



# Deer Park News

**"Where each Student has an Awesome Story"**

**A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Jeanne Krapfl**

## Dates to Remember:

*Happy Spring to our Deer Park Families!*

Students in Grades 3, 4 & 5 will be administered the FSA test during the month of April.

### Testing Dates:

April 9-10.....Grade 3 Reading  
 April 16-17.....Grade 5 Math  
 April 18-19.....Grade 4 Math  
 April 23-24.....Grade 5 Reading  
 April 25-26.....Grade 4 Reading  
 Apr30 - May1..Grade 5 Science  
 Grade 3 Math

To help our students do their best on the upcoming FSA tests, Deer Park will be a closed, quiet campus on the testing days listed above. This means no volunteers in student areas and no visitors for lunch. Although our primary grades are not testing, we have students with accommodations testing at different locations around campus at different times, therefore quiet campus applies to all grades.

*Remember, a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and LOTS of encouragement all go far in helping your child have a successful testing experience!*

Please accept our apologies for the unacceptable Picture Day technical/scheduling issues. We appreciate your patience and understand the effort by our parents on a busy morning to have their child "picture ready". Please be assured we will be investigating new photography options for the 2018-2019 school year.

Picture Day has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 4th.

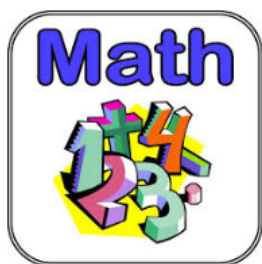
Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

## April 2018

- 2 Report Cards go home
- 3 Outback Family Night  
5:00pm - close
- 4 Picture Day
- 9-10 FSA Reading -3rd Grade
- 11 Chik-Fil-A Night 5pm - 8pm
- 12 PTA Ice Cream Social - 6pm
- 13 SAC Meeting 7:45am
- 14 Odyssey of the Mind  
State Competition
- 16-17 FSA Math - 5th Grade
- 18-19 FSA Math - 4th Grade
- 19 AstroSkate 3:00pm - 5:30pm  
Grades 2-5
- 20 Field Trip - Kindergarten
- 23-24 FSA Reading - 5th Grade
- 25-26 FSA Reading - 4th Grade
- 27 Progress Reports go home  
Pastries for Pops 7:45am
- 30-1 FSA Math - 3rd Grade  
FSA Science - 5th Grade

Deer Park is Tweeting! Check out what's happening at Deer Park Elementary!  
 Follow Mrs. Krapfl on Twitter...@JLKrapfl





**"WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO BUILDING A LOVE OF MATH WITH OUR STUDENTS AND YOUR CHILDREN!" MRS. SASS**

Here is the mathematical practice for the month of **April**:

### **Look for and make use of structure.**

**What it means:** Find patterns and repeated reasoning that can help solve more complex problems.

### **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 celebrated monthly on the morning news and their writing piece will be displayed in the cafeteria for the month.

### **Awesome Bingo Tickets**

Students receive a yellow **"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 yellow ticket are AWESOME!**

**Mrs. Sass  
Asst. Principal**



The following DeerPark students who participated in Odyssey of the Mind this school year include:

Kylen Tirello	Trevor Cheatham
Nathaniel Hart	Gio Hart
Kelyn Falor	Xavier DeLeon
Bella Smith*	Abby Redman*
Laurel Hermansen*	Kaiya Kotoric*
Ava Holton*	Mahi Patel*
Jacob Bowers*	Kayden Kotoric*
Aralynn Blaskvitch*	Bryanna Kitchens*
Miles Slavinsky*	Sophia Calderon*
Margaret Nebraski	Zayla Coughlan
Skaï Coughlan	Landen Dixon
Elsa Kabashi	Charles McManaway
Heidi Baldwin	Lucy Barry
Ashlynn Johnson	Hannah Morales
Haylee Smith	Hailey Pierre
Alexandra Perez	Logan DeSousa
Gus Neff-Flahan	John Azevedo
Kai Edwards	Kyle DeShazer
Ryan Bell	

\* Students competing at State competition

Deer Park had six teams competing at the 2018 Odyssey of the Mind tournament. These teams worked hard over a period of months to complete their solutions. We are very proud of all of our Deer Park teams! Two teams will be going on to State competition in Orlando on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We wish them great success!



Congratulations to our class winners for TEDx speeches. Students in grades 4 & 5 wrote speeches and presented to our judges.

An extra special congratulations to Isabella Smith, our top school winner, who is going on to present Deer Park at the district-wide competition and to our runner up, Malachi Hughes.

**BELL SCHEDULE****ARRIVAL**

**8:20** No bell - Students are unloaded from cars and may wait under covered entryway outside classrooms.

**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.)**

**2018-2019 Kindergarten Registration**

**Mark your Calendars !**

Deer Park's kindergarten registration will be on Monday, May 7th from 4:30 – 6:30 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 registration will be sent home soon with all DPES students.



Students, teachers, parents and administrators gathered to celebrate 28 years of school beautification projects at Deer Park Elementary led by former Pasco County employee and continuing volunteer Nancy Pratt and her husband, George. The students began raising funds in August 2017 to create a special student outdoor area at Deer Park Elementary to be known as Pratt's Place. Pratt's Place is a picturesque shade tree surrounded by a circular wooden bench known as a buddy bench. A stone dedication plaque has been engraved with inspirational words Mrs. Pratt used often with students.

The plaque is mounted on a pedestal and reads:

*Our thanks to  
Nancy and George Pratt  
for their tireless devotion  
preserving the natural  
beauty  
of Deer Park Elementary.*

*With a smile on your face  
And a song in your heart  
Stretch out your neck  
and reach for the top.*

*We invite you to sit  
And rest in this place  
Observe Mother Earth  
The children at play.  
And marvel at the clouds  
As they travel today.*



Field Day T-Shirts are on Sale now!  
Shirts are \$10.00 and proceeds go toward our Field Day Activities. All orders are due April 30th.

Our theme is  
"Field Day at the Beach"!

T-shirts are available in purple or gray.



TEE FRONT

#### Upcoming Events:



April 12, 2018  
"ICE CREAM SOCIAL"  
6pm  
All are welcome!

April 27, 2018  
Join us in the cafeteria and enjoy  
"PASTRIES FOR POPS"  
7:45am



#### Important Dates to Remember:

May 11 - *Animal Kingdom Trip*  
May 14 - *5th Gr. vs Faculty Kickball Game*  
May 14 & 15 - *Play Practice*  
May 16 - *U.S. Constitution Play*  
9:30am & 2:00pm  
May 18 - *5th Grade Skating Party*  
May 23 - *5th Gr. Ceremony Rehearsal & Pancake Breakfast*  
*Yearbook Signing & Party*  
May 24 - *5th Gr. Moving On Ceremony*  
May 25 - *Last day of school for all students*



## Our Volunteers are AWESOME!

We have had a very successful year so far! Our volunteers have made such a big difference in ensuring the success of our events and helping our students work toward and achieve their goals!

Once you are an approved volunteer, watch for emails from Jane Thurston (Volunteer Coordinator) about upcoming volunteer opportunities!

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



Our Pennies for Pasta Fundraiser was a huge success!

Deer Park students raised over \$950 to be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Congratulations to Mrs. Caraynoff and Ms. Albertson classes for donating the most money.

Thank you for your support!

