



# Deerfield Elementary 411

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October 2010

### Important Dates

- 10/6 Kindergarten/Fire Station
- 10/7 Fire prevention presentations  
4K,1-3, 9am
- 10/7 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
3:30-8:30pm
- 10/8 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
7:30-10:30am **(No School)**
- 10/13 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade/Hinchley's
- 10/15 Early Release Day **(Homecoming)**
- 10/21 4<sup>th</sup> Grade/Texas Roadhouse
- 10/21 Market Day
- 10/22 Family Fitness Night, 6:00pm
- 10/27 Early Release Day
- 10/28 No School - Teacher Convention
- 10/29 No School - Teacher Convention

**No School on October 8 due to Parent-Teacher Conferences!**

**Check out the new Elementary Calendar on line at [www.deerfield.k12.wi.us](http://www.deerfield.k12.wi.us)**

### Homecoming 2010

Homecoming is taking place on October 15 this year. As was the case last year, this will be an early release day, with students being dismissed at 1:20. A letter has been sent home in regards to your student's after school transportation to help our staff make sure all students get home safely on this busy day. The Bridges Early Release program will be in session from 1:20-2:50. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Becker.

### Skyward Family Access Update

All Elementary parents should have received in the mail information regarding access to our

student information system, **Skyward**. Before school started, the same username and password were mailed so parents were able to access Skyward as part of the registration process. This mailing was to let you know that you can now access Skyward to change contact information and health information. We are trying our best to have the most update information about your student. Please take the time to log in to Skyward from the Deerfield Schools home page, [www.deerfield.k12.wi.us](http://www.deerfield.k12.wi.us), and verify your family information, emergency information and add emergency contacts if necessary. Please sign and return the checklist that was mailed to your family to your child's teacher. If you need computer access, please stop in the computer lab after your child's conference on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help updating our student information system. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Becker.

### Principal's Corner

The year has gotten off to an excellent start. It's amazing how fast the school year goes! Below is a friendly reminder regarding before and after school pick-ups. 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

## Box Top Reminder

Please turn in your box-tops for education - Box-Tops turned in by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October will be in time for the first turn-in.

## Active School Grant Update

The Deerfield Active School Grant along with directors Pam Klein and Beka Johnson have been working to improve the health and wellness of Deerfield students. So far this year, 7th-12th grade students have had the opportunity to participate in Early Release Fitness Classes at the MS/HS, over 400 community members participated in the pre-game NFL Play 60 walk, and many families came to the first Friday Family Fitness Night in September.

Please keep your eyes open for more upcoming events and remember the next Friday Family Fitness Night is Friday, October 22nd from 6:15 - 7:15pm.

## 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. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher for more information.

## I'm an Author! - At Home Writing Projects

When your child writes his own books, he'll feel like a real author and gain confidence in his own writing. Here are some creative writing projects:

1. **Counting Book** - Ask your youngster to find items in your house that come in numbers from 1 to 10. One TV, two

clocks, four kitchen chairs, etc. Have him draw a picture for each on separate pieces of paper, then help him write a sentence on every page.

2. **Autobiography** - Suggest that your child write about a familiar subject: herself. Give her one sheet of paper for every year of her life, and talk about what could go on each page. She can draw a picture and write a sentence/paragraph for each event in her life.
3. **Fill-in-the-Blank Story** - Your youngster can write his own version of a favorite book with this idea. Read the story aloud to him. Then, write sentence from the book on sheets of paper leaving blanks for the characters' names and places and objects mentioned. Ask him to fill in the blanks with new names, places, and things. When he's finished, have him read his version to you!
4. **Riddle Book** - this lift the flap book is a clever way for your child write riddles. Help her cut construction paper into quarters and staple the pieces together along one edge to make a small book. She can make flaps by carefully cutting four smaller squares from another sheet of paper and gluing the top of each square onto a page. Next, have her write a riddle on each flap and the answer underneath. You can help her come up with ideas by having her look around the room, choose an object, and think about what it does. Example: "I go up and down. When you look at me, you see outside" ("a window").

