



Deerfield Elementary 411

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October 2009

Important Dates

10/6	Kindergarten Field Trip
10/7	1 st Grade Field Trip
10/7	Early Release Day
10/8	Fire prevention presentations K-3, 9am
10/8	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-8:30pm
10/9	Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:30-10:30am
10/14	2 nd and 3 rd grade Field Trips
10/16	Kindergarten Field Trip
10/16	Enrichment Presentation, 12:45pm
10/16	Family Fitness Night, 6:00pm
10/21	Early Release Day
10/23	4K Field Trips
10/22	Market Day
10/29	No School - Teacher Convention
10/30	No School - Teacher Convention

Check out the new Elementary
Calendar on line at
www.deerfield.k12.wi.us



School Health News
**Action Steps for Parents to Protect
Your Child and Family from the Flu
this School Year**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends 4 main ways you and your family may keep from getting sick with the flu at school and at home:

1. **Practice good hand hygiene** by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleansers are also effective.

2. **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder; not into your hands.
3. **Stay home if you or your child is sick** for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others. Remember to call the school to report that your child is ill and list the symptoms that they are experiencing.
4. **Get your family vaccinated** for seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu. Seasonal flu vaccinations are currently available at your local health department at this time. The H1N1 flu vaccine should be available in late October or early November.

The symptoms of H1N1 flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular seasonal flu and include: fever of 100 degrees or higher, body aches, headaches, cough, respiratory congestion, sore throat and in some cases vomiting and diarrhea.

You can find additional information at:

- www.flu.gov
- www.pandemic.wisconsin.gov
- www.wvusd.org
- Or call Public Health Madison & Dane County FLU hotline 243-0555

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Principal's Corner

Thank you to all parents for their patience with the construction on Liberty Street. Things seem to be quieting down so we will be going back to normal traffic patterns, meaning that the access road between the upper and lower parking lots will be closed.

Please continue to drive safely and patiently in the parking lot. Here are a couple of tips to keep our parking lot safe:

- **Use the crosswalk whenever you are walking from the lot to the school.**
- **Pull forward as far as you can when dropping off or picking up students. This allows traffic to keep moving smoothly.**
- **Drive slowly and without distractions, i.e. cell phones.**

Thank you for your help keeping our students and school community safe. Enjoy a safe October!

Mark Becker
Elementary Principal

From the Art Room

During the 2009-10 school year, the DES art program is a recipient of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Picturing America grant. This grant provides an innovative way for school children to explore the history and character of America through some of our nation's great works of art. As part of this grant, our school received 40 FREE art reproductions and a resource book that will be utilized during art class and throughout the school during the year.

Each month we are having a Webquest contest based on some of these art

reproductions. Below are the October questions:

Quilts: 19th Through 20th Centuries

1. Typically, quilts are made with what material?
 - a. fabric
 - b. paper
 - c. pastel
2. What family relationship did Hannah and Emm Greenlee have?
3. The quilts from Lancaster County, PA are created by what community of people that live in this area?

Answers are due on the last day of every month--NO EXCEPTIONS. All correct entries will be eligible for a grand prize drawing each month!!

Box Top Reminder

Please turn in your box-tops for education – Box-Tops turned in by the 23rd of October will be in time for the first turn-in.

Friday Family Fitness Night

Are you looking for a fun Friday night activity for your whole family? What about a night out in Deerfield that gets your family active and gives you quality time together? Please join us Friday Family Fitness Night on **October 16** from 6:00-7:30pm. We will be having circuit style family workouts and family yoga activities followed by a healthy snack and open gym time. Friday Family Fitness Night's are held every 3rd Friday of the month. Hope to see you there!

WKCE State Testing

WKCE testing will begin for grades 3-6 towards the end of October and into November. Your child's teacher will share the specific dates they will be testing.