

From the desk of Superintendent Michelle Jensen,

On behalf of the Deerfield School Board, administration, faculty, coaches and students, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the parents, community members and businesses who have so graciously supported our school community this past month. What an exciting, energizing month it has been!

We began November with three wonderful musical performances of *Joseph* which included the talents of 73 elementary, middle and high school students. How fitting that we will end the month with two more performances to take place at the Stoughton Opera House on November 25 and 26. On November 10, the High School Student Council hosted a Veteran's Day Program with guest veterans and spouses in attendance. Contributions by student readers and high school music department paid tribute to the thousands who have served our country past and present. The Elementary PTO held their annual Craft Fair on November 11 which brought hundreds of shoppers to our community. The success of this event provides monthly enrichment programs for elementary students every year. The High School Academic Decathlon team of 23 students competed on November 14 to qualify for Regional competition. Deerfield is ranked second of all Division 4 schools and 23rd out of 60 schools in the qualifying round.

Last, but not least, during this time the football team continued to win weekly playoff games leading them to the Division 6 State Championship on November 16. Pep rallies were held honoring the 39 football players with recognition also given to the 13 cheer squad members and 45 pep band players. And this past week, the community celebrated together once again by sharing a community dinner, posting signs of support in yards, windows, and on road sides, attending the state game, and taking part in a Welcome Back Parade with a full fire department escort and post-game rally with a capacity crowd.

All of these are remarkable events for a community with under 2000 people and a school of 740 students. Most importantly, they happened because of the efforts of many, many people working together to support students, to support educational opportunities, to support the school community, and to support the events which make living in a small community unique and fulfilling. Thank you for food donated, signs made, trucks driven, tables washed, checks written, shirts purchased, rides given, tickets bought, flowers sold, sets built, and meals provided. Thank you for cheers hollered, kind words spoken, high-fives slapped, towels waved, smiles glowing, tears shed, and standing ovations. The community of Deerfield has much to be proud of and thankful for this holiday season.