



Deer Park News

"Where each Student has an Awesome Story"

Dates to Remember:

A Message from the Principal, Mrs. Jeanne Krapfl

Happy March Deer Park Bucks!

I just want to take a moment to thank you all for understanding and complying to our safety expectations. Our district has transitioned this year to a new protocol when responding to threats on a school campus.

Back in quarter 1 each school practiced phase I and it is now time to practice phase II. The number one goal is always to practice being safe and this is a difficult task to **practice** due to the many unknown variables in any type of threat. Please reiterate to your children that in any situation it's crucial for them to follow teacher directions and after practicing it's important for your child to talk through it with you. Practicing drills have always been a part of our school plans and this is just another type of drill that has unfortunately had to evolve as times have changed.

We continue to strive for the balance of focusing on your child's education, being a welcoming and inviting organization, while also keeping everyone safe. Please know that I have created a committee, which will continue an ongoing focus on safety of all our stakeholders. Suggestions are welcomed and will be vetted through this committee of volunteers who have a passion for safety.

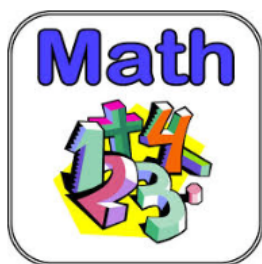
We are also just about in FSA testing time and there will be certain dates that we will have a closed campus in order to create the best testing environment for all. We ask that no visitors or volunteers come on those dates and I know with all the hard work, focus, and teamwork

March 2018

- 2 Pajama Day
SAC Meeting 7:45am
- 5 FSA Writing Gr. 4 & 5
- 6 NAEP Testing Gr.4
PTA Mtg & Safety Night
6:30pm
- 7 McBuck Night 5-7pm
- 8 Skating Party
Grades 2-5 / 3-6pm
- 9 Picture Day
- 13 Field Trip Gr.2
- 15 PreK Special Olympics
- 16 Teacher Planning Day
No School for Students
- 19-23 Spring Break
- 27 Report Cards go Home
- 30 Pratt Dedication

Deer Park is Tweeting! Check out what's happening at Deer Park Elementary!





"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 **February**:

Use appropriate tools strategically.

What it means: Students can select the appropriate math tool to use and use it correctly to solve 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

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**

Pre-Registration Form for 2018-2019 Due

Deer Park Families,

Please complete the pre-registration form for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year that was sent home last month; light blue form. Return the completed form to your child's teacher by March 9th.

If you need a new form, please email rfowler@pasco.k12.fl.us and a form will be sent home with your child.

Thank you to those who have already submitted.

2017/2018 Attendance Incentives

Students with excellent attendance (3 days or less absent **AND** 2 days or less tardy/early dismissal) will receive an excellent attendance label

on their January and End of Year report card. These excellent attendance recipients are also presented with attendance spirit sticks by Attendance Committee members – on December 21 and end of May.

Report an Absence Online

You may report your child's absence online; no more phone calls needed. Go to the DPES webpage and click under the Parent tab and

you will see the "Report an Absence" link. Fill out all required information and the absence will go directly to our attendance office. Please report before 10:30 a.m. to avoid the absent call home.

School Choice

School Choice Open Enrollment for the 2018/2019 School Year will open from February 1 - March 1, 2017. Current students on school choice at DPES do not need to reapply if returning to DPES and you live in county.

Applications must be received electronically no later than March 1st. Visit the website below for more information and to apply

http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ed_choice/school_choice/registration

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.)

**Upcoming Events:**

**March 6, 2018
6:30pm - 7:30pm**

**PTA General Meeting
&
Safety Night**

We will have guest speakers and will be providing all families that RSVP with a FREE meal of sandwich, drink, chips and a



Deer Park is participating in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Student Series fundraising program as a school wide Community Service Project. Your child will be helping local cancer patients, our Honored Heroes, beat their disease by raising funds needed to support blood cancer research. Our last collection day is March 15th.



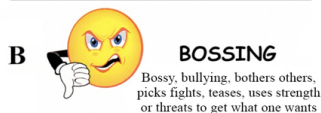
Please continue to collect and send in boxtops! Funds we receive are used to replenish our Peaceful Playground and recess equipment. Remember...Campbell Soup Labels are no longer accepted.

Congratulations to Mr. Miller's 4th grade class. They brought in the most boxtops for our last contest for this school year and had a special treat!

Collection sheets are always available in the front office.
Thank you!

Raising Responsibility

HOW AM I DOING?



Children learn best when they feel safe – physically, socially, emotionally and when they participate academically. At Deer Park our mission is to ensure high levels of learning for ALL students. In order to be successful in our mission, we have added Marvin Marshall's Raising Responsibility System to our PBIS Behavior Support Structure. Here is the chart that is posted in classrooms to help teachers and students move towards responsible behavior.

We have also implemented "morning meetings" school wide. Each teacher meets with his or her class in a circle for 10-15 minutes at the beginning of the day to help each class establish that sense of community with their classmates. We have also implemented morning questions: for example, Do you ever see a student standing alone and looking very sad? What can you do to make this person feel better? These questions are read at the beginning of the day and are sometimes used in the classroom morning meeting for discussion.

Each student is viewed as a citizen who acts in accordance with our school-wide expectations which were developed through our PBIS structure. These are:

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

Your child should be able to tell you about these things and explain how he or she is working to

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!

There are numerous opportunities after Winter Break that include but are not limited to helping in classrooms, media, office, Picture Day, Spring Book Fair, Spring Walk/Bike to School Day, Pastries for Pops and Muffins for Moms.

Remember to reach out to teachers to see how you can help them as a classroom volunteer. There are numerous options and your help is always appreciated!

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/>



