Email the district RN at lisa.schalla@jeffco.k12.co.us for more information.

Lisa Schalla RN, MEd
District Registered Nurse, Department of Health Services

School Resource Officer Update

Deer Creek Community,

This November I want to take the opportunity to express how grateful I am to be part of such a special place. Every year, I am grateful for my position as a peace officer, however this year it hits differently. Working side by side with students, staff and faculty members has been so eye opening. I am grateful for the support I have received and hope I can make a positive impact in your lives. As always, my office is open to anyone, not just the kiddos!
I hope you enjoy your fall break and find something to be grateful for!

Best,
Deputy B. Allen

Safe2Tell

Safe2Tell Colorado is a venue where students and parents can report anything that concerns you or threatens you, your friends, your family, or your community.

Deer Creek is committed to keeping students safe. Sometimes we find that parents hear information that concerns them regarding their own child or others' children. We always encourage students and parents to immediately report concerns directly to the school regarding a student's welfare. This can include bullying, suicidal behaviors, abuse, and risky behaviors such as drug or alcohol use, to name a few.

However, if you think that a **student might be in danger, and especially if is not during normal school hours (such as weekends, holidays, evenings, school breaks), please be sure to contact the police directly, or contact the Safe2Tell tip line**, which is manned by Colorado State Patrol dispatch, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year.

"As a direct outcome of the Columbine Commission's Report, the Safe2Tell Initiative was created to implement a critical recommendation: To provide an anonymous venue for parents, students, teachers, school administrators, and law enforcement to share information." (Safe2Tell)

- Students, parents/guardians, and family members can report through Safe2Tell.
- With Safe2Tell, anonymity is guaranteed by law.
- Reports can be made to Safe2Tell Colorado by calling 1-877-542-SAFE (7233).
- Reports can be submitted through the Safe2Tell Colorado website by clicking Submit a Tip.
- Reports can be made via the Safe2Tell phone app.

Yearbook

The deadline to reserve a yearbook is December 20th. Payment is $35.00

Students who do not reserve and pay for a yearbook by December 20th are not guaranteed a yearbook in May, and last year we did sell out!

Reserve and Pay for your Yearbook online by going to Fees in Campus Parent Portal. Payment may also be made by cash or check in the office

For those who do not order a Yearbook by December 20th, a waiting list for surplus books will be started after Spring Break and the price will increase to $40 (cash only)..

Share photos that you have taken of school activities by downloading the free HJ eSHARE app or go to www.hjeshare.com and enter our school code dcms2023.

Buy a dedication ad for your 8th grader. Price is $20 until December 31 and increases to $30 in January until February 17. The FINAL deadline is February 17.

To access the DCMS ad templates, use the following access information:

- Go to https://www.yearbookordercenter.com
- Enter the School Code: 6131
- Choose: Buy a Yearbook Ad

You will pay for your ad with a debit/credit card on the website which will complete your order.

Mme Lisa Walz
French, World Languages, Yearbook, Digital Media

Deer Creek PTO News

Welcome to November! We've made it through conferences and are already heading into the holiday season! A huge shout out to our Hospitality committee for their efforts to ensure our wonderful teachers got some dinner to fuel them through conferences.

We have new fundraising and community engagement opportunities in the works, so keep checking our PTO website.

One easy way to support the school is by doing any of your Amazon shopping through Amazon Smile instead. Simply select Deer Creek Middle School as your charity of choice. Please keep this in mind as you start your holiday shopping! Check it out at Deer Creek Middle School PTO Amazon Smile.

We are also starting a new fundraiser called **Milk Caps for Moola** from Longmont Dairy. Please check out our Fundraising page for more info!

Fall Fundraiser

Our PTO Pledge Month runs October 10-November 11 - we are about halfway through the month, and our Moving Mountains fundraiser is going strong - you have doubled last week's donations! Thank you for being so generous! We have raised almost $2,500 towards our Moving Mountains Hassle-Free Pledge Drive! We are raising this money to go directly back to school to help with updating aging and nonrepairable projectors and smartboards with Mimio boards, which are over $2800 per board.

Seventh grade is currently in the lead with over $1000 donated! Students can check out their mountain climbers for their respective grades on the wall by the main hall restrooms. The grade who brings in the most donations will get extra free time to hang out with friends along with a popcorn treat!

Please consider a donation via our online fundraiser page at 99Pledges - this is a great way for long distance relatives to get involved as well! Donations can also be accepted through PayPal, Square Up, cash, or check payable to *Deer Creek PTO* (please include your name, student's name and grade in the memo area so we can credit the appropriate team). **Every penny** raised by the PTO goes back to the school in student events, teacher appreciation, and fulfilling the school's wishlist.

PTO will be sponsoring monthly give-aways following our Pledge Month - earn one entry for $10 you donate for our monthly prize drawing! We are always looking for donations to raffle! If you have tickets to a Broncos game you can't use, a condo in the mountains you could donate for a weekend, or even a contact at a local business who might donate a prize for our monthly raffles, please let us know! If you own a business, we also offer a tiered-sponsorship program for amounts $100-$500. Please check out the PTO website, also linked on the Deer Creek Middle homepage.

Dates to Remember

November 2 - PTO meeting - DCMS Library at 6pm
November 8 - Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A 5-9pm
November 9 - School Accountability Meeting - DCMS Library at 6pm
November 11 - PTO Pledge Drive ends

Upcoming Events

November

2	PTO Meeting – 6:00 PM - Library
3	Fall Choir Concert - 6:30 pm - Cafetorium
8	PTO Spirit Night - Chick Fil A - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
9	School Accountability Meeting 6 pm - Library
10	Instrumental Music Fall Concert - Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band 6:30 pm
11	1st Trimester Ends
11	PTO Pledge Drive Ends
14	2nd Trimester Begins
21-25	**Thanksgiving Break - No School for Students**

November 2022

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December

7	Prospective Student Information Night - 6:00–8:00 PM
14	SSN Adapted Sports Day - Volleyball
14	PTO Meeting –6:00 PM in Library
14	Chatfield Area Band Festival - 6:30 PM
14	PTO Spirit Night - Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers 4 - 8 pm
21-Jan 4	**Winter Break – No School for Students**

December 2022

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January

5	School Resumes for Students
11	PTO Meeting - 6:00 pm in Library
16	MLK Day - School Closed
20	SSN Adapted Sports Day- Basketball
31	Spirit Night - Skate City 6:00 - 8:00 pm

January 2023

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Save the Date

6TH GRADE SOCIAL

FLANNEL & Frost

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Deer Creek Middle School

6:00 - 7:30 PM

DJ playing your favorite songs, hot cocoa & cookies, selfie station & door prizes!

Feel free to dress sparkly or wear your favorite flannel shirt.

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COLUMBINE YOUTH WRESTLING REBELS

WRESTLERS GRADES 1ST – 8TH

Columbine Youth Wrestling Club is dedicated to teaching all aspects of the sport in addition to developing character, sportsmanship, and a dedication to teammates & Community.
NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

REGISTER ONLINE – OR Scan QR CODE:
https://www.columbineyouthwrestling.org/

Where: Columbine High School
6201 S. Pierce St. Littleton Co 80110

When: Season starts November 14th
Session 1: November 14 – December 18
Session 2: January 9 – February 5

Practice Schedule:
Ages 6–9: Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Ages 10–14: Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:00 pm

Cost: $140 (<u>$20 family discount for each sibling after the first wrestler within a family is registered.</u>)
Cost Includes both sessions, Club T-shirt & shorts.

Competitions: Athletes will compete in the South Suburban Wrestling League which holds tournaments on Sundays. They will also have the option to compete in some Peak2Peak tournaments.

Questions: Email or call
Coach Dan Alley: Columbineyouthwrestling@gmail.com or 720-988-6007
Coach Jim Flynn: chsrebelwrestling@gmail.com or 720-318-6731

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Join #TeamJeffco!

HIRING FAIR

Educational Support Staff & Tutors*

Math & Reading

Wednesday, November 16
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Jeffco Public Schools Education Center
1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg #27, Golden, CO 80401
Ed Center Board Room 5th Floor

WHY ATTEND?

- Land your first experience in education
- Opportunity to speak with principals who are filling positions NOW
- Some offers may be made on the spot

WHY WORK FOR JEFFCO?

- Benefits eligible positions available
- Opportunity for growth
- PERA retirement
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RSVP:

APPLY NOW:
jps.click/jobs

*Para Educator, Teacher Aid, Educational Assistant, Classroom Assistant, Individual Support Professional

CHATFIELD WINTER GUARD IS BACK!

AUDITIONS:
Tuesday 11/8/22: 4pm-7pm
Thursday 11/10/22: 4pm-7pm

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD IN CHATFIELD'S COMMONS

Come join us for one or both our audition dates!

Interested? Scan the QR Code below and complete the survey!

CHARGERS

Spirit Night

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Deer Creek Middle School

Tuesday November 8, 2022

5pm-8pm

Come out and support Deer Creek Middle School and mention Deer Creek spirit night when you dine-in or drive-thru and a percentage of sales will go back to Deer Creek Middle School.

Chick-fil-A

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Littleton O 80128
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