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## DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY 2012

### Upcoming BOE Meeting Dates

February 20, 2012  
March 19, 2012  
April 23, 2012  
May 21, 2012



### BOE Members

Chris Page-President  
Sandy Fischer- Vice President  
Jim Haak - Treasurer  
Shelley Mack - Clerk  
Cathi Meinecke - Member  
Laurie Steen - Member  
Paul Haag - Member



### DCSD Administration

Michelle Jensen, Superintendent  
Barb Callahan, Dir. of Pupil Serv.  
Jonathan Mitchell, Business Mgr.  
Brad Johnsrud, MS/HS Principal  
Mark Becker, ES Principal



### School Numbers

MS/HS Phone Number  
(608) 764-5431  
MS/HS Fax Number  
(608) 764-5433  
ES Phone Number  
(608) 764-5442  
ES Fax Number  
(608) 764-8652



**District Goal #5:** *Increase parental involvement with academics grades 7-12.*

### MS/HS Student Led Conferences

February 23 - 3:30-8:30pm  
(Supper will be served)  
February 24 - 7:30-10:30am

In the fall, the MS had 92% conference attendance and the HS had 78% conference attendance. Thank you parents for supporting your child's education. Help us meet or exceed these rates in February. You make a positive difference!

### Elementary Conferences

March 8 - 3:30-7:30pm  
March 13 - 3:30-7:30pm



Spring Break  
April 2-6, 2012

### **Where In the World Is a Deerfield Graduate?– Superintendent Michelle Jensen**

That is the question we are asking and we hope Deerfield residents will help us find the answers. In an effort to show our current high school students the many possibilities for their future we would like to showcase former Deerfield High School graduates on a world map illustrating the question “Where in the World is a DHS Graduate?” This map will be displayed in the high school commons area for students, staff and community members to see. We are working collaboratively with The Independent newspaper to feature some of the graduates throughout the year as we think this will be of interest to the Deerfield community as well. Being a part of this project takes only a few minutes. DHS graduates can find a fillable form on the Deerfield School District website by selecting Alumni in the left column. The website address is [www.deerfield.k12.wi.us](http://www.deerfield.k12.wi.us). Graduates can also receive a form by emailing Darcy Julseth (Class of 1984) using the special email address for this project which is [dhsgradfinder@gmail.com](mailto:dhsgradfinder@gmail.com). Completed forms can be emailed as attachments to [dhsgradfinder@gmail.com](mailto:dhsgradfinder@gmail.com) or mailed to the school district to Attn: Michelle Jensen 300 Simonson Blvd, Deerfield, WI 53531. We are looking forward to mapping the locations and careers of Deerfield alumni!

### **MS/HS ROOF RESURFACE TO BE COMPLETED IN 2012 THANKS TO REFERENDUM SUPPORT**

This summer we will complete the FINAL phase of the roof rehabilitation plan. The total cost of the completed roof rehabilitation is projected to be \$581,000, 42% below the original estimate. This is fantastic news for the long-term maintenance of the middle/high school building and has been possible through the community support of the referendum.

In 2008, the Facilities Committee began long-range plans for a roof resurface on the middle/high school. The committee worked with SRI Consulting to create a 5-year roof rehabilitation plan. The estimate for completion of the entire roofing area at that time was \$1,000,270. The project became an integral part of the facility improvements included in the referendum proposal. When the referendum was approved by the community in the fall of 2008, the district moved forward with plans to resurface the roof in sections hoping to complete as much as possible within the 5 year referendum timeline knowing that this \$1 million dollar project could take years to complete.

Changes in the economy allowed the district to realize an unexpected cost savings on this project starting in 2009. With the help of SRI Consulting, the district has taken advantage of an early bid timeline the past four years. This action, coupled with a slow economy, drew bids 40-45% under the estimated costs. As a result, the school board and administration reprioritized the referendum facility plans with a new goal to complete the entire roof rehabilitation plan within the 5-year referendum facility budget. We are very excited to announce to the community that this goal will be met in the summer of 2012.

**THESE PURCHASES AND IMPROVEMENTS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE LIFE AND GROWTH OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THE DISTRICT TO KEEP OUR FACILITIES MAINTAINED.**



### **“Light Up the Scoreboards” Campaign**



We are seeking donors to help upgrade scoreboards in the Deerfield High School facilities. Our current gym scoreboards, which are 20-30+ years old, have served the district well but, due to age, parts are obsolete making repairs difficult or impossible. Thanks to generous donations from local businesses, organizations and school sports teams we will be able to purchase gym scoreboards this season with a few costs yet to be covered. Donations are welcomed and will be recognized in the athletic programs. Donations of \$150+ will also be recognized on a banner displayed in the gym. Community businesses or residents interested in making a donation to the “Light Up the Scoreboards” campaign may do so by contacting Michelle Jensen in the district office at 764-5431.

**SEPTEMBER ENROLLMENT**

837 - Students in PreK thru 12<sup>th</sup>

**JANUARY ENROLLMENT**

847 - Students in PreK thru 12<sup>th</sup>



**4K Registration**

February 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00a-3:45p

@ Elementary School Office  
(Bring child's birth certificate)

**Kindergarten Registration**

February 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00a-4:00p

@ Elementary School Office  
(Bring child's birth certificate)



**Winter Music Dates**

Band/Choir Dessert Show  
February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

District Solo & Ensemble  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ DHS

Choir Concert – Gr. 6-12  
March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Band Concert – Gr. 6-12  
March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm



**DO YOU REMEMBER?**

Country schools served many  
Deerfield students through the years.

Old Liberty	1850
Jargo	1868
Ridge	1876
Old Deerfield	1876
Oak Park	1880
Village View	1891
Pleasant Hill	1925
Liberty	1927



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Select Email Notification Signup  
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**Senior Citizen GOLD PASSES Available to Deerfield Residents**

A senior citizen "GOLD PASS" is available free of charge for all Deerfield school district residents 60+ years old. The GOLD PASS offers free admission to regular season home games and ½ price tickets for opening night of the fall musical. Pick up your GOLD PASS at the high school office.

**HELP US GET A HANDLE ON BULLYING!**

The saying "it takes a village to raise a child" still holds true for the Deerfield community. We want to see all children succeed and we can do this together by maintaining high behavior expectations in school and in the community. Bullying and harassing behaviors can make students feel unsafe at school and in their social groups. We are actively working at school to address bullying behaviors. Here are some tips for parents, grandparents and community members to help us share the same message.

**Tips to help identify a child being bullied by others:**

*\*Doesn't want to go to school \*Is acting unhappy or depressed \*Avoids certain places  
\*Complains of headaches or stomachaches \*Begins to do poorly in school*

**Tips to help identify a child who may be bullying others:**

*\*Enjoys teasing other kids \*Has a hard time controlling anger \*Has friends who bully others  
\*Is very rough or aggressive \*Has money or new items that cannot be explained  
\*Will not accept responsibility for their actions-often someone else's fault*

**Tips to help a child who is being bullied:**

*\*Talk with the child \*Work together to find solutions \*Help the child develop strategies and skills for handling bullying  
\*Talk to the child about finding a trusted adult to seek help from when feeling threatened or bullied  
\*Be persistent \*Contact the child's school teacher, guidance counselor or principal to help you work with the child*

**Tips to help a child who is bullying others:**

*\*Talk with the child \*Make it clear to the child that you take bullying seriously \*Develop clear and consistent rules for the child  
\*Be aware of who the child's friends are \*Build on the child's talents and positive attributes  
\*Role model positive behaviors-children often imitate what they see and hear  
\*Contact a teacher, guidance counselor or principal to help you work with the child*

All children have the right to feel safe. Visit [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov) to learn more.

**Red Carpet Event at DES Celebrates PBIS Video Premiere**

The DES Climate Committee and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Action Committee paired up to create a video highlighting positive behavior in the school. The premiere of this video took place on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> complete with limousine service from Step Ahead Limos and paparazzi photography from Tessa Claire Photography. Students and staff dressed up to walk the "red carpet", watch the video, eat popcorn and have class pictures taken in front of the stretch limo. Thank you to Mark Schmidt and Tessa Dunnington for offering their professional services to make this a special event for the elementary students and staff.

**DISTRICT GOALS**

**Student Achievement:** *The Deerfield Community School District will provide high quality programs for all students that lead to continued improvement on all measures of student achievement.*

**District and School Climate/Wellness:** *The Deerfield Community School District will provide a safe, secure and connected environment for students, staff and community.*

**Community Relations:** *The Deerfield Community School District will strive for meaningful collaboration with stakeholders and will ensure that communication between school, home and community is continual and open.*

**Budget and Finance:** *The Deerfield Community School District will devote resources to the district priorities in a fiscally responsible manner.*

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