



Deerfield Elementary 411

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December 2009

Important Dates

- 12/11 Shoeboxes for Kids items due
- 12/17 Winter Music Program K-2 , 7pm
- 12/23 Early Release/Last day of classes before winter break
- 1/4 School resumes
- 1/11 PTO Meeting

2. This engraving comes from a 4 volume book set titled _____?

3. How many other engravings are in this set of books?

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

Shoeboxes for Kids

As in recent years, third, fourth, and sixth grade students will be taking part in Shoeboxes for Kids. The students bring in items to fill shoeboxes for needy children in the Madison area, and then the boxes are donated to the River Food Pantry in Madison. We are accepting donations (small items that will fit in shoeboxes - i.e. art supplies, school supplies, small toys, hygiene items, etc) and empty shoeboxes until Friday, December 11th. If you would like to donate some items, please forward them along to any third, fourth, or sixth grade teacher. Then, the items will be sorted into shoeboxes, wrapped, and delivered to the food pantry. It's a wonderful service project that shows our students the importance of giving during the holiday season.

December Webquest Questions

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American Flamingo
John James Audubon

1. Where was American artist John James Audubon actually born?

Friday Family Fitness Nights a HUGE Success!

If you offer it..... they will come! Well, that's been true so far when talking about Deerfield School District's new Health and Wellness initiative: Family Fitness Nights. Thanks to everyone who has made an effort to stop by the elementary school for the last two events. So far, over 100 kids and parents have had the opportunity to climb our wall, play badminton, work though various fitness stations, learn some new kickboxing moves, as well as finish up each night with healthy snacks and beverages. Special thanks to Kids Count, Inc. and Deerfield High School F/CE classes for providing our healthy treats each night.

Anyone who is interested in helping out or has questions, please contact Pam Haffely at haffelyp@deerfield.k12.wi.us. Hope to see you all there January 22nd at 6:15pm for our next night. It's a great way to spend quality time with your family as well as burn a few calories before the weekend starts.



Coins for Kids a Huge Success

Our School Climate Committee put together a “Coins from Kids” coin drive to raise money for the Deerfield Food pantry from November 9-13. Students from our elementary school donated any spare change they had to their classroom’s coin collection, which was donated to the food pantry at the Community Center. Our school raised \$1000 for the food pantry! Thank you to all who participated, including the Deerfield Education Association who donated \$100.

Principal’s Corner

I hope this winter season is finding you healthy and happy!

With our first snow fall, there is always renewed caution in regards to traffic safety in our parking lots and school grounds. Attached to this newsletter you will find a copy of our transportation procedures. Please take the time to review these. We always have more traffic during the winter months, so it is important to be extra **cautious and patient** when in the parking lot. Also, **please remember to have your children exit and enter your vehicle on the sidewalk side when picking up and dropping off.** If we all work together we can continue to keep our parking lot a safe place to be.

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. Coins for Kids and Shoeboxes for Kids are just two of the many opportunities our students have to

help out those less fortunate. 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 positive role models at home. Thank you!

Lastly, if you need some excitement to get out of the doldrums of this week’s blizzard, come to our K-2 Winter Concert on December 17 at 7pm in the elementary gymnasium. Mrs. Thomas and the primary students are putting together an excellent concert that you won’t want to miss.

Sincerely,

Mark Becker
Elementary Principal

Winter Clothing Needed

We are always looking for extra winter clothing at the elementary school. Sometimes students are need of warm clothing, and other times students just forget their hat or gloves. If you do have some winter clothing that has some wears left, please drop it off in the elementary school office. We really appreciate it!

