



Deer Park News

“Where each Student has an Awesome Story”

A Message from the Principal, Margie Polen

Welcome new and returning families to the 2017-18 school year at DPES! It is wonderful to have the students and staff back on campus from Summer and then from Hurricane IRMA! Our faculty and staff have been busy organizing to provide your child with the best opportunity to succeed this year.

My Assistant Principal and I always strive to have an Open Door policy. Please feel free to let us know if we can be of any assistance, answer questions or solve problems. We look forward to another collaborative, productive, and academic school year! We always try to respond to parents within 24 hours.

Thank you to all our families who were with us for Open House on August 31st. We had a tremendous number of families who were able to attend and enjoy seeing the classrooms and the wonderful work each of the students have accomplished during our first few weeks of school.

Did you know that Deer Park is a Five-Star School? In order to earn FIVE STAR school recognition, Deer Park had to show documentation that it had achieved 100% of the established criteria in the categories of: business partnerships, family involvement, volunteerism, student community service, and school advisory councils. Congratulations to all our stakeholders who contributed to earning this prestigious award.

We would also like to thank all of our parents for their patience and understanding as we work to get all of our car riders to class in the morning. We know that is has been challenging as we accommodate more and more families in our car line. Please know that we are working hard to make the car loop move as quickly as it possibly can. You can help us by making sure you are not using your cell phone during this time, and moving up to the first available space to drop students off safely.

Remember, students can be dropped off between 8:20 a.m. and are tardy at 8:40. School personnel are on duty at that time. On several mornings, there haven't been many cars in the loop at 8:20 while most families are arriving nearer to the 8:30 time. When everyone arrives at that 8:30 time, the loop has been backing up. During the first few weeks when we know the car loop has been backed up, students were not marked tardy until 9 a.m. Again, thanks for your patience as we work out the challenges with the additional cars in our line again this year.

A Message from the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Sass

I am thrilled to be starting the year as a Deer Park Buck! It has been wonderful meeting the students and families as our students returned to school from summer break. The students have been learning routines and engaged in learning activities. In my short time here, I have found the Deer Park community very welcoming, supportive, and dedicated to student learning. It is through these strong relationships between home and school that we build success for all students. I look forward to working together to continue to devote our efforts towards the best education for our students. If at anytime I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to email me (bsass@pasco.k12.fl.us) or call the school.

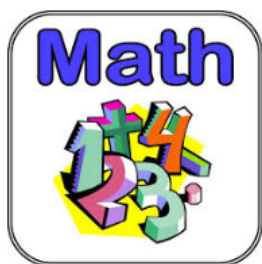
Dates to Remember:

October 2017

- 4** Firehouse Subs Night 5-8pm
for Talented Turtles
- 11** Fundraiser Pick-up 2 - 6pm
- 12** Walk/Bike to School - 8am
- 13** Field Trip - 2nd Grade
Field Trip - Key Deer
- 16** No School / Teacher Planning Day.
- 18** Fla. Concert Field Trip
Grades 4, 5 & Key Deer
- 19** Skating Party
Grades 2-5 / 3-6pm
- 20** PTA Fall Carnival
- 23-27** Red Ribbon Week
- 23** Field Trip - 3rd Grade
Report Cards go home
- 24** Field trip - 2nd Grade
- 25** STEM Info Night - 6pm
- 27** Field Trip - 1st Grade
SAC Mtg. 7:45am
- 31** Storybook Parade 9:15am

November 2017

- 1** Mc Buck Night 5 - 7pm
for Key Deer
Picture Retake Day
- 9** Camp Learn a Lot
- 15-17** Great American Teach-In
- 17** Progress reports go home
- 20-24** Thanksgiving Break - No School
- 28 - 2** Holiday Shoppe



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

Here are the mathematical practices for the month of October and November:

Oct.: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

Nov.: Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

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.

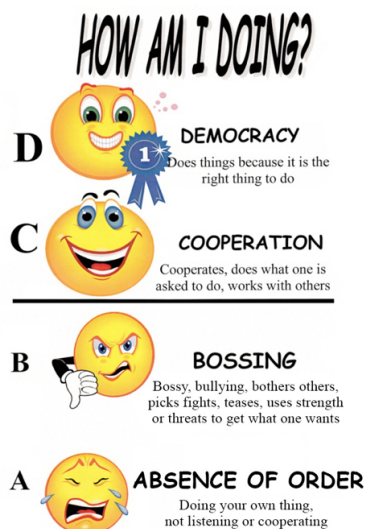
I look forward to spending this special, fun time with our students!

All DPES students that receive a yellow ticket are AWESOME!

Mrs. Sass

Asst. Principal

Raising Responsibility



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 cooperate in the classroom by following the School-Wide Expectations and to continue to learn about responsibility.

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.)

Teachers Out of field

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/in-service towards an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student.

The following teachers have agreed to teach out-of-field while completing course work/testing:

Angela Daughtery - ESOL Endorsement K-12

Roxanne Howman - Elementary Education K-6

ESOL Endorsement K-12

Salina Larsen - ESOL Endorsement K-12

Amanda McGrath - Autism Endorsement

**ABSENCE/TARDY**

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 bring them in to the office for a tardy pass. 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 pass and will mark them as an excused tardy.

Every Child * Every Seat * Every Day * On Time



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

Please remember to renew your volunteer application. It must be renewed each year after **July 1st**.

Because of the very high volume of Volunteer applications submitted to District, there may be a delay in approval.

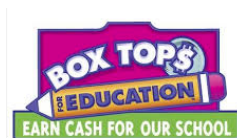
If you are awaiting approval to chaperone a field trip or volunteer at school, please feel free to contact Joanne in the front office and she will contact volunteers programs to expedite the processing of your application.

Volunteer applications can be found at
[http://
www.pasco.k12.fl.us/
communications/
volunteer/](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/communications/volunteer/)



Our Fall fundraiser has ended. A big thank you to all that participated! Money raised will be used to benefit the students and staff at our school through student programs and technology enhancements!

Orders may be picked up on Wednesday, October 12th in our Cafeteria from 2pm - 6pm.



Please continue to collect and send in boxtops. If you need additional collection sheets, they are available through the front office. Funds we receive are used to replenish our Peaceful Playground and recess equipment.

We will have Boxtops contests throughout the year. The class that collects the most boxtops at the end of each contest will receive a special treat!

Thank you for your support!



Upcoming Events:

October 20th - Fall Carnival

PTA would like to thank you for continued support and membership. October 20th is one of our largest fundraisers of the year, our **"FALL CARNIVAL"**. Please come out and join us for a fun family night and support Deer Park, their students, faculty and staff!

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