

Hey there Deer Park families. Hope you all had a nice weekend full of kindness from your children! Thank you to our PTA for bringing in two wonderful events this week- be sure to ask your children about the aquarium and the author of The Power of One.

- We would like to ask parents to complete the following survey link, which is located on our website as well as in the weekly email. I took the survey myself, as a Pasco parent, and I can honestly say there are many items that you won't know the answer. I wanted you to know that the survey comes from the State and is worded strangely, but we cannot change it. If you are not sure what is being asked then I think the best option to choose is the neutral option, I can assure that most things are done on there to the fullest, but it does happen behind the scenes so to speak.
  - <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/154779/p2593>
- The time has come for this year's Yearbook deadline. You must purchase your copy by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Go to the link at lifetouch <http://ybpay.lifetouch.com> and there was also a flyer sent to our Facebook page as well as link on our website. You will need code 12520921 to place your order.
- Calling all 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, the time has come to start the articulation process to middle school. Currently we have each 5<sup>th</sup> grader assigned to your middle school based on the current home address in our system. If you receive notice of school choice or are moving before middle school please contact Mrs. Fowler in the office so we can be sure your child has the correct papers for their next steps.
  - Majority of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will head to River Ridge Middle School and there is an informational night on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30 pm. You can find the zoom link on their website.
  - If your 5<sup>th</sup> grader is headed to Seven Springs Middle School then you can get more information on March 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. also finding the zoom link on their middle school website.
- Lastly, this week we have quarantined many students and have had positive cases. Families, I cannot stress how important it is to keep sick kids home and do not send kids to school if they are pending testing results. Our staff are held to the same symptom requirements and are not coming to school when they are sick. We realize this is not convenient for anyone involved. We appreciate all those who have called, emailed, communicated, have been cautious, and most importantly have put everyone's health as the number one priority on the list this year.

**Thank you for all your support and wishing everyone a lovely week.**