

Good Evening Deer Park School Family! Hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend!

- It's October Deer Park and time to share our October Newsletter <https://www.smores.com/ru0pf> FULL of information and I mean really FULL! Check it out as it's the best way to stay on top of what's going on at your child's school. There's a great video inside of the upcoming Fall Fundraiser that you won't want to miss.
- Starting Tuesday there will now be free rapid Covid testing for students in Pasco and results are back within 30 minutes. The location is at the District office in Land O' Lakes, it's a drive through Monday through Friday 8a.m. to 6p.m. You have to schedule an appointment at the website <http://testing.nomihealth.com>
- Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup> is our McBuck Night at River Crossing McDonald's. Please come on out any time between 4 and 7 p.m. to help give back to the school. Even if you just have a craving for dessert or only enough time to run through the drive through, this time it helps the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Be sure to take your flyer that was placed in your child's Tuesday folder so we do get credit. It's also on Facebook and in our newsletter.
- Get your new school shirts now! The last date to place your order is October 15<sup>th</sup>. This year we have added a really cool rain jacket as well. The flyer is in our newsletter if you misplaced the previous one sent home.
- Speaking of rain, please know that I do try to avoid having a rainy-day dismissal, but if it is a down pour or there is thunder/lightening nearby then we do hold the students, that would normally go home as walkers, inside the buildings. East walkers that leave at the Marquee would be held in the very first building by the bike rack, which is building 11, while the West walkers that head towards Dollar General would be held in building 2, closest to that bike rack. We hold students and ask that parents walk up to check out your child. Many of our families do keep track of the weather and when bad weather is high probability they call ahead and change their child to car riders.
- This Wednesday is our once-a-month early release day for all of Pasco County students. We will release all students at 12:50, 2 hours earlier than the normal dismissal. Be sure to notify your child's teacher if they will go home a different way than their normal dismissal. This is crucial for our walkers to ensure someone is home 2 hours early this Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you, families, for everything you do. We appreciate you and wish you a safe and healthy week!