

DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Deer Creek Newsletter

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A Word From the Principal

Deer Creek families,

April is an exciting time of year for students, as we are headed into the second half of the third trimester and planning for next year. It can also be a time when focus can be challenging, so staying informed about your student's progress is especially important. All grading information is available to families online through Campus Portal. You can go directly to Campus Portal from our Quick Links on the Deer Creek webpage. Gradebooks are updated each week, so this is a great tool for staying informed of your student's progress throughout the year.

6th and 7th graders Course Selection for next year

In the month of April, students will be going through the course selection process to determine their elective class requests for next year. Counselors will be meeting with each grade to explain the process, review the Course Guide and the Course Selection form, and enter course requests in Infinite Campus. Important dates:

Current 6th graders					
Mon. April 10 & Wed. April 12	Counselors meet with 6th graders during Social Studies classes to explain the selection process, including the Course Guide , Selection Form , and signature requirement.				
Fri. April 14	Deadline for <u>applications</u> for elective courses requiring one.				
Mon. April 17	Deadline to submit signed course selection forms to Ms. Jonas.				
Tues. April 18 & Thurs. April 20	Counselors meet with 6th graders during Science classes to confirm selection forms and enter course requests.				
Current 7th graders					
Tues. April 4 & Wed. April 5	Counselors meet with 7th graders during Social Studies classes to explain the selection process, including the Course Guide , Selection Form , and signature				
	requirement.				
Fri. April 7	requirement. Deadline to submit signed course selection forms to Base Camp teachers. Deadline to apply for elective courses that require an application.				

A Word From the Principal, continued...

Changes to End-of-Year Calendar

As you may have noticed from visiting the building this year, Deer Creek has benefited from the capital improvement projects that came out of the voter-approved 2018 ballot measure 5B. Recent updates have included carpeting, lighting, electrical, and security cameras.

This summer, Deer Creek will get the final upgrade from the bond funds - a new secure entrance vestibule and related updates to the main office. Because of the construction schedule, the last day of school this year for ALL students will be Thursday, May 25.

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 in the cafeteria, and early dismissal

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

Watch for more information from the PTO about donations and volunteers for the 8th grade Dinner &

Dance!

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 from the PTO in May about donations and volunteers for the 6th

& 7th grade picnic!

Sincerely, Rob Hoover Principal









CMAS Testing

This spring, students will be taking the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS), a state mandated assessment that determines a student's achievement and academic growth in relation to the Colorado Academic Standards, which are aimed at preparing students for college and career success.

Students will take the assessments on the following dates:

- All grades will take the Math and ELA sessions throughout the day on April 13, April 14, April 17
 - ⇒ On the testing dates of April 13, 14, and 17, students will have an early release from school at 12:00 pm.**
 - ⇒ **Students who will receive extended time for their assessments will be released at the regularly scheduled end of day at 3:00 pm.
 - ⇒ Families will be receiving communication if your student is receiving extended time.
- 8th graders will take the science sessions on April 21, 24, and 25 (regular scheduled day).

Deer Creek is committed to using a body of evidence to inform us about instruction and students' learning and progress. The data generated from a variety of measures, including CMAS, helps us meet the needs of all of our students and allows us to make decisions to improve student learning and growth.

Here are some additional important facts about the CMAS assessments:

- Lunches will not be served (except for extended time students) so all students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack on all testing days to eat between assessments.
- Students who miss a testing session will make up that session. Make-up testing ends April 28th.
- Please ensure that your student is attending school on testing dates. Please avoid late arrivals and early dismissals, as they might interrupt your child's testing session.
- During the testing window, regularly scheduled school learning opportunities will continue.

At Deer Creek, we are committed to preparing students for a promising future full of choices. We value utilizing data to make instructional decisions, while at the same time preserving instructional time in the classroom. We hope that this information is helpful to you and answers questions that you may have about the CMAS assessments. Please contact Molly Law at 303-982-3820 or molly.law@jeffco.k12.co.us with any questions you may have. Our teachers dedicate themselves to providing your child with the highest quality education. Thank you for being a supportive member of our community of learning.

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.

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.



Mme Lisa Walz Yearbook Director

Art News

The artwork of the following students is being submitted to the <u>Jeffco Middle School Art show</u> which opens April 5th at the Lakewood Cultural Center. Temporary exhibition on view April 5-May 6 at Lakewood Cultural Center. Free Artists Reception Thursday, April 20, 5-7 p.m. Showcasing the district's most outstanding student work. www.lakewood.org



The show is judged, and not all the artworks make it in. Cross your fingers that they do.

Kham Luu- painting Rowan Travis- pastel drawing Micah Ryan- jewelry Madilyn Black- jewelry Lance Linder- jewelry
Alex Guevara- music video
Adalynn Ingram- digital photography
Jamie Karpelowitz- photoshop concert poster

8th Grade Class Photos Now Available

The 8th-grade class photo is a composite of all 8th graders photographed this year. The print size is 10x24 inches.

If you would like to purchase this print, click here for the 8th grade class photo website. Cost is \$16.00

The deadline to order has been extended to Saturday, April 29th.

Prints will be delivered to the School in May, prior to end of school year.

Any questions please contact our school photographer at: customercare@cidmphoto.com



(the image displayed is a sample only)



Deer Creek FCCLA

Deer Creek FCCLA is a club composed of students who have taken Family and Consumer Science classes. Their goal is to complete service projects that better our school and community. It is also a great opportunity for students to build leadership skills that will help them in future careers. Our students have been working incredibly hard on their service projects. They created lessons about topics they were interested in and then presented them to students at Deer Creek and the local elementary schools. We are asking for your help in allowing us to present these projects at the State Conference! Please support the Deer Creek FCCLA and FACS students by donating using the link below. Donations can be made up until May 1st.

https://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/community_portal/donate

Click the purple donate button \rightarrow Then Deer Creek Middle School \rightarrow And choose the amount you wish to donate. Anything Helps!







The Library at Deer Creek

Battle of the Books:

On April 12, ten teams will battle with their minds on the six books in Battle of the Books. The competition will commence at 1:00 during Base Camp and will last approximately one hour. The winning team from Deer Creek will go on to compete against other Jeffco Middle Schools on May 1st in the boardroom at the Jeffco Public Schools Ed Center. Good luck to all!

We are hoping to provide a \$10 gift card to Tattered Cover for each school winner and \$20 gift card to Tattered Cover for each district winner. If you're interested in donating towards our prizes, please contact Mrs. Zanetti at karrie.zanetti@jeffco.k12.co.us Student activities in the library:

Did you finish a puzzle over winter break and you're not sure what to do with it? Donate it to the Deer Creek library. We keep a number of activities on hand for students who come into the library during recess needing a quiet space to work. We're open to accepting games and puzzles and even Legos! Thanks!



School Resource Officer Update

Welcome Back from Spring Break!

My number one priority is to keep everyone safe.

I know school safety is at the front of everyone's minds given the recent events in our community. I want to remind you all that I am here for you. I will continue to be vigilant and maintain my presence, so you can feel safe sending your children to our school.

ORBEEZ

Recently we have seen an uptick in Orbeez gun related incidents. Please talk to your children about safety when playing with these toys and the importance of not shooting them at cars/people. Although your child may know it is a toy, someone getting hit by an Orbeez ball may not.

If you have any questions or concerns, I can be contacted through the front office at 303-982-3820 or JEFFCOM dispatch at 303-271-0211.

Until next month, Deputy B





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.

Deer Creek PTO News

Hello Deer Creek families! Hope all had a restful Spring Break! We are looking forward to a great April - with lots of events to support our community.



Dates to Remember

April 5 PTO meeting (6pm @ DCMS Library)

April 14-23 AFW Rally Week April 21 & 22 PTO Trash Bash



Our annual Penny Wars competition was the week of February 27-March 3. Not only was it an overwhelming success (almost doubling our total from last year), but it was quite the nail biter! This year's winner - overcoming a 4000-point deficit on the final day - was 7th Grade!

Final point totals:

8th Grade: 21,9167th Grade: 32,6276th Grade: 18,541

A total of \$2,228.54 was raised and has been distributed as follows:

- \$334 to Chatfield's Make-a-Wish Week
- \$947.28 added to 7th grade's Continuation fund for next year
- \$473.63 added to each of the 6th and 8th grade Continuation funds



Deer Creek PTO News, continued...

Thank you for a super fun week and a lively competition! We look forward to seeing the 7th grade teachers' karaoke show!

PTO Needs You!

The end of the year is fast approaching, and 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, Spirit Nights, 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!

Fundraising

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 Fundraising 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!

Got Junk?

We are in need of some helping hands to make our first-ever Trash Bash a success. Do you have a teenager in need of community service hours? Sign them up! Adults and teenagers are welcome as helpers! Sign Up Here!

Number Cruncher

PTOTODAY

Deer Creek PTO News, continued...

Trash Bash: A Spring Cleaning Extravaganza!

Deer Creek Middle School PTO is excited to invite all our families and the community for our first ever Trash Bash: A Spring Cleaning Extravaganza! We will be in the DCMS parking lot on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22. All we need now is your help! Please take a look at our sign-up genius to see if you would be able to help in any way. If you choose to be part of the trash bashing team, PLEASE protect yourself by wearing appropriate footwear, protective goggles, and gloves. This is a great opportunity to help our community and our world! If you have any further questions please contact Kristi Roth at deercreekpto1@gmail.com

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AACAF22A3FA7-trash







Upcoming Events

April	
4-7	6th Grade Outdoor Lab
5	PTO Meeting 6 pm - Library
11	FACS 3 Students Field Trip - JA Finance Park 9:30 am-1:30pm
13	CMAS ELA/Math - 12:00 pm Early Release for most students
14	CMAS ELA/Math - 12:00 pm Early Release for most students
17	CMAS ELA/Math - 12:00 pm Early Release for most students
18	SSN Adapted Sports Day - Softball
21	8th Grade Science CMAS
24	8th Grade Science CMAS and 6th/7th Grade Math MAP Testing
25	8th Grade Science CMAS and 6th/7th Grade Math MAP Testing
27	Day Without Hate
28	No School for Students - Staff Development

April 2023									
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PTO Meeting - Library 6:00 pm
Late Start for Students 10:00 am
SSN Adapted Sports Day - Track & Field
End of Year Choir Concert 6:30 pm
End of Year Instrumental Music Concert 6:30 pm
Last Day of School for All Students - Early Dismissal - 12:35 pm
8th Grade Continuation Celebration - DCMS Gym 6:00-8:00 pm

May 2023									
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July

June

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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





Connect your child or teen to virtual mental health support

With Hazel Health, your child can get the mental health support they need, at no cost to you.

Virtual sessions with licensed therapists

- Sign up
 Give permission for your child or teen to see a Hazel therapist
- Therapy referral
 Either you or a school staff member refers your child to therapy by contacting Hazel
- First therapy session

 Hazel matches your child with a therapist and schedules an appointment
- Weekly therapy sessions
 Over video, the therapist helps your child cope with what they're feeling
- Therapy completion
 Your child has achieved their therapy goals and is discharged from the therapy program
- Care coordination

 If needed, Hazel helps connect your family with long-term mental health services in your community

During weekly therapy sessions, Hazel Health therapists help students understand and cope with what they're feeling

Anxiety |

Depression

Grief/loss

Self-esteem

Change

Academic stress

Bullying

and more

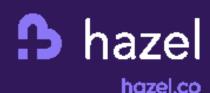
Scan to learn more



Learn more and consent for services my.hazel.co/jeffcopublicschools

Request a therapy appointment for your child by calling Hazel Health at 1-800-76-HAZEL (42935)

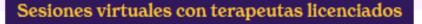
Services differ by district and school. To see what services your district offers, visit hazel.co/get-hazel.





Ponga a su hijo pequeño o adolescente en contacto con la atención oportuna de salud mental

Con Hazel Health, su hijo puede obtener el apoyo de salud mental que necesita en poco tiempo y sin costo para usted.



- Registrarse
 Autorice a su hijo pequeño o adolescente a acudir al terapeuta
- Derivación a terapia
 Derive a su hijo a terapia poniéndose en contacto con Hazel
- Primera sesión de terapia

 Hazel asigna un terapeuta a su hijo y programa una cita
- Sesiones de terapia semanales

 De forma virtual, el terapeuta ayuda a su hijo a afrontar lo que siente
- Finalización de la terapia

 Al haber alcanzado los objetivos de la terapia, su hijo es dado de alta del programa
- Coordinación de la atención
 Si es necesario, Hazel ayuda a su familia a ponerse en contacto con los servicios de salud mental a largo plazo de su comunidad

Durante las sesiones semanales de terapia virtual, los terapeutas de Hazel Health ayudan a los estudiantes a afrontar lo que sienten.

Ansiedad

Depresión

Autoestima

Cambios

Estrés académico

Duelo/pérdida

jy mucho más!

Los servicios están disponibles en la escuela durante el horario escolar y en casa de lunes a viernes entre las 7 a.m.y las 7 p.m. (hora local).

Escanear para aprende más



Obtenga más información y dé su consentimiento para recibir los servicios. my.hazel.co/jeffcopublicschools

Para solicitar una cita de terapia para su hijo, llame a Hazel Health al 1-800-76-HAZEL (42935)

Los servicios difieren según el distrito y la escuela. Para conocer los servicios que ofrece su escuela, visite myhazel.co.



TRYOUT DAY

Friday, May 5

OPEN GYM

4:30 - 6:30 pm Tues. April 25 & Thur. April 27 \$10 per athlete

TUNT & TUMBLE PARENT & ATHLE MEETING

6:30 pm Tuesday, April 25 In the Community Room

TRYOUT CLINICS

4:30 - 6:30 pm Mon. May I - Thur. May 4