



Deer Park News

“Where All Students are Awesome”

A Message from the Principal, Margie Polen

Dear Families,

FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) testing is going on through April and into the first two days of May. Our teachers and students have been working very hard all year to make sure that everyone is as prepared for these assessments as possible.

Third grade students tested first. Third grade FSA reading tests have been completed. Third grade students will also be assessed on the FSA Math on April 12th & 13th.

Fourth grade students will be assessed with the FSA ELA on April 17th & 18th & Math tests on April 19th & 20th,

Fifth grade students will be assessed with the FSA ELA on April 10th & 11th, FSA Math on April 24th & 25th and Science on May 1st & 2nd. A few Key Deer students that are taking the 6th Grade FSA in Math will be assessed on May 24th, 25th and 26th.

Deer Park will have a “closed, quiet campus” on each of the testing dates listed above. This means that our campus will not be open for parents to have lunch with students and we will not be able to have volunteers on campus.

How Tardiness Affects Everyone

Tardiness affects not only your child's attendance record and ability to learn, but it also impacts the school environment and you. Preparing the night before and allowing a little extra time in the morning can prevent most tardiness.

Your Child's Learning

When a child is late to school, he/she misses out on important instruction. Every minute that a child is in school is important to their learning. There is a challenge of trying to settle in and catch up with what other students are doing. They may get behind and struggle to understand material the teacher has already explained. Being late is detrimental to learning, especially if it occurs on a consistent basis.

Other Children's Learning

Other students also suffer when a child is late to school. They have to wait to proceed with a lesson because the teacher is busy trying to catch the late child up. The interruption of a door opening into a classroom and the teacher having to address who is coming in is distracting and can cause students to lose their concentration as well. Also, children need to escort each other to the office to pick up your child, which causes other children to miss important instruction.

Ways to Prevent Tardiness

Have your child set out clothes for the next day the night before.

Have backpack already to go!

Get all of the supplies and equipment needed for after school practices and activities ready.

Have the lunch packed the night before.

Make sure everyone is in bed at a reasonable hour. Set the alarm 10 or 15 minutes earlier than absolutely necessary to ensure your child has enough time to get to school before the tardy bell rings.

This may take a small amount of effort the night before, but makes for a smooth morning!

-Lisa Jennings, School Counselor-

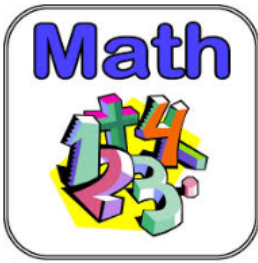
Dates to Remember:

April 2017

- 10-11** FSA Reading - 5th Gr.
- 12-13** FSA Math - 3rd Gr.
- 13** Field Trip - 2nd Gr.
PTA Spring Fling & Gen'l Meeting 6:00pm
- 17-18** FSA Reading - 4th Gr.
- 19-20** FSA Math - 4th Gr.
- 24-25** FSA Math - Gr. 5 & 6
- 24** Field Trip - 3rd Gr.
- 26** FSA Math - Gr. 6
- 27** Field Trip - 1st Gr
- 21** SAC Mtg. 7:45am
- 28** Progress Reports
Pastries for Pop 8:00am

May 2017

- 1-2** FSA Science - 5th Gr.
- 3** Spring Concert 7:00pm
- 4** Publix Math Night
6:00 - 7:30pm
- 8** KG PreRegistration 4:30pm
- 8-12** BookFair (night 5/9 6-8pm)
- 12** Muffins for Mom 8:00am
- 11** Skating Party Gr. 2-5
3-5:30pm
- 17** Field Trip - 5th Gr.
- 22** Water/ Field Day
- 25** Moving On Ceremony & Clap-out 11:30am
- 26** Students' Last Day!



“WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO BUILDING A LOVE OF MATH WITH OUR STUDENTS AND YOUR CHILDREN!” MS. SUTULA

Here are the mathematical practices for the month of April and May:

April: Look for & express regularity in repeated reasoning

May: Teacher’s Choice

Mathletes & Awesome Authors

Students have the opportunity to earn a **Mathlete Certificate** for displaying the specific practice during math instruction. One student per class is picked monthly and celebrated on the morning news show. Be sure to ask your child what they are learning in math and what mathematical practice he/she is focused on each month. Click the YouTube link on our school webpage to see your “Mathlete”.

Awesome Authors are students selected by their teachers. They are students whose writing has improved, a student who was reluctant to write, but now writes or a student who excels in writing. They are invited monthly to share their writing with other Awesome Authors.

Awesome Bingo Tickets

Students receive a blue **“Awesome Ticket”** when they are observed following one of our DPES Behavior Expectations:

- B - Be Responsible
- U - Use Respect
- C - Convey Confidence
- K - Keep engaged
- S - Safety First

They pick a number from our “chip” bucket and their ticket is tacked to our bingo board.

The winning “Bingo” row celebrates with me at an extra recess.

I look forward to spending this special, fun time with our students!

All DPES students that receive a blue ticket are AWESOME!

**Ms. Sutula
Asst. Principal**



Wooden Roses Fundraiser

Our Student Council will be selling Wooden Roses for Mother’s Day May 8th - May 12th.

They will available in the cafeteria during lunch times for \$1.00

Spring Book Fair is Coming!



The Spring Book Fair will be held in the Media Center Monday May 8th - Friday May 12th.

BookFair Family evening is Tuesday, May 9th from 6-8pm

Volunteers..please contact Jane Thurston @ 727-774-8900



Spring Concert is May 3rd

7:00pm at the **Center for the Arts at River Ridge.** Performances by our Senior Chorus, Junior Chorus, Instrumental Group and an invitation for First Grade and Kindergarten to join us on the stage. The concert will last about an hour.



May 22nd is “Water/ Field Day”

DPES Field Day T-shirts are still available for sale through April 28th. They are \$10 and funds raised will help purchase PE equipment.

Registered volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Jane Thurston (Volunteer Coordinator) through the front office @ 727-774-8900.

BELL SCHEDULE**ARRIVAL**

8:20 No bell - Students are unloaded from cars and may wait in covered entryway where adult supervision is available.

8:20 Breakfast is available in our cafeteria.

8:30 First bell rings. Students should be going to their classrooms.

8:40 Tardy bell rings. After this bell, students need to enter office to get a tardy pass.

DISMISSAL

2:50 P.L.A.C.E. Students will be escorted to the cafeteria.

2:50 Car Riders are brought out to the car loop (east side).

2:50 Bus Riders are escorted out to the bus loop located (west side) **Day Care Vans** and the **YMCA Bus** will also be in this area.

2:55 All Walkers and Bike Riders are escorted to the designated east or west bike rack, whichever is closest to home.

2:55 All Park and Pick-Up students are escorted to front gazebo.

(Cars are not permitted in the bus loop.)



All Fifth grade students have brought home our **“Save the Dates” Flyer** with **detailed information** about our **5th Grade End of Year Events.**

Please look at the schedule listed below for dates and times.

If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher.

- May 4th - River Otters Play**
9:30am & 1:45pm
- May 17th - Animal Kingdom Trip**
7am-7pm
- May 18th - Skating Party 12-2pm**
- May 19th - 5th Grade Luau**
9:45am-1:30pm
@ Starkey Park
- May 22nd - DPES Water Day**
- May 24th - Rehearsal for Moving on Ceremony 9:00am**
Pancake Breakfast 10:00am
Kickball Game 1:30pm
- May 25th - Moving on Ceremony & Clap Out 11:30am**



Kindergarten Preregistration
2017-2018

Deer Park’s Kindergarten Preregistration will be on **Monday, May 8th from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. in our school cafeteria.**

Please bring your future kindergartener with you as we will provide a “welcome bag” with some activities to keep them busy while you complete the registration paperwork. Our kindergarten teachers will be on hand to conduct a short assessment with your child and we will have a “tour guide” available to provide you and your child with a short visit to a kindergarten classroom. Also, PLACE, PTA, School Cafeteria, School Counselor, and Volunteers will be available with information.

Details of required documents for this preregistration will be sent home soon with all DPES students.



Reminder: If your child is absent from school, please turn in an excused note to their teacher. Please include your child’s first and last name along with student # on the note. For students who arrive late to school, please have an adult bring them in to the office to be marked tardy. If they were late due to an appointment, please have a note from the appointment provider. The data entry office keeps these notes attached to the tardy slip.



Upcoming Events

- April 13 Spring Fling / Gen'l Mtg.**
- April 28 Pastries for Pop**
- May 1 -5 Staff Appreciation Week**
- May 9 Adopt A Class
Ice Cream Social**
- May 12 Muffins for Mom**
- May 16 Miracles of Science
Assembly**

Please join us at our General Meeting on **April 13** to vote in our new members. GMS principal, Jason Joens will be our guest speaker. After the Gen'l Meeting we will be decorating eggs and doing spring crafts!



Please watch for emails from Jane Thurston (Volunteer Coordinator) about upcoming volunteer opportunities!

Please remember to renew your volunteer application each year after **July 1st**.

Volunteer applications can be found at <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/communications/volunteer/>

“STAR BUCK” of the Month



On the last Friday of each month, Deer Park will be celebrating our **“STAR BUCKS”!**

The students chosen for the month’s Star Buck Spotlight (one from each classroom) will exemplify one or more of Deer Park’s expectations:

- Be responsible
- Use respect
- Convey confidence
- Keep engaged
- Safety first

They come to school each day with a positive attitude and are committed to doing their best. They work together with their teachers and classmates showing kindness and being helpful. They display good citizenship, are honest and trustworthy.



Please continue to collect and send in boxtops. Funds we receive are used to replenish our Peaceful Playground and recess equipment.

The winner of a Cookie party for most boxtops collected during our second contest was **Mrs. Ferro’s second grade class!**

Thank you for your support!



Habitat & Recycling

Congratulations to Kaylee Pate, a 5th grader who created the winning 2017 Earth Day button;

“Protect Our Planet - Reuse”. Runner up was Noel Kessler, also a fifth grade student.

A big THANK YOU to Mrs. Kurasz & Mrs. Hoyt, the art teachers that guided the children through this process. Also THANKS to Mrs. Toth, a DPES volunteer who makes the buttons each year and supervises the sales in the lunchroom.

There were 12 finalists and this button was selected by faculty and staff as the design that best reflected the 2017 theme. The winning button will be sold for \$1.00 during lunch in the cafeteria on Fridays throughout April.

Our 4th “Adopt-A-Road” clean-up of Trouble Creek will be held on May 3rd.

The Key Deer EARTH PATROL continues to do a wonderful job picking up classroom paper to recycle.

April is “Earth Month” and **Earth Day is April 22nd**. Please keep Deer Park beautiful by not throwing trash on the ground.

Keep a smile on your face and a song in your hear, and I will see you

