Good Afternoon Deer Park Families! We begin the month of September this week, hard to believe! Click here <a href="https://www.smore.com/u/adriana.danwing">https://www.smore.com/u/adriana.danwing</a> for our digital Newsletter full of information. This week is picture day for all students on Wednesday September 1st. Be sure to fill out your picture order form and send with your child on picture day. If your child is absent on Wednesday do not worry as we always have a make-up day and this one will be in October. Also on Wednesday, is our first PTA Board Meeting at 4:30 p.m. We will continue our meetings through a zoom link. Please click on the link below and enter the code to be allowed into the zoom. Classroom teachers will be sending the zoom link in their secure communications as well. It's time for 4th grade to have some educational fun! Every year, in Pasco County, every 4<sup>th</sup> grader gets to go to the Energy Marine Center here in Pasco for a day full of hands-on science. On Thursday Mrs. Main's class and Miss Scott's class will enjoy this trip and on Friday Mrs. Horn's and Mrs. Love's classes will take the adventure. Students come to school normal time in the morning and will go home their normal way at the end of the day. This is not a field trip for chaperones, it's a regular school event. Students will be outside all day so be sure to apply sun block at home, wear hats, sunglasses, comfortable outside clothes, close toed shoes, apply bug spray at home, and remember if you are bringing a lunch, then it must be in a paper or plastic bag with everything inside disposable. No glass is allowed at the EMC. Mark your calendars Deer Park as there is no school next Monday September 6th in observance of Labor Day. Also for your calendar is an opportunity to join Boy Scouts on September 9th in the evening at Mitchell Park just up the road from Deer Park on Little Road. Deer Park will be home to Pack #7 every Monday evening so please look for more information to be posted later in the week. Are you looking for a work opportunity that would be during the same hours as your child? Then you will want to check out our Facebook page for a substitute opportunity. This is a benefit paying job that you won't want to miss. Just need to be a high school graduate.

Now for Covid updates. Over the weekend we had a positive case in Mrs. Szymanski's room. No other students are quarantined at this time until the Department of Health does their investigation of any close contacts. In the meantime, we ask that you monitor your child for any symptoms, keep them home if they develop any covid like symptoms such as fever, headache, stomach issues, vomiting and please remember that everyone presents differently with Covid and could show no symptoms at all. This is why it is so difficult to stop the spread. So, we encourage mask wearing, washing hands, and cleaning surfaces. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Wishing everyone an amazing and healthy week!