



# Deer Park News

**“Where each Student has an Awesome Story”**

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

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

**Testing Dates:**  
**April 30 - May 1**    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!*

Congratulations to 5th Grader, Katarina Boglino for creating the winning design in our Earth Day Button Contest! Her design can be found on the 2018 Earth Buttons that were sold in the cafeteria. The proceeds support the Butterfly Habitat and beautification of Deer Park.

It's hard to believe the last day for students is only a few weeks away! May is a busy month at Deer Park. Please read through our newsletter for important dates to remember for 5th grade activities and information about Field Day, Kindergarten registration for our incoming littlest Bucks, Fine Arts night and many other events.  
 Hope to see you at our Spring concert!

**Have a wonderful Summer break!**  
**Keep reading and we'll see you in August!**

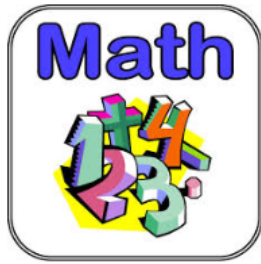
## Dates to Remember:

### May 2018

- 1    FSA Math - 3rd Grade  
      FSA Science - 5th Grade  
      Spring Concert at RRHS  
                                  7:00pm
- 2    Field Trip - 4th Grade  
      Publix “Career Night”- 5:30 pm  
      McBuck Night 5:00pm-7:00pm  
                                  *Creative Coyotes*
- 3    Fine Arts Night - 5:30pm
- 7    Kindergarten Registration  
                                  4:30pm - 6:30pm
- 9    Walk/Bike to School- 8:00am
- 10   Kindergarten Play - 9:30am
- 11   Muffins for Mom - 7:45am  
      Mother's Day Cake decorating  
      Animal Kingdom Trip - 5th Gr.
- 16   5th Grade Play  
                                  9:30am & 2:00pm
- 22   Field Day
- 24   Moving Up Ceremony - 5th Gr.  
                                  11:30am
- 25   Students' Last Day
- 28   Memorial Day Holiday  
                                  *office is closed*

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**

### **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**

Here is the mathematical practice for the month of **May: Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.**

**What it means:** Keep an eye on the big picture while working out the details of the problem. You don't want students that can solve the one problem you've given them; you want students who can generalize their thinking.



### **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.



Deer Park elementary will be holding their annual **"Fine Arts" Night** on

**Thursday, May 3rd 5:30pm - 7:30pm.**

Join us for a night to celebrate visual and performing arts. *Performances* by Deer Park students will take place on the stage in the cafeteria. Each student will have one artwork on *display*. Come participate in a hands-on *art activity*, take a picture in the *photo booth* and pick up your *art portfolio*! The Spring Book Fair will also be open.

***Performance schedule:***

5:30pm - 3rd Grade  
5:50pm - 2nd Grade  
6:10pm - 1st Grade  
6:30pm - Kindergarten  
6:50pm - 4th Grade  
7:10pm - 5th Grade

***We hope to see you there!***

**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.)**



**Field Day is Tuesday, May 22nd !**

**Our theme is "A Day at the Beach" and will involve water activities.**

**Details will be coming home soon.**

**Please remember this is an in school event for students.**

**Deer Park will be a closed campus for visitors on this day.**

**Only prearranged volunteers will be signed in.**

**We will need approved volunteers to supervise/man our various stations throughout the day. Please contact Jane Thurston at [dpesvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:dpesvolunteers@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out.**

**Sales of our Field Day T-shirts help us purchase PE equipment and cover some of the cost of water slides for Field Day.**

**Thank you for your support!**



**Our Spring Concert will be held on Tuesday, May 1st at the Center for the Arts at River Ridge High School.**

**The theme for this year's concert is "Peace"!**

**The concert will begin promptly at 7:00pm.**

**Doors open at 6:30 pm and we are asking all performers to arrive by 6:45pm.**

**Performing students please "Dress your Best"!**

**Hope to see you there!**

**Mr. Trese & Mrs. Collinson**

***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 21 - 5th Gr. Ceremony Rehearsal  
& Pancake Breakfast**

**May 23 Yearbook Signing & Party**

**May 24 - 5th Gr. Moving On Ceremony**

**May 25 - Last day of school for all students**

**Town Hall Meeting**

The Pasco County Council PTA/PTSA and the district have scheduled two town hall meetings to provide an update and get community input on school safety. We have reserved **River Ridge Middle/High School's** cafeteria for **Wednesday, May 2, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** We also reserved the **Wiregrass Ranch High School** cafeteria for **Monday, May 7, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

We will have a presentation about current safety efforts, what the new law requires, and our plans for complying with the law. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. We are inviting our law enforcement and community mental health partners to join us. Legislators and other elected officials also will be encouraged to attend.


**River Ridge  
Middle & High  
School News**

RRMHS will be offering an Art & Design Camp, Dance Camp, Football Camp, Volleyball Camp, Drama Camp, STEM Camp, and Band Camp at varying times throughout the summer. These are great opportunities for students to become acclimated with River Ridge and also have some fun!

Please see the link for more information.

<http://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/?p=5194>


**Walk/Bike to school day is Wednesday, May 9th!**

Please join us in walking and biking to school from three locations in the neighborhood to promote healthy lifestyle choices.

Starting at 8:00am, we'll have groups gathering and walking/biking from:



Suncoast Bank parking lot @ River Crossing  
Cecelia Drive & Spike Horn Drive  
Springside Drive & Trouble Creek Road

Publix will be on hand with healthy snacks. The Chik-Fil-A cow may make an appearance and we'll have giveaways for all participants. Parents are welcome and encouraged to walk /bike with their children!



The PLACE program at Deer Park was nominated as "Site of the Month" for April.

Congratulations!



Muffins for Mom

Friday, May 11th at 7:45am in the cafeteria.

Join us as we celebrate all our amazing moms!

