

DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Deer Creek Newsletter

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A Word From the Principal

Deer Creek Families,

8th Grade End-of-Year Information

Over the years we have planned a variety of activities for 8th graders on the last day of school. Over the past few years, we have brought more student voice into the planning and surveyed students on what they would like their last day to include. There was overwhelming support for keeping the class together and having an assembly during the day as part of the last day's activities, rather than adding something to the evening that split the class to allow for more formal ceremonies.

8th Grade End-of-Year Information

Here are the dates and events for the end of the year for 8th graders:

Wednesday, May 24 Last day of regular classes for 8th grade, and due date for all graded work

Thursday, May 25 The last day of school for 8th graders which will include:

8:00 AM-12:35 PM Grade-level activities, yearbook distribution and signing, student assembly for awards and class video, lunch, and early dismissal

Watch for more information and sign up to help with the last day of school lunch

6:00-8:00 PM 8th grade Continuation Dinner & Dance (students only), sponsored by the PTO

For more information from the PTO about donations and volunteers for the 8th grade Dinner & Dance:

8th Grade Celebration Volunteer/Donation Sign Up

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A Word From the Principal, continued...

6th/7th Grade End-of-Year Information

Here are the dates and events for the end of the year for 6th and 7th graders:

Wednesday, May 24 Last day of regular classes for 6th & 7th grade, and due date for all graded work

Thursday, May 25

The last day of school for 6th & 7th graders which will include:

8:00 AM - 12:35 PM

Grade-level activities, yearbook distribution and signing, picnic lunch provided by the PTO, and early

dismissal

Watch for more information and sign up to help with the last day of school picnic lunch

2023-24 Family Calendar

Included below, you will find a link to the school calendar for the 2023-24 school year.

- Student Orientation Day for all students is Tuesday, August 15, with 8th graders in the morning, and 6th & 7th graders in the afternoon.
- Parent Back-to-School Night is Tuesday, August 15 at 6:00 PM this event is for parents/guardians only no students.

Please check the calendar for more information about holidays, conferences, breaks, and events.

2023-24 Deer Creek Middle School Family Calendar

Summer Building Updates

Since the passage of the 2018 Jeffco Bond, a few of the projects at Deer Creek have been completed, such as updated security camera and classroom security door locks, technology infrastructure upgrades, and new carpeting in the original wing of the building. This summer, a new secure entry area will be constructed, along with changes to the layout of the school office area to accommodate the secure entry. The installation is not expected to interfere with the start of school in August.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy summer!

Sincerely, **Rob Hoover** Principal









Lost and Found

Please have your student check the lost and found table in the cafeteria. Any items left after May 25 will be donated to charity.

8th Grade End of Year Celebration

We have been working hard on planning an incredible event for our outgoing 8th graders.

Upon arrival they will be welcome aboard the cruise ship where they will visit different ports (countries) for fun activities, games and food while collecting their passport stamps along the way. We have some incredible games and activities including a Flashbox photo booth and DJ, yummy dinner from Chick-Fil-A, an incredible custom dipped gelato bar from HipPops Food Truck and raffle prizes!

We can't do it without your help!

Please consider signing up to help chaperone or run games, donate items or gift cards to help offset costs of food, decorations and raffle prizes!

8th Grade Celebration Sign Up Genius

Students will need to turn in a Permission Slip to attend the social. Copies are available in the office and on this link: 8th Grade Celebration Permission Slip

Retirement!

Cindy Ayde - School Counselor will be retiring after 17 years at Deer Creek Middle School.

We wish Cindy all the best in her retirement and next chapter in life. We are grateful for her dedication and many years of service to the students and families at Deer Creek Middle School.

If you wish to send Ms. Ayde a note you can do so at: cindy.ayde@jeffco.k12.co.us

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.

School Resource Officer Update

Summer is right around the corner!

I cannot believe how fast this year has gone by. I have learned a lot from your students, and I hope they have learned something from me.

Please remind your kiddos of safety precautions when out and about this summer.

This may include;

- Staying in designated swim areas.
- Wearing proper safety gear for the activity you are taking part in.
- Watching for vehicles while crossing streets

As always, the Sheriff's Office is here to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you all for being a part of my first full year as a School Resource Officer.

Best, Deputy B. Allen

Yearbook

Have your student check the list on the glass case to make sure they've bought a yearbook. If they haven't, they can bring \$40 cash to the Financial Office to get on the waiting list for the surplus books. We only receive a limited number of surplus books, so we cannot guarantee that every student on the waitlist will receive a book. If we run out, students still on the list will be refunded their \$40.



Important! No Yearbooks will be given out before the last day of school. Students who are not present on the last day will need to call the school to make arrangements to pick it up during the summer.

Mme Lisa Walz Yearbook Director



Notes from the Deans

The countdown is on as we head into the final few weeks of the 2022-23 school year. There are plenty of things going on at school and we ask for your help at home to keep students engaged and focused.

- We want a positive ending for each student and that encompasses respecting the rules and structures we have in place in the building. There are fun activities planned for the end of school and we want all students to be able to participate. Making good decisions at school will ensure a fun and productive last few weeks.
- Check in with your student and their Google Classrooms to learn about their assignments. There are several teachers that have larger scale projects or tasks going on in their classrooms. Staying on top of these tasks can alleviate stress from a last -minute rush to complete.
- Check the activities calendar on the website and look for Messengers that contain information about upcoming events and deadlines, and ways to help for the end of the year activities from PTO.
- Our school volleyball tournament will be going on during basecamp this month, with the final game played on May 24th in
 front of the student body. Afterward, the triumphant students will play our staff team who are ready for redemption after
 their loss in the basketball tournament!

The final few weeks bring a lot of excitement and anticipation and you may also see concerns about being nervous about moving on, especially for our 8th graders. Make sure to touch base with your student often to provide encouragement and support to persevere and stay on course for a strong finish to the school year.

Julia Skillern and Jenn Nichols Dean of Students

Outdoor Lab Fees Update

Outdoor Lab Fees are now due. If you raised money using the King Soopers program it has been credited to your students fee and the balance is now due.

You should have received an email from the system showing the new balance due.

If you have any questions regarding the amount credited, you will need to reach out to the Outdoor Lab Foundation at Info@OutdoorLabFoundation.org as Deer Creek Middle School does not get any information except for the amount to credit.

Please take a minute and review your student's account in Campus (under 'More/Student Fees') to see if you owe any fees.

Deer Creek Middle School relies on student fees to fund a variety of programs, opportunities, and services that are available to all students. Whether it is the Tuesday and Thursday activity bus, supplies and consumables for elective classes, transportation for field trips, or any of the dozens of other benefits provided to students, student fees are the only funds available to continue to provide these services for our students. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Financial Secretary, Kathleen Dahl, at 303-982-8807 or kathleen.dahl@jeffco.k12.co.us



Health Room End of Year Update - Pick Up Medications

PICKUP MEDICATIONS FROM CLINIC

If your student has medication in the health room:

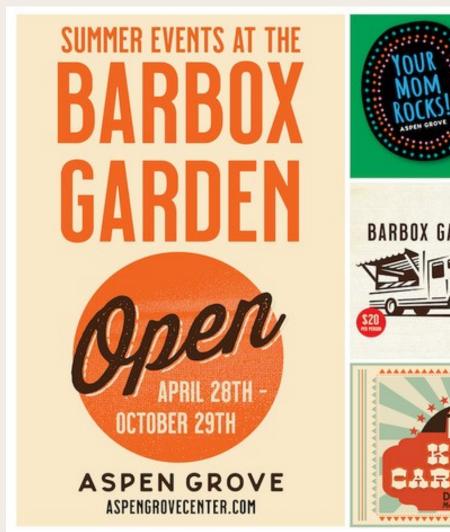
A parent will need to pick up and sign out all student medication that is in the health room by the end of the school day, Tuesday, May 23rd. All medication that is left in the school health room after May 25th will be disposed of according to Jeffco policy.

If you have any questions, feel free to call our school Health Aide (Margret) at the following number: 303-982-3820.

Tdap Immunization:

In Colorado, students entering 6th grade are required to get the tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine before they start school. A Tdap dose administered at 10 years of age counts as the adolescent Tdap dose and meets Colorado's 6th grade Tdap requirement.

You can email an updated immunization record, or an Immunization Exemption (an immunizing provider signature or completion of CDPHE's online education module prior to claiming a non-medical exemption.) to Margret Larned, Deer Creek Health Aide at Margret.Larned@ieffco.k12.co.us





The Library at Deer Creek

Battle of the Books:

Congratulations to Deer Creek Team "On the Same Page" for placing third in the district Battle of the Books on May 1st! The team won the school Battle on April 12 and went on to do an excellent job of representing Deer Creek. The team of five 7th graders consisted of Alex Guevara, Chris Guevara, Hugh Mitchell, Lucca Giarratano and Wyatt Webster. They never fell out of the top 5 and often found themselves in 1st place. It was a very close game. We are so proud of our readers!

Library Books Due Date:

<u>All library books are due on May 11, 2023.</u> The library will begin the inventory process on May 15th. All books that are not returned will be considered lost. A fine will be placed on your student's account. Your student will receive a hardcopy notice.

Technology at Deer Creek

Chromebook Repairs:

If your student has a Chromebook issue (including a lost Chromebook), please fill out the <u>Chromebook Help Form</u>. 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. **Students no longer get a loaner. They get a replacement device.**

All teachers have loaner devices in their classrooms for students to use in the event their Chromebook is broken or malfunctioning.

8th grade Chromebooks:

If your student is attending a Jeffco High School, your student will be issued a new Jeffco Chromebook through the high school. Your student's incoming high school will provide information on their Chromebook deployment process. Please reach out to your incoming high school with questions.

Your student will keep their current Chromebook over the summer. They will turn in their current Chromebook (and charger) at the time they receive their new school device. For more information regarding the high school Chromebook program, please visit tinyurl.com/TechforEd

If your student is not attending a Jeffco High School, please fill out this form.

6th and 7th grade students not returning to a Jeffco School:

If your student is leaving Deer Creek but attending another Jeffco middle school, your student should keep their Chromebook over the summer to be used in the fall.

If you know your student is leaving Deer Creek and attending a Jeffco Charter school or school in another district, please fill out this form. Their Chromebook is the property of Jeffco Public Schools and will need to be returned.



Food Service Piloting Breakfast at Deer Creek Next Year

Because of the later start time next year, the school cafeteria will be offering a pilot program for breakfast at Deer Creek.

At 8:25 each school day, the cafeteria will open for breakfast. Students will only be admitted at that time, and only students who are getting breakfast are permitted to enter. Students who are getting a breakfast will eat in the cafeteria and stay until the 8:40 entry bell.

Under new Colorado legislation, next year all students can get a free standard breakfast and lunch (not including other options or a la carte items).





Deer Creek PTO News

Hello Deer Creek Families! We are looking forward to a great May - with lots of events to support our community and end the school year strong. We will say goodbye to our 8th Graders with an awesome Continuation party, wishing them well as they begin their high school journeys. There is a lot going on, so please read all the way through this info and volunteer where you can!



Dates to Remember

May 3 PTO meeting (6pm @ DCMS Library)

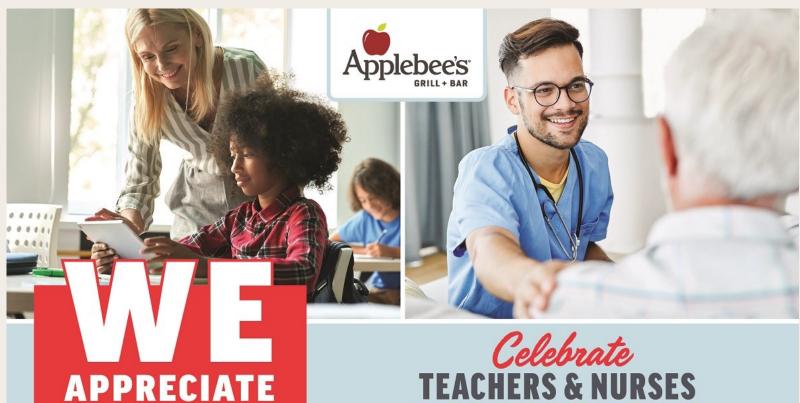
May 8-12 Teacher Appreciation Week (Send notes <u>DCMS Teacher Staff Appreciation Form</u>)

May 24 Spirit Night at Main Event 4-7pm

May 25 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade End-of-the-Year Picnic (during lunchtimes)

May 25 8th Grade Continuation (6-8 p.m. @ DCMS)

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TEACHERS & NURSES

YOU MUST MENTION THIS AD & SHOW YOUR WORK BADGE

FREE APPETIZER UP TO \$12 IN VALUE. DINE-IN ONLY. LIMIT ONE PER TEACHER/NURSE. VALID AT AAG APPLEBEE'S IN COLORADO.

VALID MAY 2ND-15TH 2023 RING HOLIDAY

Deer Creek PTO News, continued...

PTO Needs You!

PTO has several very important positions open! We can't make this happen without you!







Board positions: Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer

Coordinators positions: Teacher Appreciation, Grade-level Socials, Fundraising, and Social Media.

We would love to have nominees/volunteers as soon as possible, so we can ensure ample support is available for the transition of roles. Please email DeerCreekPTO1@gmail.com or check out the Board and Committee Leadership Descriptions on the PTO website to find out more details!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation is May 8-12!

At Deer Creek, we like to honor the whole staff at this time of year. The Teacher Appreciation coordinators are hard at work planning for this week. One tradition is to send a special note via this Google Form with a few words of appreciation and encouragement to our faculty and staff who interact with your student(s) on a daily basis. Parents as well as students are encouraged to spend a few minutes to lift up our staff and really make this week special for them. Send as many notes as you would like!

DCMS Teacher Staff Appreciation Form

We would also love to provide some gifts to the staff during this week to show our appreciation. If you own a business or have connections that could get us free or discounted memberships, meals, services, or gift cards, <u>please let us know by May 5</u> at <u>deercreekpto1@gmail.com</u>.

Trash Bash Update

The PTO would like to thank every family that came out to support our first ever Trash Bash on Earth Day Weekend, April 21-22. We were able to collect two 30 cubic yard trash bins full of waste. An average of 30 vehicle loads were donated during this windy and snowy weekend event. Thank you to all the volunteers that braved the weather to help us, we couldn't have done this without you. A special thank you to Erica Franzel for donating one of our bins for this event. We really appreciate being able to help our community because of parents like you! Thank you.

Deer Creek PTO News, continued...

Fundraising

Milk Caps for Moola are due! Last call for milk caps from Longmont Dairy! Please drop off all milk caps by Wednesday, May 3, to the Main Office. Thank you for your support!

Please check out our new, easy to participate in, fundraiser - **RaiseRight**, where hundreds of merchants and restaurants offer fundraising dollars when you purchase their online gift cards. Please check out our <u>Fundraising</u> page for more info on how to get registered with this easy program to earn funds for Deer Creek just doing your normal shopping routine!

Thanks to your contributions, PTO has already sponsored two new Mimio boards (already onsite!) and a new water bottle filling station (to be installed by the end of the school year!) this year!

8th Grade Continuation

We have been working hard on planning an incredible event for our outgoing 8th graders.

We can't do it without your help! Please consider signing up to help chaperone, run games, and/or donate items or gift cards to help offset costs of food, decorations, and raffle prizes! Sign Up Here

End of Year BBQ Picnics

All grades will be dismissed on May 25 at 12:35 p.m., due to the construction starting at the school the following day. Each grade will enjoy a picnic lunch during this last day. We will be looking for donations and volunteers to help us with this last day event! Look for the sign ups to come out soon!



Deer Creek Art Corner

Jeffco 2023 Middle School Art Show Opening on April 20th. 6 of the 8 Deer Creek students whose artwork was accepted into the show attended the opening. Also, Mrs. Farris has 3 artworks in the Jeffco Art Teacher's show in the adjacent building. What a fun night celebrating the arts!

Click here to view information about the Jeffco 2023 Middle School Art Show - it is open for viewing through Saturday, May 6.

















QR code for Alex Ride's video from show

FCCLA Fundraiser - Jolly Grams!

FCCLA will be selling "jolly grams" the week of March 15th during base camp and after school. Students can purchase a small bag of jolly ranchers and a note of appreciation to send to friends. Jolly Grams will be sold for \$2 each. Please support FCCLA by purchasing one! You can see Ms. Goecks for more information.

Ali Goecks
Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher

Upcoming Events

May	
8	SSN Adapted Sports Day - Track & Field
18	End of Year Choir Concert 6:30 pm
22	End of Year Instrumental Music Concert 6:30 pm
25	Last Day of School for All Students - Early Dismissal - 12:35 pm
25	8th Grade Continuation Celebration - DCMS Gym 6:00-8:00 pm
June	

July

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DCMS Office Opens for the 23-24 School Year

DCMS Office Closes for the Summer

August				
15	Students' First Day of School - Orientation and school Pictures			
	8th Grade - 8:50 am - 12:00 pm (no lunch)			
	6th and 7th Grades - 11:50 am - 4:05 pm (includes lunch)			
15	Back to School Night (Parents Only) 6 - 8 pm			
16	First Full Day of School - All Students			

May 2023									
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August 2023										
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Chatfield Charger Softball

State Tournament Appearances 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 League Champions 2020 Regional Champions 2021, 2022



Please plan on attending our informational meeting on Monday, May 1st, from 6-8pm in the Chatfield Auditorium. We will be discussing details about our program, summer strength camp, fall tryouts, fundraisers, player pack ordering, and more!

Stay connected with upcoming events!

Join our REMIND group by downloading the Remind App, texting the number 81010 and then typing @87g3e7a in the message bar. Or email Coach Shepard with any questions: chattysoftballcoach@gmail.com

For those of you who are trying out for the summer basketball team, Coach Shepard and Coach Jordan have talked, and she has okayed you coming to the information meeting. We will get you out of the meeting in plenty of time for tryouts.



Interested in playing Youth Football?

Chatfield Youth Football registration for grades 1-8 begins on March 6th! Come be apart of our program that is built on the foundation of caring, development, competition, and fun. Our goal is to have a player focused program while creating amazing experiences for our young athletes.



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER



Visit https://chatfieldyouthfootball.org/home for more information

Come be a part of something special!





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6-8TH GRADE 8:30-11AM 3-5TH GRADE 11:30AM-2 PM K-2 GRADE 2:30-5 PM

