

From the desk of Superintendent Michelle Jensen...

Homecoming celebrations date back to 1911 when Chester Brewer, Athletic Director at the University of Missouri, created a plan to draw fans and alumnus to the “big game” at a new field location. His challenge to Missouri alumnus proved a success with parades, parties and thousands attending the “big game”. Homecoming festivities have been celebrated since, bringing schools and communities together, keeping traditions and school spirit alive through past and present generations.

In following this long standing tradition, Deerfield High School hosts a week of Homecoming activities beginning on September 25. What an exciting week it will be for high school students as they decorate hallways, dress up in retro for daily contests, prepare for the halftime marching band show, participate in high school sporting events including soccer, cross-country, volleyball and football, enjoy the Thursday night bonfire and build class floats for Friday’s parade down Main Street. The Friday night “big game” will culminate a week of school spirit when Deerfield faces Oakfield with a 7pm kickoff.

Deerfield alumni will be joining us in celebration this weekend. Graduates from 1975 and 1976 will be holding their joint class reunion and all alumni and community members are invited to join the pre-game festivities at the Booster Club tailgate party. It’s sure to be a great weekend for all!

While recognizing traditions and celebrations, it is also worthy to take time to focus on student safety as a part of these celebrations. We continue to work as a school community to address student responsibility and decision-making, but we encourage parents and other adults to talk with high school teens about celebrating alcohol-free. Deerfield’s Communities Mobilizing Change for Alcohol (CMCA) reminds parents and students that the legal drinking age is 21. Let’s work together to keep all our students safe and sober this Homecoming weekend.