

Good afternoon Deer Park! I hope this finds you healthy!

- We had a good first week of arriving early. This week families I'm asking that you leave your house 5 minutes earlier in order for students to arrive on time. Classroom doors open at 8 a.m. and students begin learning right away. Coming earlier will help your child get settled for their day and have a feel good start.
- We have had several cases of Covid this week, both staff and students. It's important to wash your hands, keep sick children home, and wear a mask. We have positive cases in the following classrooms: Mrs. Jelen, Ms. Foster, Ms. Squires, Mrs. Hinson and Ms. Papadopoulos. If you have a child in any of those classrooms, we ask that you monitor for symptoms and use the student screener daily [Student Self-Screener 8.3.21 \(1\).docx](#) . There is no requirement for students in these classrooms to quarantine at home unless they have symptoms. If you have any questions, it's best to call and speak to our clinic.
- It's that time of the year when our PTA kicks off their APEX Fundraiser! We will have a virtual student pep rally on Tuesday, daily positive lessons in each classroom, and a finale APEX Color Run on January 20th. We will be creating the Color Run schedule and share that out with families to sign up to volunteer the day of the event. Due to close proximity with students, during this event the expectation to volunteer will be willing to wear a mask the entire time.
- On Tuesday afternoon we will have this month's SAC meeting starting at 3:30 p.m. in the media center.
- This week is Early Release Wednesday. We will be dismissing all students 2 hours earlier beginning at 12:20 p.m. It's really important to be sure to let your child's teacher know if you need them to dismiss a different way on Wednesday this week. Also, if you have someone different picking up your child in the car loop, then please give them your car tag so we can continue to move our car loop along.
- Mark your calendars as there is no school on Monday January 17th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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