

Deerfield High/Middle School Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

***Welcome to our first newsletter for the school year! It is our hope to keep parents informed on school functions and encourage you to join our collaborative efforts to benefit all students.**

This is our initial effort to inform parents of various happenings at Deerfield MS/HS. Our staff will be working together to improve our lines of communication and welcome your thoughts/suggestions. Future newsletters will be posted on our district web site and we have listed that site below.

You can find school information and we want you to utilize these services; www.deerfield.k12.wi.us.

*If you do not have access to the internet, you are encouraged to fill out the form on the last page and return it to us and we will make sure you receive a paper copy of our newsletter. We will also be placing a hard copy of this at the public library, post office, and at the school.

We want you to utilize all of the services provided to you with Skyward, our school software. You can view your student(s) attendance and academic progress on-line and all of the information is current. We sent a letter to parents prior to P-T conferences with your Skyward password and asked you to insure that we have correct contact information. We have also met with our 9-12 students and given them their Skyward log-in/password and encouraged them to utilize this information. Look for updated newsletters under the High and Middle School tabs.

Volleyball Success!

To coaches Meyer, Johnson, & Snodie and all of our players, what a great season that is still continuing at the time of this newsletter! At this time they have been champions of the Trailways season, tournament, and regionals. The team

travels to Cambridge on October 28th for Sectional semi-finals versus Dodgeland and likely to face Wisconsin Heights for the sectional finals on Saturday (at Wisc. Heights), game time is 7:00 for each night.

WKCE Testing

On November 8, 9, 15, & 16 our students in grades 7, 8, and 10 will be involved with state mandated testing with the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam. *You received a letter in the mail this past week with information on testing and it told you additional info. would be posted in this newsletter. We will be running a two hour delay schedule on each of these four days to allow time for students to test. We will be providing a morning breakfast for our students testing on each morning and our Bridges group has a morning snack item for each student.

Students in grades 9, 11, and 12 are not required to attend school on these four mornings until 9:45 but we would like to encourage them to check out our offerings for each day. Staff has provided some very beneficial opportunities for students each day. Students are expected to report to one of these locations for the duration if they are attending. Please refer to the sheet listed below on the options for students not involved with testing. Buses will run at their regular schedule each day. *As noted in our previous letter, please insure that your student does their very best on these exams.

Opportunities for 9th, 11th & 12th Grades During WKCE Testing

11/8	11/9	11/15	11/16
Forensics Meeting	College Application/ College Essay Support	College Application/ College Essay Support	Interpersonal Communication Skills Workshop

11/8	11/9	11/15	11/16
Portfolios	Portfolios	Portfolios	Portfolios
ACT Prep Math/Sci.	ACT Prep Math/Sci.	ACT Prep Math/Sci.	
Nat'l Novel Writing Month Activity	Nat'l Novel Writing Month Activity	Youth Apprenticeship Informational Meeting	
Ceramics "Bowl-a-thon"	Ceramics "Bowl-a-thon"	Ceramics "Bowl-a-thon"	Ceramics "Bowl-a-thon"
Open Computer Lab	Acadec Field Trip *Mac Computer Lab A139 will NOT be open*	Open Computer Lab	Open Computer Lab
Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall

*Students can attend one offering per day

Bullying/Harassment

Definition: Bullying is deliberate or intentional behavior using words or actions, intended to cause fear, intimidation, or harm. Bullying may be repeated behavior and involves an imbalance of power. The behavior may be motivated by an actual or perceived distinguishing characteristic of the victim, such as, but not limited to: age, national origin, race, ethnicity, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical attributes, physical or mental ability or disability, and social, economic or family status.

Our district is committed to the safety of ALL students and staff will continue to work hard to deal with this important topic. Dealing with harassment is not only good practice but it is also the law. Our handbook deals with our procedure for tackling these concerns and it is important that all of us work together to insure that no one suffers from harassment. You are encouraged to contact Principal Brad Johnsrud with any questions at 764-5431, extension 3201.

Cell Phones

You are asked to assist us in supporting our policy on the use of cell phones. Students are not allowed to use their phones during the school day and our policy lists the consequences for each occurrence.

We have a phone in the office that student's should use if they need to contact a parent during the school day and you may call the office if you need to make arrangements.

Colder Weather Ahead

We have been spoiled by an outstanding fall but we know that winter is not far away. We attempt to keep the school at a moderate temperature but students are encouraged to have a long sleeve shirt

or sweatshirt in their locker for those times that they are cold. Jackets are not allowed to be worn in the classroom.

MS/HS PE News

As many of you have already heard, Deerfield received the Wisconsin Active Schools grant for the 2010-2011 school year. Our main goals are to increase the amount of physical activity during physical education class time, and provide opportunities for kids and families to become more active outside of the school day. One addition that has been a huge success in Mrs. Johnson's and Mrs. Klein's PE classes is the use of pedometers. Students now checkout pedometers at the beginning of class which track their steps and activity levels for the day. Upon class completion, students then record their steps which not only holds them accountable for maintaining a high level of participation, but they are able to see the distance they have traveled and calories burned. Students can be seen walking around during lesson and activity instructions in an effort to gain more steps where in the past, students either stood still or simply sat.

To encourage students to be physically active outside of the school day, fitness classes are now being offered by the YMCA of Dane County on early release days from 1:30 - 3:00. So far, students have had the opportunity to participate in cardio-kickboxing and will have yoga, step-aerobics, and Zumba to look forward to throughout the rest of the year. Keep your eyes open for upcoming Grant events.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society will be collecting old shoes the week of November 1-5th at both buildings. They are working with shoeman.org, which collects old shoes, sells them to manufacturers to use the recycled rubber, and uses the money to purchase water wells and filtration systems in impoverished countries. It's a win-win for all! To participate, send any old shoes- any size, any color, any style, to one of the school buildings that week. All we ask is that the laces be tied together or they be rubber banded together to stay as a pair. The NHS is sponsoring a contest at the elementary school: the classroom who collects the most shoes will win a root beer float party!

The National Honor Society will be sponsoring "Teacher in Paradise" Day on Friday, November 12th. We will collect food for the Deerfield Food Pantry. Each hour, the class who collects the most food will have a substitute teacher and get to play games and watch a movie! This year we are hoping to help fill the Thanksgiving baskets, so extra points will be given for bringing in either a box of Stove Top stuffing, or a can of cranberries!

Scholarship Opportunity

Seniors: Scholarship opportunity if you are interested in going into Automotive, Diesel or Auto Collision. Application Deadline is December 15, see Mr. Landis or Mr. Fietz if interested.

Financial Aid Night

We are pleased to be the host site for this year's Financial Aid Night! This annual event is for the Deerfield/Cambridge/Lake Mills communities on Wednesday, December 1st at 6:30pm, at the Deerfield High School, in the commons. All parents and students are welcome to join us for this event. We are fortunate to have an expert from the Department of Public Instruction join us for this event. Topics will include filling out the FAFSA, important dates and deadlines, and a questions/answer session. The information is most applicable for Juniors and Seniors, though it is never too early to begin learning about the financial aid process. Please contact Mr. Landis in the Guidance Office with any questions. We look forward to seeing you on December 1st!

Transition Coordinator

My name is Stacy Gloede. I have been a Special Education teacher here at Deerfield High School for fourteen years. This year I am taking on a new responsibility as a half-time Transition Coordinator. With this new role I plan to better assist students and families in preparation for life beyond high school. Moving beyond high school can be a stressful, difficult time; requiring much planning and preparation. Some areas I can assist in include:

- Job shadows
- Finding Work Experience
- College Applications and Scholarships
- Career Exploration
- Self Advocacy
- Field Trips
- ACT prep and Accommodations

Watch future newsletters for upcoming events. Please contact me if you have questions or transitional needs.

Fall Athletic Program/Dinner

We would like to encourage our fall athletes, parents, and community members to attend our Fall Athletic program which will be held on November 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the commons. We will be recognizing our soccer, football, cross country, and volleyball teams at this banquet.

You are also invited to attend a spaghetti dinner that our student council will be sponsoring prior to our banquet. Serving will be from 5:30-6:45 in the commons and the cost will be \$6.00 per person.

High School Trip

Mrs. Apold and Ms. Bazan will be taking students on an International Trip to Europe in June, 2011. Any students, grades 9-12, are welcome to participate in the trip. The trip will be 9 days and travel to Paris, France where we will see the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre, Munich, Germany where we will visit the Dachau Concentration Camp, and the Swiss Alps where we will see "the hills come alive!" The trip is being offered through EF Tours which has offices in the cities we will visit and will have a security agent with us as we travel. EF Tours allows for flexible payment plans right through them- monthly, bi-monthly, through automatic withdrawal or charged to your credit card! Please contact one of us if you are interested in more information~ Bon Voyage!

Attention Middle School Parents!

Our Middle School Student Council Fun Night will be on November 19, 2010. Fun Night is held at the Middle School from 7:00 to 10:00pm. Activities usually include a DJ, open gym, Talent Show, Rock Band, a game room, and pizza and soda. The price is usually \$4. We will be looking for parents to donate door prizes and to volunteer as chaperones. Please contact Mrs. Draheim (draheimn@deerfield.k12.wi.us or 764-5431 ext. 4115) with any questions. The Student Council looks forward to your child joining us for a very Fun Night!

Honoring Our Veterans!

The Deerfield School will be honoring all veterans with a program scheduled for 8:00 a.m. in the gym on November 11th. Our veterans are invited to a reception to be held in your honor from 7:30-7:50 in the commons and you will be our featured guest at our program to follow. It is important that we recognize the contributions that you have made to protect the freedoms all of us enjoy. The program will conclude at approximately at 8:45.

MS homework hour Monday and Thursday from 3-4 in Ms. Halverson's room.

**Parent Teacher Conferences
December 6
4-8:30pm**

MS/HS IMC News

This school year has had a wonderful start with many students stopping in to check out books. Materials, which were checked out in September and have not been returned or renewed, are now accruing a \$.05/day fee. Please check with your children to see if they have taken care of this. In other news, the Guidance Department's college and career resources are now available in the IMC. Stop in anytime to see all of the great resources that are available to parents and students regarding colleges, financial aid, and career choices.

If you need a hard copy of future newsletters, as you do not have internet access, please complete the information below and return to the HS/MS office.

Name: _____

Address: _____