

Deer Creek Newsletter



DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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LAST CALL - Round 1 Enrollment for the 2024-25 School Year closes Friday January 12th!

It's hard to believe that we're already talking about the next school year. <u>ALL</u> <u>K-12 families will use EnrollJeffco to indicate where their student(s) will be</u> <u>attending school for the next school year.</u> You will use <u>EnrollJeffco</u> whether your student(s) is re-enrolling at the same school, changing schools, or just starting in Jeffco.

The K-12 enrollment window for Round One is open until Friday, January 12 for the 2024-25 school year. Please be sure to complete your enrollment for next year by January 12th.

- For current 6th and 7th graders, you will be directed to either confirm your ongoing enrollment at Deer Creek or submit an application to enroll at a different school.
- For current 8th graders, you will either confirm you will be attending your neighborhood high school or submit an application to enroll at a different high school.

You can visit the <u>EnrollJeffco website</u> for more information.

ENROLLMENT DATES FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

- December 5, 2023: K-12 Round 1 Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year opens
- January 12, 2024: K-12 Round 1 Enrollment closes
- January 18, 2024: Round 2 Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year opens
- January 23, 2024 (tentative date): K-12 Round 1 lottery offers will be sent to families
 - Families have three days to accept an offer

Winter Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences

Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, January 23 and Thursday January 25 from 4:30-8:30 pm

A Word From the Principal, continued...

Our winter conferences are <u>optional</u> and are split into two types - team conferences and individual conferences. Team conferences are the priority for winter conferences and are by invitation only. These conferences will already be scheduled with families and those times will be blocked out in the online scheduler for teachers involved. Teachers will have a limited number of 5-minute individual conference slots depending on their involvement in Team Conferences. All winter conferences are In-Person only.

Beginning Friday, January 12, please visit the DCMS website to access the Signup Genius for scheduling the remaining available individual conferences online. If conference times are still available, you may choose to prioritize which teachers are most important to schedule.

- Due to teachers having a limited number of individual appointments, slots may fill up quickly.
- Have a copy of your student's 2nd Trimester schedule at hand when you enter the Signup Genius for easy reference.

Wishing you a Happy New Year,

Rob Hoover Principal

From the Dean

Hello Mountaineers Families:

At the time of this writing, students have about nineteen weeks left of school, which seems to go by more quickly than we expect. There is a lot that will happen during these weeks inside and outside the classroom and we appreciate your continued partnership and support with guiding students to positive decision-making. When you have conversations with your student, I encourage you to help your student with reflecting on perspectives, awareness of the impact they have on others and others on them, and how difficult situations can be handled while still being respectful and kind. We all make mistakes, so helping your student understand the importance of, and how to take responsibility for their actions, repair harm, and moving forward with a lesson are important things to discuss as well. If you would like support with any of these discussion topics with your student, please reach out.

We have observed a number of students being dropped off at school prior to or near 8:00 a.m. **Please remember that our doors do not open for school until 8:40 a.m.** Prior to this time, staff members are not available for student supervision. Depending on temperature and weather conditions, administrators may, on occasion, permit students to enter the building at 8:30, which is when we have supervision available. **Please plan accordingly and do not drop your student off prior to 8:30**. The exception is if your student eats breakfast at school. The doors for breakfast are open from 8:20-8:25 and students must be eating and remain in the cafeteria. Thank you for your cooperation.

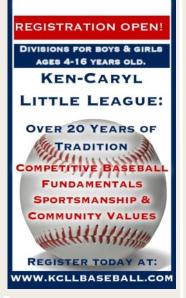
Despite the warmer days we had over winter break, there are still several months of cold weather ahead of us. Middle schoolers are notorious for not wearing coats to school; however, our lunch routine includes about 25 minutes of outside time every day as well as time in the morning waiting for school to begin. Please encourage your student to be prepared each day for the ranges of Colorado weather.

As always, if you have questions or need help with your student, please reach out to teachers, counselors or me. We are here to support your student!

Julia Skillern Dean of Students Deer Creek Middle School









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Supporting Schools & Local Businesses

Tardiness

Tardiness in school is a disruption to the learning process for the student, the teacher and the classroom. Students who are chronically late to school and classes are developing a poor habit and send a message to others that their time and effort is not valued or important. We ask that you support the learning environment by expecting your student to be on time to school. Almost all tardies, except those caused by school bus transportation problems, are avoidable: leave extra early during bad weather, set alarms at home for students walking, establishing good routines in the morning, and set the expectation at home that timeliness is not optional.

Please review the DCMS school expectations for tardiness and read below for school consequences that occur because of tardiness to 1st period.

- Students will be assigned a detention for every four unexcused tardy to 1st period.
 - \Rightarrow Students who have chronic tardiness to 1st period may have other school consequences which could include detention after school, an assignment, or school-based community service.
 - \Rightarrow Frequent excused tardies may be discussed with the family to determine if tardies will continue to be excused.

*This policy may be subject to change during the school as needed to address tardiness challenges.

6th Grade Outdoor Lab Parent Information Meeting

Your student's 6th grade teachers will be holding our Outdoor Lab Parent Informational (parents only!) meeting on **Wednesday, January 17th from 6:30 to 7:30pm**. During this meeting, we will discuss important information about what Outdoor Lab is, what you and your child can expect, and other logistics. Please make sure to get this on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you on the 17th!

Deer Creek 6th Graders will be attending Outdoor Lab Tuesday April 9 - Friday April 12

Deer Creek 6th Grade Team

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 <u>Rob@tscacolorado.com</u> or (720) 878-4107.

MAP Test Scores

Student Insights in Campus – Winter MAP Scores Released

<u>Student Insights</u> 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. The learning plans and tests included in Student Insights include CMAS, MAP Data, ACCESS for ELLS, READ Plans, and ALPs. Winter MAP data is now available in Student Insights.

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. <u>Click here</u> for instructions on how to access Student Insights.

What's Happening in Social Studies

Coming up in 8th Grade US History is Unit 5 of iCivics: **U.S. Territorial Expansion** *What caused the borders of the early U.S. to change?* <u>Click Here</u> for more information about this unit

Deer Creek Mountaineers Yearbook Update



Last Chance to Purchase a Yearbook

We have been able to extend the deadline to purchase a yearbook to **Friday, January 12th**. E mails have been sent to families who have NOT yet purchased a yearbook. You can also call the office to double check.

Yearbooks can be purchased through Infinite Campus -> More -> Scroll Down to Quick Links and select Jeffco Student Fee Payment.

8th Grade Yearbook Dedication Ads

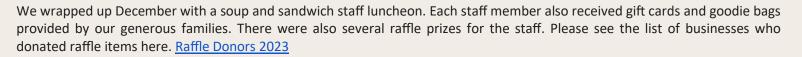
Parents. Time is running out to create a yearbook dedication ad for your 8th grader. The price is \$20 in January and increases to \$25 in February until the deadline. The FINAL deadline is February 9. To access the DCMS ad templates, use the following access information:

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

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



Happy New Year!! We hope it was a great time with family and friends! January seems like a short month with holiday break, MLK Day, and conferences, but there are many PTO events just around the corner! Read on for more information about Penny Wars/Wish Week and the 6th Grade Social.



Dates to Remember

- January 18 Freddy's Spirit Day 4-8 p.m.
- January 23 & 25 Conferences 4:30-8:30 p.m.
- January 29-2/2 Penny Wars/Chatfield Wish Week
- February 9 6th Grade Social @ 6 pm

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TRANSPORTATION GIRL

Five Days Can Change a Life

The HOYA Foundation started Career Week for GIRLs [™] to encourage more young women to pursue careers in transportation and construction. Why? Because only 11% of the construction work force is women. That fact carries economic implications and substantial opportunities.

Over one week, girls – ranging from 13 to 23 years old – make five stops to engage with women, ask questions and tour work sites. Each company puts together a day long insight into their company and into the industry. This program is free to those girls selected.

2024 dates are set! June 3-7, June 10-14, June 17-21 or June 24-28

Submit your application before March 30

www.ConstructionGIRL.org/Career-Wee

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Deer Creek Middle School PTO News, continued...

Penny Wars

Our annual Penny Wars competition will be held the week of January 29 - February 2.



Chatfield High School has sponsored a 'Wish Week' every year since 2014, in a partnership with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The funds raised go directly to Kids For Wish Kids[®] to help grant more wishes. DCMS Penny Wars will run concurrently with Chatfield Wish Week. DCMS will participate in spirit days and support Chatfield's

efforts by making a 15% donation from all the funds collected during our Penny Wars competition. Families are encouraged to donate to this worthy cause as well. Please email DeerCreekPTO1@gmail.com if you have questions.

All the money raised (after the 15% donation) will stay with the DCMS grade levels. Though all grades will still compete to see who can bring in the most coins and bills overall, PTO will earmark the grade-level winnings to supplement the cost of the class' Continuation celebration at the end of their 8th grade year. For example, the amount earned by this year's 8th grade during Penny Wars will be added to the PTO-sponsored budget for their Continuation party in May. Seventh grade will add to their fund this year and next, and 6th grade will add to their Continuation fund for a total of three years. 8th Grade Continuation is a really special event for our 8th Graders, and we want to make sure it continues to be great, even with rising costs. Penny Wars helps us supplement any budget shortfalls for the event. Plus, the kids get really excited about competing against the other grades. The current 8th Grade has won the past two years. Will 6th or 7th Grade knock them out of the winner's circle this year?

Volunteers needed during lunch periods to watch over the collection jars. Penny Wars Volunteer Sign-Up

Milk Caps for Mooola

MILK CAPS for MOOOLA is a program sponsored by Longmont Dairy that helps students earn money for their school and students. Longmont Dairy milk caps are worth 5¢ each and are redeemable for cash! Turn in your clean caps to the Main Office! See our <u>PTO Fundraising</u> page for more details.

Use Raise Right to raise money for DCMS!

Turn everyday expenses into extraordinary opportunities for your organization by shopping with e-gift cards. Simply download the Raise Right app, select DCMS PTO as your non-profit (**Enrollment code: ZN9Q45J31UEF**), tie your checking account to the app, then you shop! Please email <u>deercreekpto1@gmail.com</u> or check out the <u>PTO Fundraising</u> page for more information. If you are shopping at any major retailer, they more than likely are giving percentages back with the Raise Right app. That percentage is money that comes back to the school (if DCMS is selected as your non profit). There are always bonus specials you can take advantage of as well! It's a great way to shop and dine and earn money for the school at the same time!

Flannel and Frost 6th Grade Social February 9

The long wait is over! It's time for the annual 6th Grade Social. The theme is Flannel or Frost, so wear any variation of that combination that strikes your fancy! It will be a winter wonderland of fun! Look for more information and volunteer opportunities in PTO Friday updates.

Don't Forget -

Check out our <u>website</u>! Follow us on social media! Facebook: <u>@DeerCreekMSPTO</u> Instagram: <u>@deer_creek_pto</u>

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SUBTRACTING

NICKEL = -5 POINTS DIME - -10 POINTS

QUARTER = -25 POINTS



"Every chess master was once a beginner." Irving Chernev

DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING CHESS CLUB

👑 Lessons written by five-time CO. State Champion National Master Lior Lapid

PALS students won CO Scholastic State Championships every year since 2014

2 Our kid-approved chess and life lessons are funny, friendly, and lots of FUN!

👤 Critical thinking: planning ahead, pattern recognition and problem solving

Character-building: sportsmanship, teamwork, and learning from mistakes

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WHEN: Fridays after school from 4:10-5:10 pm 1/26, 2/2, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17

WHO: 6th-8th graders

PALS

WHAT: Calling all budding Kings and Queens to Colorado's premier chess program! Our creative curriculum brings humor, stories, and "chessercizes" to help students apply lessons on and off the board. Chess education has been shown to help kids improve logic, math, and reading comprehension skills. Students calculate options and evaluate consequences, learning to overcome obstacles and practice visualization techniques to think ahead. Whether playing in our scholastic tourneys or with family and friends, kids love learning with PALS because we make chess FUN!

TUITION: \$234.00 for the 13 week session. Enroll at <u>www.palschess.com/register</u>. Any questions please feel free to email <u>info@palschess.com</u> or call 720-504-8765

2024 National Civics Bee

The Arvada Chamber of Commerce is excited to host the **2024 National Civics Bee.** The National Civics Bee is an annual competition that encourages young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. Middle school students with an idea about using civics to solve a problem in our community can participate in an essay competition for a cash prize! PLUS we are excited to give the Jeffco Middle School with the most essay entries at \$400 Library Donation.



To enter, students to submit a 500 word essay on the following via our <u>website</u>.: Identify a problem facing your community. How might a citizen solve the problem? Write a 500-word essay that includes the following:

- What is the problem, and how do different members in your community or neighborhood view it?
- What civic principles or systems could help to address the problem?
- What is your idea or recommendation for solving the problem?
- What primary sources, such as the Declaration of Independence or the United States Constitution, provide supporting evidence or examples for your idea or recommendation?
- How might members of your community or neighborhood bring your idea or recommendation to life?

Essay submissions are due by January 22nd through our website. You can find out more and submit entries HERE.

If students are chosen for the live event on April 16th they will be provided with a study guide to help them prepare. We do not expect schools to carry a preparation load or add additional curriculum to their planning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Ali Stofflet Arvada Chamber of Commerce Director of Business Outreach & Growth <u>ali@arvadachamber.org</u> 303-424-0313

2023-2024 First Trimester Honor Roll

Congratulations to our honor roll recipients for the first trimester!

Students qualify for honor roll by maintaining a term GPA of 3.5 or higher and Work Habits grades of B or higher in all classes.

*Designates High Honors students with a GPA of 3.75 or higher and Work Habits grades of B or higher in all classes.



6th Grade

Kelsey Anderson Evan Ayala* Grant Berkeley Austyn Black Jacob Brown* Cora Burton Kaitlyn Carwin Tyler Carwin Mackenzie Cloutier Skylin Cobb Elizabeth Devin* Xuan-Nhi Doan Allison Doan Madeline Feddersen Kinley Houle-Murphy Ryan Howes Eliot Howlett Madeline Joltes Morgan Kincaid Laura Martinson James Myers Brayden O'Malley Nicolette Prater Wyatt Schwentner Sophia Villasenor Eckert

7th Grade

Gwendolyn Armes Tyler Bergsma Gabriel Bowman* Makenna Brown* Henry Buecher* Madison Burford Eily Carpenter* Ryane Castor* Isabella Cofaru* Benjamin Crowley Dean Dewey Aidyn Ehnstrom* Avery Eversman*

April Falin* Colton Falk* Landon Feddersen* Norah Feik* Riya Hagan* Mason Haggenjos David Halladay Keira Harder Grayson Harris* Andy He* Fiona Hill* Tracy Huang* Avery Ingalls* Silas Johnson Mason Jussel Bailey Knight* Claire Knowles Brianne Kohler* Brielle Kosik Killian Lee* Estella Lezama Kinley LiFari* Amelia Lysenia* Isa Marchena Armaan Massey* Josie Mattson* Grace McGowan* Reese Mermans* Maverick Morgan Gianna Murray Cole Norman* Hannah Oakeson* Cameron Rojahn Caitlyn Rotar Marlee Rounds* Braylon Rutter* Halie Schmidt Kela Schmidt* Bella Stebbins* Mariah Trujillo Evan Van Rijssen Mason Weaver

2023-2024 First Trimester Honor Roll

*Designates High Honors students with a GPA of 3.74 or higher and Work Habits grades of B or higher in all classes

8th Grade

Riley Anderson* Maya Arevalo* Rachel Artzer* Xavier Bahm Julia Bayton Spencer Beich Benjamin Bernstein Madilynn Black Ella Brown* Dreya Burgbacher Caia Campbell Teagen Cobb William Crotty* Charlotte Dailey Kinley Davis Sebastiano DeNome* Austin DeSair Alexander Doll Garrett Falk Sabrina Forbes* Nolan Galcovski Ian Giebel* Kylee Gisetti Wyatt Gorab Alexander Guevara Christopher Guevara Brady Harman Sylah Hartman* Callie Hawkins* Michael Hefner* Brooklyn Hill* Reese Honeycutt* Wayne Hutchinson Adalynn Ingram* Michael Itoafa Emma Jacoby* Jamie Karpelowitz* Theodore Keydel* Logan Kistner

Olivia LeMieux Dylan Lopez Kham Luu* Ainsley May* Reece McFaul Brody McGirl Miarose Mueller Eisley Oppenlander Emma Persichetti* Ethan Pultorak* Makenna Reichow* Riley Restivo Autumn Rutter* Maria Saldarriaga Gavin Shannon* Lilyann Snow Olivia Teal* Jacob Tedesco* Izabella Thatcher* Juniper Truman* Wyatt Webster Ahas Weerapura* Whitney Wright* Gabriella Wroblewski





Upcoming Events

January				
12	Winter Conference Sign Up Opens			
12	Round 1 Enrollment Closes			
15	MLK Day - School Closed			
16	SSN Students to the Remarkable Round Up at the Denver Stock Show			
17	6th Grade Parent/Guardian Outdoor Lab Information Meeting 6:30 pm			
18	Winter Conference Sign Up Closes			
18	PTO Spirit Night - Freddy's			
23	Winter Conferences 4:30-8:30 pm			
25	Winter Conferences 4:30 -8:30 pm			
29-Feb 2	Penny Wars (PTO Fundraiser for Make-A-Wish and each classes' 8th Grade Celebration)			

January 2024								
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February			
2	Penny Wars Last Day		
5	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm - Library		
9	6th Grade Social - Flannel and Frost @ 6:00-7:30 PM		
16	No School for Students - Staff Development Day		
19	President's Day - School Closed		
22	Accountability Meeting 6:00 pm Library		
23	End of 2nd Trimester		
26	Start of 3rd Trimester		

February	2024
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