



# Deerfield Elementary 411

Excellence and Equity in Education



November 2009

## Important Dates

11/9	Coin Drive Kick-off, 2:30pm
11/9	PTO Meeting
11/10	Reading Assistance/Title One Parent Meeting
11/11	Veterans' Day Program, 2:00pm
11/14	Christmas in the Country Craft Fair
11/16	Market Day Orders Due
11/19	Market Day Pick-Up
11/18	Early Release Day
11/24	First Trimester Ends
12/7	Report Cards Sent Home
12/17	Winter Music Program

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

## **When should a child stay home from school?**

Children often do not like to miss school. They also need to be in school as much as possible in order to be successful in school. However, children who are sick need to stay home if they will not be able to concentrate sufficiently for learning or may cause others to become sick.

To help reduce the spread of illness to student and staff, please keep your child home from school for the following reasons:

- Fever (100 degrees or greater): Your child should be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen before returning to school.
- Vomiting: Your child may return to school after s/he has not vomited for 24 hours and is back on a regular diet.
- Diarrhea: Your child may return to school after being diarrhea-free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

- Cough/congestion: If your child's cough is frequent or severe and his/her nose is extremely runny, it is likely that they do not feel very well and will not be able to concentrate sufficiently for learning. S/he also would benefit from more rest and fluids at home.
- Rash: Consult with your child's health care provider regarding a rash of unknown cause. Your child will need a return to school note from their health care provider before coming back to school.
- Communicable Illness: If your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease requiring antibiotics (such a strep infection or pink eye) they need to be excluded from school until they have been treated with the antibiotic for 24 hours and they are feeling better.

It is very important that if you are calling your child in absent due to illness that you list the symptoms that your child is experiencing. This allows for surveillance of illnesses in our schools.

Please emphasize to your children effective ways to stay healthy, which include: Frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitizer, coughing/sneezing into their upper arm or shoulder, keeping their hands away from their face, staying away from individuals who are sick and protecting their immune system by eating properly and getting enough sleep.

Thanks for your assistance in keeping our schools a safe, healthy and enriching environment in which to learn.

**Barb Bendall, RN, BSN, NCSN**  
**Deerfield Community School District**

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Our school bake sale two weeks ago raised \$275 dollars for UNICEF! Thank you to fifth grade students and their parents for donating the baked goods, and to everyone else who purchased items or made donations. It was a huge success!



### **Library News**

The library will be having its annual Lego Contest on Thursday, November 19th. It's open to kids age 5 and over, and does require registration. Participants will need to bring their own Legos and will have about 30 minutes to complete their creations. This year there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner for each of 4 categories. Categories are age 5-7, age 8-10, age 11 and up, and teams (2 per team).

### **Send in your pull tabs!**

Deerfield Elementary School will be participating in NBC 15's "Pulling for the House" pull tab collection drive. We need to collect as many pull tabs (i.e. the piece of metal that opens aluminum cans) as we can from now until May 7, 2010. The money from the recycled tabs will go to Ronald McDonald House charities of Madison. If Deerfield Elementary School collects the most tabs out of all the schools in the Madison area, NBC15 will broadcast live from our school!

To participate, please send in all of your pull tabs to school throughout this school year. They can be dropped off in the office, the bucket outside of room 231 (Mrs. Hruby's office), or collected by your child's teacher. Thank you for your support!

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### **Principal's Corner**

As we move into November, our school is putting together two very important events that tie in with our Character Education theme for November and December of **Caring**.

Our School Climate Committee has 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 are asked donate any spare change they have to their classroom's coin collection, which will then be donated to the food pantry.

Also, on November 11, we will be having a Veterans' Day Program from 2:00-2:30 in the gymnasium. Mrs. Thomas has been working on some patriotic songs with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and the students will be hearing about the importance of Veterans' Day from some of the veterans in the Deerfield community.

Thank you again for the importance you place on your child's education. Have a wonderful November!

Sincerely,

Mark Becker, Elementary Principal

### **November Webquest Questions**

Painting: The Veteran in a New Field.

By Winslow Homer

1. What is a veteran?
2. What type of tool is the veteran using to cut down the grain?
3. What was Winslow Homer's job for the New York magazine Harpers Weekly?

### **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 **November 20** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Hope to see you there!

