



DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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A Word From the Principal

Hello Deer Creek families.

Thank you to Deer Creek friends and families!

The PTO annual fundraiser has ended, and thanks to the generosity of Deer Creek families and friends, over \$20,000 was raised to benefit students through technology upgrades, staff wishlists, and enrichment opportunities that would otherwise go unfunded.

Fall Student-Parent-Teacher Conference sign ups are now open

Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on :

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| Tuesday, Oct 10 - In-Person | 4:30 - 8:30 pm |
| Thursday, Oct 12 - Virtual | 4:30 - 8:30 pm |
| Wednesday, Oct 18 - In-Person | 4:30 - 8:30 pm |

Conferences will be scheduled online, with both in-person and virtual times available for **5-minute individual conferences over the three days**. There are separate sign ups for IN- PERSON and VIRTUAL conferences. Each sign up has tabs across the top for all core subject and elective teachers, counselors, and special education staff. Please review your student's schedule as you will want to sign up **ONLY** for their specific teachers in Trimester 1. Conferences are optional and you are free to sign up for a time with any or all of your student's teachers, as well as counselors and learning specialists.

Because of the tight schedule, we suggest scheduling a five minute gap between your conferences to ensure enough time to move from room to room or to change Google Meet codes. To get the most out of your conference time, visit Campus Portal prior to meeting with teachers. Review your student's progress in each class and write down specific questions you have for each teacher. **Please plan to have your student attend the conference with you.**

Sign up now for your conference times!

[Fall 2023 In Person Conference Sign Up](#)

[Fall 2023 Virtual Conference Sign Up](#)

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A Word From the Principal, continued...

Deer Creek Spirit Week is October 2nd-6th

Deer Creek will be joining Chatfield in their Homecoming week festivities with our own Spirit Week. Students and staff are encouraged to participate in any or all of the days:

MONDAY, Oct 2 - Pajama Day - let the weekend last a little longer in your PJs

TUESDAY, Oct 3 - Twin Day - get together with some friends and dress alike

WEDNESDAY, Oct 4 - Mismatch Day - mix (but don't match) your colors and patterns

THURSDAY, Oct 5 - Crazy Hair Day - bed head and hat head included!

FRIDAY, Oct 6 - Deer Creek Day - Mountaineer spiritwear or Blue, Silver, and White

Emergency School Closures

When weather is harsh, Jeffco may close schools to keep students and staff safe. Jeffco families and staff are notified via SchoolMessenger through phone call, email, or text message. You determine how you get messages by setting up notifications in [Campus Portal](#). The district will place information on its hotline at 303-982-6600, on its website at www.jeffcopublicschools.org, on Facebook and Twitter. The local news channels are also alerted so they may broadcast school closures.

What are the possibilities during a weather situation?

2-hour delay schedule: A 2-hour delay at the start of school due to bad weather. A late start decision will be made as early as possible and direct notification will be by 6:00 AM. Buses are delayed two hours, and students are not expected to arrive at school until two hours after the regular start time. There will be limited staff at schools to supervise any early-arriving students.

Snow day: The determination to cancel school for an entire day will happen as early as possible. Families and staff will be directly notified by 6:00 AM.

Orange & Black Day is Tuesday, Oct. 31

Halloween is coming up and students can get into the spirit by participating in Orange & Black Day on October 31. Dig out your black and orange favorites from the closet and join in the fun. *Costumes at school are not permitted* - that includes Halloween masks, props, and make up - and all attire must meet dress code. If you have any questions about allowable attire, please contact the school.

Rob Hoover
Principal



Deer Creek Middle School PTO News

We had a very busy September with our fall fundraiser kickoff, 8th Grade Social Luau, a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, Panera Spirit Night, and our Day of Awesomeness! Thank you to all our parent volunteers who stuffed prize bags; assisted with the social; and supervised middle school antics at the Day of Awesomeness! We are geared up for fall and a great October! Please email us at deercreekpto1@gmail.com with questions, concerns, or ideas, or check us out on your favorite social media platform to keep up -to-date on what we are doing.



Dates to Remember

- October 2 - Fall Fest @ Chatfield Senior High School parking lot 5-7:30 p.m.
- October 2 - PTO Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the library
- October 10 - Spirit Night @ Pizza Hut all day
- October 11 - Spirit Night @ Chipotle 4-8 p.m.
- October 26 - 7th Grade Social 6-7:30 p.m.
- November 6 - PTO Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the library

Fall Fundraiser

Our fall fundraiser was a huge success! We raised **\$20,149!** This money will mainly go to purchasing more Mimio boards to replace old smart boards and projectors in the classrooms, which cost around \$3000 per board. Thank you for all of your support of this program and your hard work over the past month in raising funds for the school.

Holiday Spirit Wear Store

The PTO will launch a spirit wear store at the end of October, which will feature the logo created by 6th Grader Allison Restivo. This would be a great opportunity to do some holiday shopping for your student! Look for details in the coming weeks.

7th Grade Social

The 7th Grade Social will be Thursday, October 26 from 6-7:30 p.m. This will be a costume party for our 7th graders. Please be looking for a permission slip for the event as well as opportunities to decorate and chaperone that evening!

Spirit Nights

The PTO will be hosting two Spirit Nights in October. Hopefully, this will help families take care of dinner during a busy school conference week!

Pizza Hut on Ken Caryl Avenue is giving 20% to the school for orders placed on **Tuesday, October 10.**

Our Chipotle Spirit Night is the following evening, **Wednesday October 11, from 4-8 p.m.** Please take advantage of these tasty opportunities!

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Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable!

Reach parents in your local community and a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Want to sponsor this school? Please contact Rob Mangelson at Rob@tscacolorado.com or (720) 878-4107.

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Deer Creek Middle School PTO News, continued...

Teacher Conference Dinners/Hospitality

The PTO will be providing dinners for our staff who will be staying late on conference nights October 10, 12, and 18. We would love your help in decorating for the dinners, picking up food, and cleaning up after the meals. Please email deercreekpto1@gmail.com if you would be interested in helping!

The Hospitality team is also looking for a cupboard for the staff lounge to store snacks and quick lunch items for the staff. Would you have a storage cupboard you would be willing to donate? Contact deercreekpto1@gmail.com if you can help with this need!

Milk Caps for Mooola

MILK CAPS for MOOOLA is a program sponsored by Longmont Dairy that helps students earn money for their school and students. Longmont Dairy milk caps are worth 5¢ each and are redeemable for cash! Turn in your clean caps to the Main Office! See our [PTO Fundraising](#) page for more details.

Raise Right

Turn everyday expenses into extraordinary opportunities for your organization by shopping with e-gift cards. Simply download the Raise Right app, select DCMS PTO as your non-profit (**Enrollment code: ZN9Q45J31UEF**), tie your checking account to the app, then you shop! There are hundreds of retailers that have e-gift cards with percentage back deals - for instance, instead of spending \$100 at Old Navy and putting it on your credit card, go online to RaiseRight and buy a \$100 Old Navy e-gift card on your phone. Each retailer and restaurant has a different percentage, and sometimes offer bonus deals. It's an easy way to raise funds for the school. Please email deercreekpto1@gmail.com or check out the [PTO Fundraising](#) page for more information.

Save the Dates!

ASPEN GROVE
WOOF-O-WEEN
 A DOG FRIENDLY EVENT
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 • NOON TO 3 PM

HALLOWEEN
EXTRAVAGANZA
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 • 1 PM TO 4 PM

AND THE RETURN OF THE
MYSTIKAL MAKERS' MARKET
 11 am - 4 pm

BARBOX GARDEN
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DENVER
 Makers Market

Deer Creek Middle School PTO News, continued...

Don't Forget -

- Check out our [website!](#)
- Follow us on social media!
 - Facebook: [@DeerCreekMSPTO](#)
 - Instagram: [@deer_creek_pto](#)

Library and Technology Update

The Library at Deer Creek

Great reads for October

Are you afraid of the dark? Deer Creek has quite a few books that offer spine-tingling stories during this spooky time of year. [Check one out today!](#)

Lunch in the Library

Students can come to the library during lunch and recess for a quiet place to relax.

Students sign up using tinyurl.com/DCMSLunchintheLibrary This is also posted in Base Camp Google Classrooms.

A big thank you to the families who have donated items to make this a fun space for our students. If you're interested in donating, check out our Amazon Wish List [here](#).

Book it!

The Pizza Hut BOOK IT! program is back! This is an optional reading program for our 6th grade students. Interested students can fill out [this form](#). The goal is for students to read at least 20 minutes every day. Each month that the goal is met they will earn a personal pizza from Pizza Hut. Mrs. Zanetti will work with students to record their progress and award certificates.

Per the terms and conditions of the BOOK IT! Program, it is available for our 6th grade students only.

Technology at Deer Creek:

Chromebook Repairs:

To maintain equity in the TechforEd program, Jeffco Public Schools is now covering the cost of MOST repairs. If a Chromebook has been damaged intentionally and/or repeatedly, Deer Creek and/or Jeffco Public Schools may require financial restitution.

When a Chromebook must be repaired, the broken device is unassigned from the student. A similar device is then assigned to the student. The student will not get their original device back.

Damaged Chromebook? Chromebook on the Fritz?

To report issues with a Chromebook, families can request help at tinyurl.com/ChromebookSOS

Kids 10 & Under Eat Free
 Tuesdays: 4pm - 7pm
 Sundays 11am - 4pm

Celebrate the start of a new school year! Kids 10 and under eat free with the purchase of any regularly priced 4-course meal. One kiddo per adult. Our house magician is here on Tuesdays!




RESERVATIONS
 (303)794-5666

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FUNdve With The Family
 Sat & Sun in October
 (Begins Oct. 14th)

Make memories with the family and enjoy a complimentary hayride before enjoying a creepy-crawly 4-course dinner. \$50 per person. Kids 10 and under eat free. One child per adult eats free. Additional kiddos 10 and under eat for only \$25 more.

From the Dean

Fall is here and with it comes cool mornings and beautiful afternoons. This is the time that we can also get some unpredictable weather. Remind your student to check the weather report each day and come to school prepared to go outside during recess. Students now have 25 minutes of continuous outside time opposite their lunch every day and we will be outside whenever possible. Students must come to school prepared with a warmer jacket or coat for cool and even cold temperatures!

A reminder that students are to keep their phones in their lockers during the school day. If your student has their phone in class and is sent to the office to turn it in for the day, they receive a reminder of the phone policy. After three times, an email or phone call will go to the parent/guardian and the fourth time will result in a student's phone being kept in the office during the school day for a period of time. If you need to get a hold of or get a message to your student, you can contact the main office and we are happy to assist. Please encourage your student to follow the school phone policy each day.

This year we have updated our daily school and classroom expectations. Take some time to ask your student about the PEAK expectations and what they stand for: Prepared, Engaged, Accountable, Kind and Respectful. Some questions that teachers and I may ask students when talking about PEAK expectations are "is it reasonable," "are you capable" and "are you willing?" We ask these questions to help students focus and recognize what is happening in the moment, personal reflection on what they can do, and the opportunity to choose a positive impact for themselves or others rather than have a corrective response for the behavior. If you have questions about what the DCMS PEAK expectations, please reach out.

Julia Skillern
Dean of Students
Deer Creek Middle School

Instrumental Music Fundraiser

Butter Braid Sale!

Our fabulous Deer Creek Band and Orchestra Members are selling Butter Braids to raise money for new music, instruments and equipment. Please see a Band or Orchestra member to order some delicious braids! Having trouble finding a student to order from? Please email Mr. Sudano at james.sudano@jeffco.k12.co.us. Thank you for your support!

Butter Braid Sale ends October 9th!

Jim Sudano
Instrumental Music
Deer Creek Middle School
<http://www.deercreekmusic.com>

Yearbook News

Did you buy a yearbook when you paid your student's fees? If you didn't, the deadline to reserve a yearbook for \$30 will come sooner than you expect. Pay online where you paid your fees. Students who do not reserve a book by January 5 are not guaranteed one in May. We have sold out for the past three years.

We'd love to see your pictures of school activities like sports, socials, performances, clubs and field trips. If you have any photos to share with the Yearbook staff, please use this [Link to share photos](#). While we cannot guarantee that all shared photos will be published, if you don't share, your great pictures can't even be considered. Start sharing today! Thank you.



What's Happening in Social Studies

Coming up in 8th grade US History is Unit 3 of iCivics: *Creating the Constitution: What Do Americans Expect from Their Government?* [Click here](#) for more information about this unit.

From the School Resource Officer

Happy Fall!

With the sun going down earlier and earlier, please be aware of your surroundings. If you have late sports, or plan on walking home in the later hours, please make sure you have something reflective (backpacks, clothing) for drivers to see.

With Halloween quickly approaching, please remember to talk to your children about safety. Especially for the older kids who may be venturing out on their own.

As always, if you see something, say something:

Local dispatch number: 303-980-7300

EMERGENCY 9-1-1

Transportation – Bus Riders - Important Update

Does your student need to ride the bus with a friend who has a bus pass?

Does your bus-rider student want to have a friend ride home on the bus with them?

Transportation has the following guidelines around bus-rider students having a friend ride the bus home with them:

- Parent/guardian of the non-bus rider needs to call South Transportation **the day before** to make sure there is room for an additional student on the bus. 303-982-9057
- Parent/guardian of the non-bus rider writes a note giving permission for their student to ride the bus home with a friend and containing **ALL** of the following information
 - Name of their non bus-rider student
 - Date for riding the bus
 - Confirmation of approval from transportation (space is available on bus)
 - Parent contact phone #
 - Bus rider student's name
 - Parent name and signature
- The student must bring this note to the front office to obtain a pass to ride their bus with a friend



Effective immediately bus passes for students to go home on the bus with a friend will no longer be issued without the above signed note from parent.

What's happening in Math

Click on your student's math level to read about what students are learning in Unit 2 in math classes.

[Sixth Grade](#)

[Sixth Grade \(Spanish\)](#)

[Sixth Grade Accelerated](#)

[Seventh Grade](#)

[Seventh Grade \(Spanish\)](#)

[Seventh Grade \(Accelerated\)](#)

[Eighth Grade](#)

[Eighth Grade \(Spanish\)](#)

[Algebra 1](#)

[Algebra 1 \(Spanish\)](#)



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SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 2 - 6

Monday:
Pajama Day

Tuesday:
Twin Day

Wednesday:
Mismatch Day

Thursday:
Crazy Hair Day

Friday:
Deer Creek Day

Chatfield Chargers
Homecoming
2023

**CHARGER PRIDE,
IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE**

DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS A

HALLOWEEN

7TH GRADE SOCIAL

THURSDAY | 26 OCT | 2023 | 6-7:30 PM



Music, Tricks, and Treats
Costumes Encouraged!

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📅 Tuesday, October 10th / 12:00 AM - 11:30 PM

📅 RSVP below

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Pizza Hut
9012 W. Ken Caryl Ave., Littleton


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DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

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WHEN: **Fridays** after school from **4:10-5:10pm**

10/6, 10/13, 10/27, 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15

WHO: 6th, 7th and 8th graders

WHAT: Calling all budding Kings and Queens to Colorado's premier chess program! Our creative curriculum brings humor, stories, and "chessercizes" to help students apply lessons on and off the board. Chess education has been shown to help kids improve logic, math, and reading comprehension skills. Students calculate options and evaluate consequences, learning to overcome obstacles and practice visualization techniques to think ahead. Whether playing in our scholastic tournaments or with family and friends, kids love learning with PALS because we *make chess FUN!*

TUITION: \$162.00 for the 9 week fall session

Enroll at www.palschess.com/register. Any questions please feel free to email info@palschess.com or call 720-504-8765

Upcoming Events

October

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| 2 | PTO Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm |
| 2 | Fall Fest @ Chatfield Senior High School parking lot 5-7:30 p.m. |
| 10 | Fall Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 8:30 pm |
| 10 | PTO Spirit Night - Pizza Hut all day |
| 11 | PTO Spirit Night - Chipotle - 4:00 - 8:00 pm |
| 12 | Fall Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 8:30 pm |
| 15 | Deadline to Order School Pictures |
| 18 | Fall Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30 - 8:30 pm |
| 19 | No School for Students - Staff Development |
| 20 | Fall Break – School Closed |
| 26 | 7th Grade Halloween Social - 6:00 – 7:30 pm |
| 31 | Orange & Black Day |

October 2023

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November

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| 6 | PTO Meeting 6:00 pm Library |
| 9 | PTO Spirit Night - Chipotle |
| 9 | Deer Creek Fall Choir, Band, and Orchestra Concert |
| 10 | First Trimester Ends |
| 13 | No School For Students - Staff Development Day |
| 14 | Second Trimester Starts |
| 16 | School Accountability Meeting 6:00 pm Library |
| 20-24 | Thanksgiving Break - School Closed |

November 2023

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