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Deer Creek Middle School Newsletter

December 2018

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A Word from the Principal

Deer Creek Families,

Take the Family-School Partnership Survey

Deer Creek is committed to ensuring that your experience with our school is collaborative, successful and helps your student learn and grow. We want to know how we are doing. Below is a link to complete a survey about family school partnerships. Results will be used to improve our school and your student's learning environment. The survey closes Friday, December 14 – it's anonymous and will only take 10 – 15 minutes. Thank you for taking the time to give us feedback!

Survey Link: www.tinyurl.com/JeffcoFamilySurvey2018

If the link does not work, highlight the link using your cursor. Then copy and paste the link into your browser address window and hit the "Enter" or "Return" key on your keyboard.

Student Make Your Voice Heard survey given January 9 – February 8

Deer Creek students, along with middle schoolers across Jeffco, have an opportunity to make their voices heard through the annual student survey. Make Your Voice Heard is given every other year grades 2 through 12, and every year at Deer Creek and most other middle schools. The confidential and voluntary survey gathers information on three key areas of student engagement: social/emotional, behavioral, and cognitive. Engagement in school is critical to academic performance and interest in continued education. Included in this newsletter is additional information about the survey.

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Information Night for 5th Graders

All prospective students and parents are invited to Deer Creek for Information Night on Tuesday, January 15, 5:30-8:00 PM. These presentations provide an opportunity to learn more about the middle school experience, student life, and our courses, electives, and academic programs – STEM and Humanities. One of the impressive things about Information Night is how well our current students represent our school through their participation in the event, whether as a performer, participating in electives classrooms, or sharing in the program showcase rooms. In fact, not only are students great spokespeople for Deer Creek, they outnumber the staff by 4-to-1 at Information Night!

On behalf of the staff at Deer Creek, I'd like to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season as we head into winter break.

Sincerely,
Rob Hoover
Principal

PTO

Halloween Social

Deer Creek would like to thank everyone who attended and donated items for the 7th grade Halloween Social. It was a great success and over 160 students attended. Here are a few pictures from the social:




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Buy a dedication ad for your 8th grader. The FINAL deadline is **Wednesday, January 31st**.

To access the DCMS ad templates, use the following access information:

- Go to <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com>
- Enter the School Code: **6131**
- Choose: **Buy a Yearbook Ad**
- You will pay for your ad with a **debit/credit card** on the website which will complete your order.

Band News

I want to recognize our impressive list of 29 students that were accepted into All-County Band and Orchestra this year. We hold the most spots out of any middle school, and I am unbelievably proud of these kids!

They did these auditions with very minimal help from me, so please join me in congratulating them!

8th Grade: Lily Martin, Sienna Fisher, Daniel Bailey, Jackie Johnson, Connor Smith, Zoe Hall, Travis Jent, Austin Lazarus, Michael Chatfield, Charlie Beelaert, Jack Vanourek, Ella Dailey, April Morrow, Kyla Fouts, McKenna Torres.

7th Grade: Sophia Desair, Michael Whipple, Keira Schwarz, Ian Marketos, Sean Marketos, Liam Dreyer, Natalie Sands, Kaitlyn Cassell, Annaleece Wampler, Madeline Herring

6th Grade: Leila Cole, Samantha Herring, Emma Farrington, Kari Farrington



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Apply for a Teachers and Technology Grant for the 2018 - 19 school year for your school

Deer Creek Elementary School

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Choir News

I have some great news! 17 Deer Creek choir students recorded and submitted auditions for JeffCo All-County Honor Choir. It was a nerve-wracking process and the prep was a LOT of work, but they were all amazing. NINE students were selected to participate. If you happen to see these kids in the next few school days, feel free to give them kudos, high fives, whatever:

Makiah Anderson
Aidan Kippen
Lexi Kub
Tanner Lord
Riley Lynch
April Morrow
Olivia Mosley
Isabel Nieves
GeneRowyn Pagaduan

NJHS

National Junior Honors Society (NJHS) is hosting a charity drive called "Gifts of Hope" for the Jeffco Action Center. The Action Center's mission is to provide an immediate response to basic human needs and promote pathways to self-sufficiency for Jefferson County residents and the homeless.

Various goods will be collected in team areas from **December 3rd to the 14th**. There will be a contest between grade levels for the most items brought in. The winning grade level will enjoy an ice cream sandwich party sponsored by NJHS.

6th Grade Teams-- Food Items: Goods may include canned protein, canned soups, canned fruit, cereal/cereal bars, peanut butter, pasta, tomato products, beans, and canned meals (ravioli, beef-a-roni, etc).

7th Grade Teams-- Personal Care Items: Goods include toothpaste, toothbrushes, body soap, deodorant, laundry detergent, shampoo + conditioners, razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, baby diapers, and wipes.

8th Grade Teams-- Clothing Items: Goods includes NEW socks/underwear, gently used jackets, jeans, sweatshirts, dresses clothes, slacks, pajamas, children's clothing, bras, and shoes.

Did you know that 46 million or 1 in 6 people in the US are at or below the poverty line?

Every little bit helps reduce these numbers, so show your Deer Creek spirit and donate to help families in need!

Counseling News December 2018

Happy Holidays!

The holidays are rapidly approaching, but for some, the holiday season can be a challenging time. If your family needs more support or resources, please contact your student’s counselor.



Career and Academic Planning:

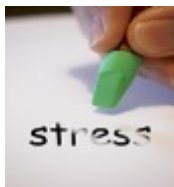


The purpose of career and academic planning is to help students discover the answers to the following:

1. Who am I?
2. What do I want?
3. What can I do now to help me get there?

All our students have started to explore careers and consider their own academic choices by completing surveys on the Naviance website. Students in 6th grade have discovered their strengths with Naviance’s “Strengths Explorer” activity. Students in 7th grade have found out where they shine based on their work with Naviance’s “Multiple Intelligences” activity. Students in 8th grade have completed Naviance’s “Career Key,” and discovered their top three occupational themes, based on John Holland’s theory of careers and vocational choice. Please talk with your students about all the interesting information they are learning about themselves. Their work is available for parent review on the Naviance website (www.Naviance.com).

Social Emotional Learning: School-Connect



Students in 6th and 8th grades will be learning skills for advocacy at school. Students will learn effective strategies for talking with teachers about things like missing work, extra help, and extension opportunities. This skill will become increasingly important as students move through grades.



Students in 7th grade will focus on coping with stress. They will talk about the most common forms of teen stress, explain the body’s response to stress, and learn more relaxation techniques. Students will also identify good levels of stress.

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Future Chargers:

Chatfield Open House / Parent Interest Night, January 17th @ 6:30pm
Registration for incoming 9th graders January 23rd



Your Counseling Team:

- Cindy Ayde – 6th grade counselor – cayde@jeffco.k12.co.us
- Matt Calvert – 7th grade counselor – matthew.calvert@jeffco.k12.co.us
- Patty Jonas – 8th grade counselor – pjonas@jeffco.k12.co.us
- Ashley Taylor – Social Emotional Learning Specialist – ashley.taylor@jeffco.k12.co.us

Update Information in JeffcoConnect

Please take time to ensure your address, phone number, and email address are correct in JeffcoConnect. In January the district will be preparing for next year’s enrollment and this information is important for the proper assignments to be made.

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! Businesses that want to sponsor this school, please contact TSCA at rob@tscacolorado.com or 720-878-4107.

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Check Lost and Found

Please have your student check the lost and found table in the cafeteria. Any remaining items will be donated to charity during winter break.

View and Print First Trimester Report Cards

First trimester report cards have been posted on JeffcoConnect.

1. Log into JeffcoConnect
2. Click the Campus Portal link on the left side of the page
3. Select the student's name from the drop down menu (if you have more than one student in Jeffco)
4. Select the Reports tab to view and print the report card from the reports list.



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Upcoming Events

December


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| 3 | Chatfield Area Elementary Band Concert 7:00-8:30 at DCMS |
| 4 | Chatfield Area Elementary Orchestra Concert 7:00-8:30 at DCMS |
| 5 | PTO Meeting – 6:00 PM in Conference Room |
| 6 | 6th Humanities Exhibit 6:00-7:00PM |
| 7 | Friday SES Schedule |
| 11 | 7th Humanities Exhibit 6:00-7:00PM |
| 13 | Choir Concert 7:00PM in Cafetorium |
| 14 | Friday Club Day |
| 20 | Band/Orchestra/Jazz Concert 7:00-8:30 PM in Cafetorium |
| 21 | Friday Club Day |
| 24-Jan 8 | NO SCHOOL - Winter Break |

January

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| 1-8 | NO SCHOOL – Winter Break |
| 9 | Students Return to School |
| | PTO Meeting -6:00 PM in Conference Room |
| 11 | Friday SES Schedule |
| 15 | Deer Creek Information Night |
| 16 | All-County Honor Band & Orchestra 4:00-6:00PM |
| | Musical: Parent Info Night 7:00-8:00 PM DCMS |

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| 17 | CSH Open House 6:30-8:30 at Chatfield High School |
| 18 | Friday Club Day |
| 21 | NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day |
| 22 | Chatfield Area Band Festival – 7:00 PM in Cafeteria & Gym |
| 22-25 | Mt. Evans Outdoor Lab |
| 23 | Chatfield Area Orchestra Festival – 7:00 PM at Falcon Bluffs |
| 25 | Friday SES Schedule |
| 29-Feb 1 | Feb Pikes Peak Outdoor Lab |

February

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| 1 | Friday SES Schedule |
| 5 | Accountability Meeting – 6:00 PM |
| 6 | PTO Meeting –6:00 PM in Conference Room |
| 7 | All County Jazz: Auditions 4:00-6:00 PM at Dunstan MS |
| 8 | Friday Club Schedule |
| | 6th Grade Social 7:00-8:30 PM in Cafeteria/Gym |
| 13 | Parent Conferences 3:30-8:00 PM |
| 14 | Parent Conferences 3:30-8:00 PM |
| | Mile High Jazz Festival CU Boulder |
| 15 | Mile High Jazz Festival CU Boulder |
| | NO SCHOOL- Staff Development Day |
| 18 | NO SCHOOL- Presidents' Day |
| 22 | Friday SES Schedule |
| 28 | Choir Concert 7:00-8:00 PM in Cafetorium |

