



# Deerfield Elementary 411

Excellence and Equity in Education



April 2010

At Deerfield Elementary School we are committed to educating the whole child while providing a safe and nurturing environment that promotes a passion for lifelong learning, respect for self and others, and an appreciation for individual differences.

### Important Dates

- 3/10 Early Release
- 3/11 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3/12 Wear your school t-shirt day
- 3/12 11:00am release
- 3/16 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3/22 Market Day Forms Due
- 3/24 Early Release
- 3/25 Market Day Pick-up
- 3/26 Wear your school t-shirt day
- 3/29-4/2 Spring Break

### March Questions

#### The Migration Series, no. 57

#### Jacob Lawrence

1. What is the woman doing in this painting?

- a. fishing
- b. laundry
- c. cleaning a pool

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

2. The Migration Series contains 60 paintings that are divided up between what 2 U.S. museums?

Below is some information related to the accomplishments of students involved with TAG programming to be shared:

1. 6 out of the Top 10 placements for the Yahara Writing contest in this area were earned by students in the Deerfield School District (2 elementary students & 4 middle school students) :) The 2 students from the elementary level are Cheyanne Koran in 5th Grade for her poem "Snowflakes" and Regan Bush in 6th Grade for her short story entitled "Snow Time." These 6 individuals will be invited to attend the Top 10 Workshop at the UW Madison Memorial Union on May 3rd.

2. Noah Gjermeo was nominated for a top award for his Haiku entitled "Owl." He will be invited to Eagle School for an awards ceremony on April 19th.

3. What # is this particular painting in the series?



the series?



### **Gearing Up for Another Family Fitness Fun Night!**

Anyone who is interested in helping out or has questions, please contact Pam Haffely at [haffelyp@deerfield.k12.wi.us](mailto:haffelyp@deerfield.k12.wi.us). Hope to see you all there **March 19th** 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.

### **Everyday Math Parent Resources**

Below are some Everyday Math parent resources that parents can find on the internet. Some of the resources have to do with the program itself and others revolved around basic facts practice and strategies. If you have any questions regarding Everyday Math or math in general, your child's teacher is your best resource.

1. Go to [www.Everdaymathonline.com](http://www.Everdaymathonline.com) and click on Family Resources.
2. [www.wrightgroup.com/parent\\_connection/index.html](http://www.wrightgroup.com/parent_connection/index.html)
3. [www.dadsworksheets.com](http://www.dadsworksheets.com)
4. [www.mathfactscafe.com](http://www.mathfactscafe.com)

### **4K and Kindergarten Registration**

If you haven't already done so, please sign up your child for 4K or Kindergarten. Please contact the elementary school office at 764-5442 for registration materials.

### **Home-School Connection**

**Here are some quick "at home" ideas to help support your child's learning:**

**Reading:** Good readers form mental pictures as they read. To improve your child's comprehension, read a book without letting him see it. Then, ask him to guess what the illustrations look like. Examples" How are the characters dressed/ Is the setting bright or gloomy?"

**Sportsmanship:** You can teach your youngster to be a good sport by being one yourself. When you attend a game, clap and cheer for players who try hard, even if they're on the other team. You'll help your youngster learn to be gracious to everyone in the game.

**Math:** sometimes kids get math problems wrong simply because they haven't lined up the numbers correctly. Try this. Have your child work problems on graph paper, using one box per number. Once she gets used to this system, she'll be able to transfer her lining-up skills to regular paper.

### **Lost and Found**

Our lost and found is full! Please check in during conferences for any of your child's lost articles of clothing.