

DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/8—Early Release 1:20pm

2/9-10—K Registration

2/13—PTO Meeting 1/11 – Early
Release 1:20pm

2/15— 4K Registration

2/22—Early Release 1:20pm

2/23—End of 2nd Trimester

2/28—Physics is Fun Enrichment

3/2—Read Across America

That's what
learning is. You
suddenly under-
stand something
you understood
all your life, but
in a new way.

—[Doris Lessing](#)

Anyone who
stops learn-
ing is old,
whether at
twenty or
eighty. Any-
one who
keeps learn-
ing stays
young. The
greatest
thing in life
is to keep
your mind
young.

Henry Ford



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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.

Character Education Focus:

Cooperation

Our Character Education Trait that we are emphasizing this month is **Cooperation**. Cooperation is certainly a concept that is worked on daily in our classrooms, but this month we are paying special attention to it.



Lions Club Donates Classroom Amplification System

Thank you to the Deerfield Lions' Club for donating a Classroom Amplification System to DES! Classroom Amplification systems are designed to enhance the sound and acoustics in our classrooms for all learners. This is the 5th system that will be in use at the elementary school.



New Faces at DES

We have a couple new faces at DES for the last half of the school year. Melissa Hurkman will be student teaching in Mrs. Henke's art class until the end of March. In addition to Melissa, we also have another student teacher in 3rd grade. Andrea Chodera is student teaching in Mrs. Martin/Perucco's third grade classroom until the middle of March, and then is student teaching in Mr. Meyer's 4th grade classroom. We feel very fortunate to have these future educator's at our school.

4K and K Registration

Registration dates for 4k and Kindergarten are fast approaching.

4K registration is taking place on February 15th from 8am-3:45pm at the elementary school. Parents are asked to bring their child's birth certifi-

cate with them.

Kindergarten registration will be taking place on February 9&10 from 8am-4pm. Parents are asked to bring in birth certificates to be verified as well. Registration information will be sent home

with current 4K students.

If you have any questions regarding 4K or Kindergarten registration, please contact the elementary school office at 764-5442.

NEW Active School Community Coordinator

Myth: Stress does not make you gain weight.

Fact: The hormone released under stress-cortisol-leads to carbohydrate craving and over-eating. By the way, stressed is desserts spelled backward!

Between birth and old age, you will walk about 70,000 miles. Walking is one of the best activities you can do to keep your heart-lung complex in good working condition. !

The Deerfield Community School District and the Active School Grant welcomes Justin Annen, the new Active School Community Coordinator. In the fall of 2011, Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction recommended 20 Wisconsin schools they felt exemplify the Active School Philosophy to the Health First Wisconsin Coalition as possible candidates for a spring grant. The Deerfield Physical Education Department was one of five schools selected to receive this grant and as a result, Health First Wisconsin selected Justin Annen as their community activist.

Health First Wisconsin strives to ensure that resources, such as taxpayer dollars, public policy decisions and

scientific evidence work together in ways that raise the bar for everyone, ensuring all of us have an opportunity to live a healthy life. Health First Wisconsin believes Health is not something that begins in a doctor's office but instead starts in our homes, schools, workplaces and in our playgrounds and parks. Viewing health in this way, offers a unique and effective opportunity to improve health before the onset of disease. They strive to ensure everyone has the opportunity to make the choices that allow them to live a long, healthy life regardless of their level of income, education or ethnicity.

Over the next few months, Deerfield stu-

dents, parents, staff, and community members can expect to see Justin at school and at events as he works to spread the word about physical activity before school, during school, and outside of the school day. He will be assisting Active School Coordinators Pam Klein and Beka Johnson as they continue to provide opportunities for students, parents, and community members to improve their overall health and wellness. If you have a passion for exercise, fitness, health, or nutrition, and would like to volunteer your time, please contact Justin Annen at: annen-jp20@uww.edu.



Last Friday, Deerfield Elementary School hosted a celebration for its students and staff. The celebration comes from a district-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (P.B.I.S.) initiative which focuses on acknowledging and teaching positive behaviors. Elementary students receive a golden ticket for each time they exhibit one of our school's "High Five" behavior expectations of being honest, helpful, responsible, respectful, or showing a positive attitude. To date, Deerfield Elementary students have earned more

PBIS Premiere Event!

than 2,248 golden tickets for their positive behavior. The fifth grade Student Action Committee and school staff also worked hard to produce a video demonstrating positive behavior in the cafeteria. This movie was shown at our world wide premiere event last Friday. Students were also encouraged to dress up for having their class picture taken outside by a limousine. Thank you to all students, school staff, and parents for making this event a

success! The Elementary School is especially grateful to Step Ahead Services for donating time with their limousine, and to Tessa Claire Photography for donating her services in taking pictures of each classroom.



Read Across America Set for March 2

Read Across America is Friday, March 2, from 8:00-noon. Parents, grandparents, and community members are most welcome to call the DES office

(764-5442) or stop in to sign up for a 15 minute slot in order to read their favorite book in a classroom, is Friday, March 2, 8:00-noon. The 6th Grade

Reading and Fun Night lock-In is the same day, Friday, March 2, 6-10 PM. Volunteers are welcome. Call Randi Thorson, 764-5442, ext. 5243.

"To read is to fly: it is to soar to a point of vantage which gives a view over wide terrains of history, human variety, ideas, shared experience and the fruits of many inquiries."

5th Grade Students Compete in Math 24

A few 5th grade students at Deerfield Elementary recently completed in the Dean County regional Math 24 competition. Chelsea Wolf, Jonah Hewitt and Ashley Jacobs ad-

vanced and competed in the Dane County regional 5th Grade Math 24 competition in Sun Prairie. Ashley Jacobs placed 4th in the overall competition and also was the

top scorer for Deerfield. Congratulations to all of them!





DES PTO

The next PTO meeting is February 13th at 6:30pm in the library. Child care is provided.

On Feb 28th there will be a school assembly called "Physics is Fun" with the Science Guy. This is an enrichment opportunity that is sponsored by the PTO.

February Market Day

COOKIE DOUGH IS BACK!

Market Day product sheet will be coming home in approximately two weeks, please check your students back pack. You can also order online at marketday.com any time during the month, prior to the deadline date. This month cookie dough is back; see the insert provided with the product sheet.



Paper order forms are due at school by Friday, February 17th; online orders are due by 11:00p.m. Monday, February 20th. Pick up is Thursday, February 23rd between the hours of 3:00 – 4:30.

The sponsoring grade this month is 4th grade. We will be asking 4th grade parents to volunteer dividing out the orders and repacking. If you can help, please come to the cafeteria at 1:30.

~January High 5 Raffle Winners~!

Here are DES' High Five Acknowledgment Raffle winners. Students who get Acknowledgment tickets from staff members get entered into a weekly raffle drawing that takes place on Fridays. Our hope is to promote and acknowledge the



POSITIVE behavior our students exhibit on a daily basis. So far, the entire student population has collected a total of 2,248 Acknowledgment tickets from DES staff for their positive behavior. Great job, students!

