



DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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A Word From the Principal

Deer Creek families,

April is an exciting time of year for students, as we are headed into the second half of the third trimester and planning for next year. It can also be a time when focus can be challenging, so staying informed about your student's progress is especially important. All grading information is available to families online through Campus Portal. You can go directly to Campus Portal from our Quick Links on the Deer Creek webpage. Gradebooks are updated each week, so this is a great tool for staying informed of your student's progress throughout the year.

Our 2024-2025 Family Calendar is now available. It will also be posted on our website - if there are changes or additions to the calendar, it will be updated on the website and communicated to families.

[Click Here for the 2024-25 DCMS Family Calendar](#)

End-of-Year Information

Here are the dates and events for the end of the school year:

Thursday, May 23 Due date for all graded work:

6:00-8:00 PM

8th grade Continuation Dinner & Dance, sponsored by the PTO

Watch for more information from the PTO about donations and volunteers for the 8th grade Dinner & Dance!

Friday, May 24 The last day of school for all students which will include:

8:50 AM - 1:35 PM Grade-level activities, yearbook distribution and signing, student assembly for awards and class video (8th graders only), picnic lunch provided by the PTO, and early dismissal

Rob Hoover
Principal

Helpful Links

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From the Dean

The countdown is on as we approach the end of another school year. During this time, we ask that families remain focused on school and supporting their students with making positive choices each day.

Here are some ways that you can help your student and their teachers:

- **be on time** - this is a life skill and shows respect for other people
- **be prepared** - ensure your student charges their Chromebook every night, has a pencil and school supplies
- **be aware** - talk about how words and actions impact others both when the words are intended and when they are not
- **be helpful** - clean up, pick up, help out
- **be a student** - participate in class, completing classroom tasks and assignments on time
- **be kind** - words and actions matter

We appreciate your support and look forward to a fun spring.

Julia Skillern
Dean of Students

Yearbook Waitlist

Have your student check the list on the glass display case next to the cafeteria to make sure they've bought a yearbook. If a yearbook has not been purchased, students can bring \$40 cash to the Financial Office to get on the waitlist for any surplus books. We only receive a limited number of surplus books, so we cannot guarantee that every student on the waitlist will receive a book. **Books will be given out in the order of when students are added to the waitlist (payment must be received to be added to the waitlist).** If we run out of yearbooks, students still on the waitlist will be refunded their \$40.

Mme Lisa Walz
Yearbook Director

***KIDS 10 & UNDER EAT FREE**
Sundays: 11am-4pm
Tuesdays: 4pm-7pm
 (our magician is here on Tuesdays!)

**With purchase of any regular priced 4-course meal. One child per adult. Not combinable with other specials. Not valid on holidays.*




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NATIONAL CHEESE FONDUE DAY IS THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH!



***FREE CHEESE FONDUE!**
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**Free when every person at table orders a four-course meal. Discount reflected on final check. Not combinable with other specials.*

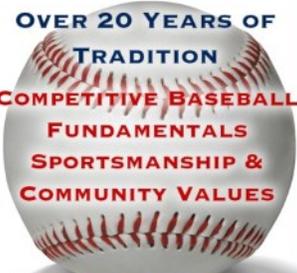


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FCCLA Fundrasier

Help FCCLA represent Deer Creek Middle School at the state competition! FCCLA members are FACS students who have been working on community service projects all year. In April, they will be traveling to the state conference to present their projects. Please support our program by adding them to your King Soopers account to receive community rewards! King Soopers will donate a portion of the sales to our program. Here is how to sign up:

1. Sign in to your digital account.
2. Search for your organization [here](#).
3. Search for Deer Creek FCCLA.
4. Select from the list and click "Save".

Ali Goecks
Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher

7th Grade Science

The Healthy Decision Making unit will be taught this spring in 7th grade science classes. The focus of this unit is making well-informed decisions about individual health and well-being regarding tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and sexually transmitted diseases. Students will learn the effects of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs on the brain and body and how these substances influence decision making. Students will learn what sexually transmitted diseases are, how to prevent them, and the difference between HIV and AIDS. Students will learn the effectiveness of different birth control methods with a focus on abstinence. Students will be introduced to a decision making process to help them learn to evaluate risk factors and make healthy decisions for themselves, now and in the future. A parent letter will be sent home with students and posted on Mrs. Saueracker's and Mrs. Dehne's Google Classroom as the start of the unit approaches.

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**Please contact Rob Mangelson at Rob@tscacolorado.com
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Battle of the Books

On April 12, ten teams will battle with their minds on the six books in Battle of the Books. The competition will commence at 2:40 during Base Camp and will last approximately one hour. The winning team from Deer Creek will go on to compete against other Jeffco Middle Schools on May 1st in the boardroom at the Jeffco Public Schools Ed Center. Good luck to all!

We are hoping to provide a \$10 gift card to Tattered Cover for each school winner and \$20 gift card to Tattered Cover for each district winner. If you're interested in donating towards our prizes, please contact Mrs. Zanetti at karrie.zanetti@jeffco.k12.co.us

Technology at Deer Creek

Chromebook Check Ups:

In preparation for CMAS, all student Chromebooks are being reviewed for physical damage and device functionality.

In the event your student's Chromebook needs a repair, the device will be shipped to the Jeffco Repair Team. Your student will be issued a different TechforEd device.

[Click here](#) for information about the TechforEd program at Jeffco Public Schools.

8th grade Chromebooks:

If your student is attending a Jeffco High School, your student will be issued a new Jeffco Chromebook through the high school. Your student's incoming high school will provide information on their Chromebook deployment process. **Please reach out to your student's incoming high school with questions.**

Your student will keep their current Chromebook over the summer. They will turn in their current Chromebook (and charger) at the time they receive their new school device. For more information regarding the high school Chromebook program, please visit tinyurl.com/TechforEd

If your student is not attending a Jeffco High School, please fill out [this form](#).

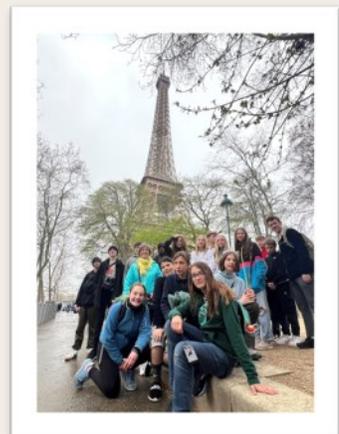
6th and 7th grade students not returning to a Jeffco School:

If your student is leaving Deer Creek but attending another Jeffco middle school, your student should keep their Chromebook over the summer to be used in the fall.

If you know your student is leaving Deer Creek and attending a Jeffco Charter school or school in another district, please fill out [this form](#). Their Chromebook is the property of Jeffco Public Schools and will need to be returned.

Mountaineers Go To France

Over spring break, 17 Mountaineers, 1 Charger, and 3 DCMS teachers went to Paris and the east of France. We had a great time touring the famous sites of Paris and visiting towns in the Alsace region for a jam workshop, 500 year old silver mine tour, and a chocolate museum. Check out our journey on Instagram [@mountaineersgotofrance](#)



Deer Creek Middle School PTO News



Spring is in the air! We hope you all had a great Spring Break to rejuvenate and finish the year out strong! PTO welcomed the staff back from break with Santiago's breakfast burritos for their work day. Besides a Skate City Spirit Night, there is not much planned for April, but May will bring Staff Appreciation Week right out of the gate, so look for details on how you can help honor our fantastic staff coming soon!

Dates to Remember

- April 1 - PTO Meeting @ 6 pm in the library! All are welcome!
- April 8th from 6:00-8:00 pm - Skate City Spirit Night
- May 6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 23 from 6-8 pm - 8th Grade Continuation
- May 24 - Last Day of School BBQ

Next Year PTO Board Members

Great News! We have had fabulous parents step up to fill crucial roles in our PTO Executive Board to keep us running strong! Thank you to Brooke Schmidt, Barb Meyer, Angie Prater, and Lisa Perkins for stepping up to complete the Executive Board! We are still looking for individuals or a team of parents to lead the Hospitality Committee (Staff Appreciation/Conference Dinners), 8th Grade Continuation Coordinator, AND Spirit Nights Coordinator. We need your help! Please email deercreekpto1@gmail.com if you are interested, and we will get you in touch with the correct coordinator to discuss the position's responsibilities.

Teacher Appreciation

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10. At Deer Creek, we celebrate every staff member during this week. This year, we are working in coordination with the newly formed DCMS Student Council. Look for details coming soon in Friday updates on how all families and students can support this endeavor!

Milk Caps for Moolala

MILK CAPS for MOOOLA is a program sponsored by Longmont Dairy that helps students earn money for their school and students. Longmont Dairy milk caps are worth 5¢ each and are redeemable for cash! Turn in your clean caps to the Main Office! See our [PTO Fundraising](#) page for more details.

DCMS Spirit Wear Items for Sale!

DCMS Croc Charms: \$5

DCMS Sticker (for water bottle or Chromebook): \$4

2 Small DCMS Flannel PJ bottoms - \$29

While supplies last! Bring your cash or check (payable to DCMS PTO) to the front office.

Don't Forget -

- Check out our [website](#)!
- Follow us on social media!
 - Facebook: [@DeerCreekMSPTO](#)
 - Instagram: [@deer_creek_ms_pto](#)

*****SAVE THE DATE*******Annual Fundraiser Drive UP Shred-A-Thon
"Deer Creek Middle School Parking Lot"****SATURDAY, APRIL 27th 9AM-12NOON****presented by****SERTOMA Club of Littleton**

Shred away Identity theft by safely disposing of your personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts and any other material that might contain sensitive information.

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- ☒ Paper Documents
- ☒ Paper Clips, Alligator Clips
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- ☒ Pendaflex (folders) if metal removed

This is a charity fundraiser with all proceeds benefiting the Community. SERTOMA is a 501(c)(3) organization. Tax contributions are deductible.

NO BATTERIES:

Batteries explode when they hit the shredding knives, and the paper is highly combustible.

Upcoming Events

April	
1	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm - Library
2	CMAS - ELA/Math Early Release 1:20 pm*
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9-12	6th Grade to Outdoor Lab
10	CMAS - 8th Grade - Science
11	CMAS - 8th Grade - Science
18	School Accountability Meeting 6:00 pm - Library
18-19	DCMS Band/Orchestra Overnight Trip
25	Day Without Hate
26	No School for Students - Staff Development Day

April 2024						
Su	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri	Sat
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*Students who will receive extended time for their assessments will be released at the regularly scheduled end of day at 4:05 pm.

May	
2	Math MAP Testing 8:50 - 10:45 am
3	ELA MAP Testing 8:50 - 10:45 am
6	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
20	Spring Choir Concert
21	DCMS Spring Instrumental Music Concert 6:30 pm
23	8th Grade Celebration 6:00 - 8:00 pm
24	Last Day of School for All Students - Early Release 1:35 pm

May 2024						
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SkateCity

BEACH Skate Party

Deer Creek Middle School

Bring your friends and family for a GREAT private school skate party event, just for the students, staff, family, and friends from the school!

\$5 Meal Deals Available!

ADMISSION FEE \$7
SKATE RENTAL \$4

Monday
April 8th
6-8pm

skatecitycolorado.com LITTLETON 303.795.6109

SkateCity

YOUR school's students & parents get **FREE** membership to the Skate City Family Freebies Club!



We appreciate all of your help and efforts coordinating & promoting Skate City events throughout the year, & wanted to offer your students & parents a GREAT perk of **FREE membership** into the Family Freebies Club!

- FREE admission on every Friday from 4-6pm, 6-8pm, or 7-9pm
- \$10 in FREE game play every Saturday from 4-6pm, 6-8pm, or 7-9pm
- FREE pizza every Sunday from 6-8pm

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