

Good Afternoon Deer Park Families!

- I want to send a HUGE thank you to the families participating in the fundraiser! We are going to be able to have some great celebrations for the students when we get a BINGO from our HERO tickets thanks to your support! Be sure to ask your kids about our ticket system and the cool things we deliver to the classrooms when we have a BINGO. On top of that the fundraising company is giving us an additional 10% of the proceeds to go just to new playground equipment for each team. So, each classroom will get to pick out their own fun things to play with while at recess. Congratulations to Lachlan Carr as he won the mini-fridge full of cash. Our next mini fridge will be given away on Monday following with the Ipad on Tuesday. Individual student prizes will be delivered at the end of the fundraiser based on donations collected.
- Parents the cafeteria wants to share that there have been many food shortages and that they are having to substitute daily from what is published on the district menus.
- It's Red Ribbon Week and Deer Park is saying no to drugs! We have themed days each day to support this National initiative. Monday is wear your Super Hero Gear, Tuesday is Crazy Hat Day, Wednesday is wear Camouflage, Thursday is dress in your favorite decade, Friday is wear your sports gear or favorite team shirts.
- Chorus is up and running. 4th/5th Chorus will practice Tuesday right after school, and we have 29 members enrolled. We have 36 members in 2nd /3rd grade chorus, and they meet on Thursday this week right after school. Be sure to plan pick up in the car loop between 3:45 and 4:00.
- Great American Teach In is November 17^h and we are once again allowed to have Visitors on campus. Please click on the link to sign up as a presenter on this career focused day. Great American Teach-In registration form link <https://forms.office.com/r/xdr8NSacR>
- November 18th is our Fall Festival from 4 to 6:30 p.m. We chose to avoid competing with all the other Halloween events and we are hoping for some cooler weather. Flyers were sent home so you can pre-order your tickets ahead of time. We are asking that families walk to school or park at The Verizon Center grassy parking area and walk down to the festival. We will be using our parking areas for the events, and we want all families to be safe while walking around campus. We invite families to create a Fall Character such as a Scarecrow or a non-perishable Pumpkin figure to decorate our yard during the week of Thanksgiving. Bring yours with you to the festival as we will have a fun competition with prizes given. Make sure the character is family friendly.
- Our District has put together a parent website for all things Elementary School. <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/oll/page/navigating-elementary-school> Check it out as it's another great resource.
- An important update; Start times for ALL Pasco County Schools will change when we return to school in January, after the winter break. Deer Park's new and permanent start time will be 30 minutes earlier than right now. So, the first bell will ring at 7:50 to allow students to get out of the cars, enter the gates, and arrive on

campus. Bell #2 would ring at 8:00 am to open classroom doors, and the last bell would ring at 8:10, which is the tardy bell. All students are expected to arrive by 8:10 am beginning January 4th. Our afternoon dismissal would begin 30 minutes earlier with the bell ringing at 2:20 for our students to be released. More information will come as this affects bus stop times as well as PLACE times. I just want families to have the most notice as this may affect your own work schedules as well.

- Lastly, and the best news yet, families can once again come on campus to have lunch with your children. We are only allowing you to eat with them outside in the garden area though. Check into the front office and we will send your child to the garden to meet you. We are not offering adult lunches on campus at this time, but you are welcome to bring outside food on campus to eat in the garden. Volunteers are also welcome back on campus to help the teachers. Please click on this link <https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MTU4OmVuLVVT> to register.

Thank you again for all the support and know that we value the partnership between the school and our families!