



CHALK TALK

DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER 2010

Chalk Talks with Superintendent

DCC Senior Luncheon
December 9th

DCC Toddler Playgroup
December 14th



Upcoming BOE Meeting Dates

December 20, 2010

January 17, 2011

February 21, 2011

March 21, 2011



BOE Members

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Brad Johnsrud, MS/HS Principal

Mark Becker, ES Principal



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Early Release Dates

December 15, 2010

January 12, 2011

January 26, 2011

Winter Greetings! –*Superintendent Michelle Jensen*

An old African proverb says, “*It takes a village to raise a child.*” The Deerfield community embraces this sentiment through our schools and organizations. As we continue our work together to build a positive community of support for students and families I would like to share some important information.

Recently, there have been many stories of bullying and harassing behaviors between students of all ages that have led to tragic endings. Deerfield Schools created a bullying policy in 2007 recognizing that a student’s physical and emotional safety is vital to student success. In May 2010, Act 309 was signed into Wisconsin law requiring such a policy. That being said, students may engage in behaviors that may be harmful or hurtful to others in and out of school. Because this is part of growing up and maturing with age, our classrooms and guidance curriculum focus heavily on positive, healthy communication skills and relationships.

A large number of our classrooms practice **Community Agreements** that help guide student and staff behaviors. The four agreements are:

1. **Mutual Respect:** treat others with respect at all times, a foundation for all other behavior
2. **Attentive Listening:** respectfully listen to others in class and in conversation
3. **Appreciations-No Put-Downs:** be positive, “add” to someone’s bucket, don’t “take away”
4. **Right to Pass:** allowance to keep thoughts to self if not comfortable sharing

Within the school setting, we are committed to ensuring that all students feel safe, welcomed and supported and will address harmful and hurtful behaviors that diminish that safety. We will continue to encourage thoughtful, positive interactions that seek to recognize the many good qualities that each student and staff member brings to our learning community as we strive for excellence and equity.

Working together as a community we can help reinforce these skills for our youth. At home, parents can help by setting clear expectations for verbal and physical behaviors towards family and friends, monitor technology communications via cell phones, texting and social networking sites such as Facebook, and role model positive communications at home, work and school. Community members can help by continuing to support our youth in the many activities and programs available through school and area organizations and role model positive communications and appreciations for others.



All of us working together to look and listen for warning signs that children might share and providing clear expectations for behavior are a means to continuing to provide a safe school environment for our children and our community. As always, thank you for your continued support of our schools. Our children are being raised in a great village!

Principal’s Corner – *Brad Johnsrud, MS/HS Principal*

I am very happy to report the progress we have been making and look forward to even more as we move forward! The collaboration of students, staff, and parents has been very impressive as we work together to benefit learning opportunities. We have some great student leaders who have been instrumental with our efforts. I am proud of the academic, fine arts, and athletic opportunities that our students have available to them. All of these offerings are a great source of pride for our community. Our staff continues to look at what we are doing and how we can further improve our efforts.

School Information On-line:

Deerfield School District is using technology to keep community members informed on the many happenings at school. A calendar of events, school information as well as parent information on their student is available. We have begun posting our 7-12 Newsletter on our web site. We would like to encourage our community members to check out our monthly newsletter on our site at www.deerfield.k12.wi.us. You can find our October and November issues posted under the Middle or High School, click on Newsletter to view them. We will try to have our most current newsletter posted by the twentieth of each month. You may contact Mr. Johnsrud by phone with any questions/comments at 764-5431, extension 3201.

<div data-bbox="185 99 375 137" data-label="Section-Header"><p><u>Winter Break</u></p></div> <div data-bbox="121 174 438 209" data-label="Text"><p>December 23 – 31, 2010</p></div> <div data-bbox="263 263 295 290" data-label="Image"></div> <div data-bbox="129 357 430 392" data-label="Section-Header"><p><u>Winter Concert Dates</u></p></div> <div data-bbox="162 411 397 518" data-label="Text"><p>High School December 9, 2010 7:00pm</p></div> <div data-bbox="154 583 406 680" data-label="Text"><p>Middle School December 14, 2010 7:00pm</p></div> <div data-bbox="154 715 406 822" data-label="Text"><p>Elementary School December 16, 2010 7:00pm</p></div> <div data-bbox="263 892 295 919" data-label="Image"></div> <div data-bbox="63 975 498 1120" data-label="Text"><p>WDEE – Cable Channel 95 or 986 DVDs can be ordered for most school events by calling (608) 764-2514</p></div>	<div data-bbox="532 64 1317 104" data-label="Section-Header"><p><u>Principal’s Corner</u> – <i>Mark Becker, Elementary Principal</i></p></div> <div data-bbox="532 107 1565 376" data-label="Text"><p>I am very proud of the fact that our students are involved with so many projects in school that help them gain experiences for the greater good of our community. Some of these projects include Mitten Tree donations, a food drive for the Community Center, 6th Grade Book Club’s Pennies for Peace coin drive, and the annual “Shoebox for Kids” activity. I would like to take this time to thank our parents for supporting our students in these efforts. Our students really get a lot out of these experiences and that starts out with the positive role models they have at home. Enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday season!</p></div> <div data-bbox="560 405 1537 446" data-label="Section-Header"><p><u>REFERENDUM UPDATE FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE</u></p></div> <div data-bbox="532 454 1565 583" data-label="Text"><p>It is exciting to provide the Deerfield Community with an update on the expenditures related to the school referendum passed by voters in September, 2008. We have recently completed the second year of the 5-year referendum to improve school facilities, replace curriculum and refresh technology. The 2009-10 approved referendum allocation was \$325,000.</p></div> <div data-bbox="532 599 1521 725" data-label="Text"><p>Below is a categorized summary of school referendum expenditures for the 2009-2010 school year. A complete listing of referendum expenditures for the first two years of the referendum can be found on the district website under District Services-Business Office-Referendum.</p></div> <div data-bbox="532 760 675 792" data-label="Section-Header"><p><u>Curriculum</u></p></div> <div data-bbox="532 792 989 822" data-label="Text"><p>Major curriculum expenditures included:</p></div> <div data-bbox="579 825 1289 954" data-label="List-Group"><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ New science textbooks and curriculum for grades 6-8▪ New curriculum for the MS/HS tech. education department▪ Updated Everyday Math curriculum grades K-6▪ Replacements textbooks and novels K-12</div> <div data-bbox="532 986 639 1016" data-label="Section-Header"><p><u>Facilities</u></p></div> <div data-bbox="532 1018 963 1048" data-label="Text"><p>Major facility improvements included:</p></div> <div data-bbox="579 1051 1261 1274" data-label="List-Group"><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Upgrade to MS/HS heating and ventilation system▪ Resurface and finish the high school gym floor▪ New interior doors and hardware throughout high school▪ New stage storage doors and protective padding▪ New sinks/plumbing/walls in the art classroom▪ Installation of electric winches for basketball hoops▪ Installation of regulation fencing for baseball field</div> <div data-bbox="532 1306 670 1338" data-label="Section-Header"><p><u>Technology</u></p></div> <div data-bbox="532 1338 1008 1368" data-label="Text"><p>Major technology improvements included:</p></div> <div data-bbox="579 1370 1141 1499" data-label="List-Group"><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Refresh full high school computer lab▪ New elementary classroom student computers▪ High school student email system▪ New sound system for HS gymnasium</div> <div data-bbox="836 1532 1260 1572" data-label="Section-Header"><p><u>DISTRICT OBJECTIVES</u></p></div> <div data-bbox="532 1577 1455 1636" data-label="Text"><p>Based on the community feedback at the <i>Forward...Together</i> event, the following four objectives were established by the Board of Education:</p></div> <div data-bbox="532 1645 1555 1706" data-label="Text"><p><u>Student Achievement:</u> The DCSD will provide high quality programs for all students that lead to the continued improvement on all measures of student achievement.</p></div> <div data-bbox="532 1714 1544 1776" data-label="Text"><p><u>District and School Climate/Wellness:</u> The DCSD will provide a safe, secure, and connected environment for students, staff, and community.</p></div> <div data-bbox="532 1784 1541 1876" data-label="Text"><p><u>Community Relations:</u> The DCSD will strive for meaningful collaboration with stakeholders and will ensure that communication between school, home, and community is continual and open.</p></div> <div data-bbox="532 1884 1511 1946" data-label="Text"><p><u>Budget and Finance:</u> The DCSD will devote resources to the district priorities in a fiscally responsible manner.</p></div>
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