

## DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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**Deer Creek Newsletter** 

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### A Word From the Principal

Dear Students, Faculty, and Parents,

As we wrap up another school year, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the privilege of serving as your principal and working in the Deer Creek community for the last 18 years. It's been a journey filled with growth, challenges, and triumphs.

To the students: Your passion and enthusiasm have been a constant source of energy for me. Keep pushing yourselves and never stop exploring your potential.

To the faculty and staff: Your dedication and hard work are an inspiration and have made our school a place of excellence. Thank you for your commitment to our students' growth and success.

To the parents and guardians: Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. Your support and partnership have been instrumental in creating a thriving learning community.

As I retire, I leave with fond memories and confidence in the future of our school. Thank you for your contributions to the Deer Creek community. Wishing you all a well-deserved summer break and a bright future ahead.

Warmest regards,

Rob Hoover Retiring Principal

### 2024 - 2025 Family Calendar

Attached here, our family calendar will also be posted on our <u>website</u> - if there are changes or additions to the calendar, it will be updated on the website and communicated to families. <u>Click Here for the 2024-25 DCMS Family Calendar</u>

#### **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

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

8th Grade Celebration Volunteer/Donation Sign Up

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

grade students only), picnic lunch provided by the PTO, pickleball tournament, and early dismissal

Watch for more information and sign up to help with the PTO picnic lunch

#### **Lost and Found**

Our Lost and Found is overflowing, including items left from Outdoor Lab. Please have your student check the lost and found table in the cafeteria. Parents are also welcome to come in and check the Lost and Found between 8 am and 4:30 pm M-F. **Any items left after May 24 will be donated to charity.** 







<sup>\*</sup>There will not be a Continuation Ceremony for parents/families to attend per consensus of student input.

## 8th Grade Celebration - Welcome to the Jungle

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https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4EA5AE29A46-49310269-celebrating#







## Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable!

Reach parents in your local community and a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Want to sponsor this school?

Please contact Rob Mangelson at <a href="mailto:Rob@tscacolorado.com">Rob@tscacolorado.com</a>
or (720) 878-4107.

#### **Retirements**



We wish the following Deer Creek staff members all the best in their retirement and the next chapter of their lives. We thank them for their dedication and years of service to the Deer Creek community. If you wish to send them a personal note, their email addresses are below.

Reid Auger - English Language Arts Teacher for 21 years at Deer Creek Reid.Auger@jeffco.k12.co.us

Pam Farris - Art and Technology Teacher for 20 years at Deer Creek <a href="mailto:Pamela.Farris@jeffco.k12.co.us">Pamela.Farris@jeffco.k12.co.us</a>

Rob Hoover - Principal for 18 years at Deer Creek Rob.Hoover@jeffco.k12.co.us

#### From the Dean

Thank you, Deer Creek families, for your support throughout the year. Helping kids learn to make positive decisions and choices as well as learning from mistakes is something we do together. The last weeks of school are full of projects and activities and the last push to complete subject content and complete tasks. Your help is vital with keeping students focused on the finish line.

- Stay on top of daily assignments as there is little time to "catch up" this time of year. Check Campus regularly and review your student's Google Classroom to see what they are working on each day.
- Emphasize positive behavioral choices. There is excitement as summer approaches and students may feel ready to be "done," which can affect their behavior at school. There are fun activities planned for the end of the year and we wouldn't want students to miss out
- Our school pickleball tournament will be going on during basecamp this month, with the final game played on May 24th
  in front of the student body. Afterward, the triumphant students will play our staff teams followed by a pie in the face for
  a staff member, courtesy of a recent fundraiser.

The final few weeks bring a lot of excitement and anticipation, and you may also see concerns about being nervous about moving on, especially for our 8th graders. Make sure to touch base with your student often to provide encouragement and support to persevere and stay on course for a strong finish to the school year.

Julia Skillern
Dean of Students
Deer Creek Middle School

#### **Yearbook**

Have your student check the list on the glass case to make sure they've bought a yearbook. If they haven't, they can bring \$40 cash to the Financial Office to get on the waiting list for the 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. If we run out, students still on the list will be refunded their \$40.

**Important!** No Yearbooks will be given out before the last day of school. Students who are not present on the last day will need to call the school to make arrangements to pick it up during the summer.

Mme Lisa Walz Yearbook Director

#### **Outdoor Lab Fees Update**

Outdoor Lab Fees are now due. If you raised money using the King Soopers program it has been credited to your students fee and the balance is now due.

You should have received an email from the system showing the new balance due.

If you have any questions regarding the amount credited, you will need to reach out to the Outdoor Lab Foundation at <a href="mailto:Info@OutdoorLabFoundation.org">Info@OutdoorLabFoundation.org</a> as Deer Creek Middle School does not get any information except for the amount to credit.

Please take a minute and review your student's account in Campus (under 'More/Student Fees') to see if you owe any fees.

Deer Creek Middle School relies on student fees to fund a variety of programs, opportunities, and services that are available to all students. Fees include supplies and consumables for elective classes, transportation for field trips, and many of the dozens of other benefits provided to students. Student fees are the only funds available to continue to provide these services for our students. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Financial Secretary, Kathleen Dahl, at 303-982-8807 or Kathleen.dahl@jeffco.k12.co.us

### **End of Year Medication Pick-Up**



Please pick up ALL medications by the last day of school which is May 24, 2024.

All medications left in the school health room on May 28th will be disposed of according to Jeffco policy. If you have any questions feel free to call your school Health Aide at the following number (303-982-3820) Thank you and have a good summer!

If your student has medication in the health room, the Jeffco District Board Policy JLCD, states:

Unused medication: It is the responsibility of the parent to obtain all unused medication from the school when the medication is expired, discontinued, the school year ends, or the family transfers to another district. All medication left in the school under these circumstances will be disposed of using district guidelines and monitoring by the district RN.

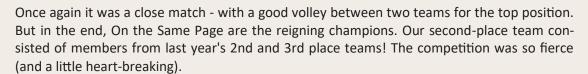
This includes all prescription and over-the counter medications including but not limited to: cough drops, cough syrup, Tylenol, EpiPen, inhaler, insulin, and any other injectable medications.

If you, as the parent, are not able to pick-up the medication in person, please call your district RN to discuss alternative arrangements. (Lisa Schalla 720-315-3855)

If your child will be in summer school (JReads or ESY) this summer, please pick up the medication as noted above; the current medication agreement form will be copied and put in a Ziploc along with the medication. You will need to bring this Ziploc bag to your child's first day of summer school at the site he/she is attending and check it in with the health aide.

#### **Battle of the Books**

On Monday April 22nd, students gathered in the library to go head-to-head for Deer Creek's ultimate Battle of the Books.





On the Same Page will represent Deer Creek at the district battle on May 13th.

A big congratulations to all of our teams for a job well done. Check out some photos here!

#### **Library Books Due Date**

All library books are due on May 9, 2024. The library will begin the inventory process on May 15th. All books that are not returned will be considered lost. A fine will be placed on your student's account. Your student will receive a hardcopy notice.



#### **Technology at Deer Creek**

#### 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.

#### Shred A Thon - Saturday May 11th 9am - 12pm



Why spend your time shredding documents a few at a time at home. Bring all your shredding to Deer Creek Middle School on Saturday am May 11th!

### STEM Trip - Belize - Spring Break 2025

We're taking a STEM trip to Belize in Spring 2025 and you're invited! This is open to ALL 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who will be attending DCMS during the 24-25 school year. During this trip students will learn about the rainforest's ecology, visit a sustainable farm and take cooking classes, learn about reforestation, help conserve the Belize barrier reef, and LOTS more!

We're excited to tell you more about the trip we're planning with EF Tours, our educational travel partner. We will be meeting on May 14th at 6pm in the DCMS Library. Please be sure to register for this info session to be considered for this opportunity: https://bit.ly/3Wk4PrI

When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, and grow more confident. These skills are critical for creating the global citizens of tomorrow, and we would love to have your student join us on this adventure.

In this info session, we'll talk about:

- How this opportunity will benefit your student
- What we'll see and do on our trip
- Everything that's included in this experience
- · How your child can earn academic credit
- How we're keeping this safe and affordable
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!) during EF Tours' risk-free enrollment period

There are limited spots on this trip, so we would love to have you attend this meeting to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

Thanks,

Ms. Goecks & Ms. Cataldo

### **School Resource Officer Update**

Summer is right around the corner! There is a lot to be excited about. Nice weather, BBQ's, maybe a vacation if you are lucky. With that in mind, please remind your kiddos of safety precautions this summer.

This may include;

- Staying in designated swim areas while at a lake/reservoir
- Listening to lifeguard rules
- Wearing proper safety gear for the activity you are taking part in. (for example: bicycle riding, skateboarding)
- Watching for vehicles while crossing streets

I'm available all year and plan on working out of the South precinct this summer. If you see me around feel free to stop me and say hi.

As always, the Sheriff's Office is here to answer any questions you may have.

Best,

Deputy B. Allen

#### **Deer Creek Middle School PTO News**

We've made it to May! We have one more great month of activities before we send our students and staff off for a great summer. We start out with Staff Appreciation Week, followed by our last Spirit Night at Main Event. The last couple days of school we have the 8th Grade "Welcome to the Jungle"



Continuation party, and lastly our End of the Year BBQ for all grades, with Mr. Hoover manning the grill one last time before his retirement! We are still in need of some parents to help us with leadership next fall. Come join the fun this month with all our activities!

#### **Dates to Remember**

- May 6 PTO Meeting @ 6 pm in the library! All are welcome!
- May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 13th Main Event 5-8 pm (\$12.99 All You Can Play Activities and Games!)
- May 23 from 6-8 pm 8th Grade Celebration "Welcome to the Jungle"
- May 24 End of the Year BBQ, all grades



#### **Next Year PTO Board Members**

Attention Parents: We are in need of a Secretary, individuals or a team of parents to lead the Hospitality Committee (Staff Appreciation/Conference Dinners), and an 8th Grade Continuation Coordinator for next year!

Please email <u>deercreekpto1@gmail.com</u> 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, and this year we're working with the DCMS Student Council. Students have raised funds through a "Pie in the Face" fundraiser in April, and part of the proceeds will fund Tom's Coffee Truck to be at the school for staff on Tuesday morning, May 7. This will pair nicely with the Einstein Bros. Bagel breakfast, sponsored by the PTO scheduled for the same day.

The PTO also collected donated \$15 gift cards to local stores and restaurants to give to each staff member, along with other small goodies and notes.

#### Deer Creek Middle School PTO News, continued...

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#### **End of Year BBQ**

Each grade will enjoy a BBQ lunch on the last day of school. We will need donations of hot dogs, buns, chips, cookies and drinks for Friday, May 24. Most importantly, we will need parent volunteers to help serve for this event! Please be on the lookout for a signup coming out soon!

#### **Don't Forget**

- Check out our <u>website</u>!
- Follow us on social media!
  - Facebook: <u>@DeerCreekMSPTO</u>
  - Instagram: @deer creek ms pto

#### **Skate City Summer Passes are Here!**

See flyer for more information and details

Skate City Summer Pass Flyer

#### **Chatfield High School Summer Robotics Camp**

Chatfield Robotics is holding a Summer Camp for <u>students who will be in grades 6 - 8 in the 2024-2025 school year.</u> There are 2 Sessions being held in July 2024. **See the flyer for more details.** You can also request more information by emailing <u>chatfieldrobotics@gmail.com</u>

Chatfield Robotics is a student-led organization working with FIRST Robotics, and is open to all high-school students. Students in this club work to raise funds, lead community outreach efforts, and design and program robotic systems. FIRST Robotics also builds a lasting culture, with many career paths and scholarships available in order to prepare the next generation of students for life after high school.

Current 8th grade students are welcome to drop by after school and learn more about Chatfield Robotics in August!

# Chatfield High School - Youth and Middle School Summer Camps - "Chatty Camps"

Deer Creek Families -

My name is Andrei Gisetti and I am a teacher and coach at Chatfield Sr. High.

This past year we rebranded our summer camps from Charger Elite to **Chatty Camps.** This rebranding and retooling of our summer camps allows us to have more control over the summer camps and be able to offer a larger variety of camps than we have in the past.

Summer Camps include:

Youth Speed Camp Middle School Lifting Youth Football Camps

Summer Camps Flyer – <a href="https://bit.ly/49N7iOy">https://bit.ly/49N7iOy</a> Free Youth Football – <a href="https://bit.ly/3xO1Bmc">https://bit.ly/3xO1Bmc</a>

Thank you very much, if you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or Coach Kris Rosholt at rosholtk@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Andrei Gisetti
Astronomy & Biology (Honors)
CSH Asst. Football Coach
CSH Asst. Flag Football Coach
CSH Asst. Track Coach (Throws)
Chatfield Senior High School
(303) 982-3662

## **Upcoming Events**

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
13	PTO Spirit Night - Main Event - 5 pm - 8 pm
20	Spring Choir Concert 6:30 pm
21	DCMS Spring Instrumental Music Concert 6:30 pm
21	Visual Arts 3 Student Art Show 5:30-6:30 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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## June

7 Deer Creek Office Closes for Summer Break

## July

Deer Creek Office Opens for 24-25 School Year

August				
2	New Beginnings 9 am - 2 pm (Incoming 6th grade students)			
5	New Beginnings 9 am - 2 pm (Incoming 6th and <b>new</b> 7th/8th grade students)			
13	Locker Set Up and Decorating			
14	6th Grade Students First Day/Orientation			
14	Back to School Night (Parents Only) 6:00-8:30 pm			
15	First Day of School - All Students			
16	School Pictures			

August 2024										
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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 embership 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
- · Parents MUST be present with children to
- Traditionally \$5 per family member annually, but YOUR students and families can join for FREE for a year!
- · Full snack bar and arcade available for an evening of Skate City fun



Join TODAY at www.skatecitycolorado.com/family-freebies



Enter promo the code below at checkout to redeem your FREE Freebies Club Membership!

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Family of 3-SCFFC3 Family of 4--SCFFC4

Family of 5--SCFFC5

Family of 6-SCFFC6



FAMILY FREEBIES CLUB!

## Visual Art 3 Class Art Show

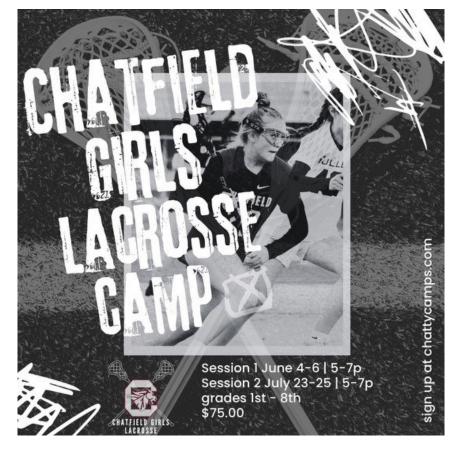
May 21st @ 5:30-6:30pm Before the Concert. Outside the gym

Come celebrate our IO artists who are making art in this independent study class

ART DEPARTMENT



MIDDLE SCHOOL







Join the Columbine Girls and Boys Basketball Teams

> **SAT., MAY 11** 10AM - 1PM

Columbine High School 6201 S. Pierce St., Littleton, CO Take your basketball skills to the **NEXT LEVEL!** 

- Ball Handling
- Passing
- Shooting
- Footwork
- Agility

Questions? Email Kevin.Chester@jeffco.k12.co.us or CoachKeegan3@gmail.com

Learn robotics assembly and programming with XRP robots!

## CHATFI ROBOT

For more information, email chatfieldrobotics@gmail.com

Location: Chatfield Highschool July 8-12 Camp 1: July 15-19 Camp 2:









What: Come and learn a new instrument, a 2nd instrument, or boost your skills in band and orchestra! When: May 28th - June 7th Tues. through Fri. the first week, then Mon. through Fri. the second week Where: Deer Creek Middle School (9201 W. Columbine Drive, Littleton 80128)

Cost: \$125 flat rate—attend as many classes as you want! Cost includes all printed music. Payable with Zelle, check made payable to Deer Creek Music Boosters, or cash. REGISTRATION INFO IS ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET.

#### Beginning Band/Beginning Orchestra - 8:00-8:50 am

Come and learn a new instrument with us! Beginning band and orchestra are two separate classes and are for all students interested in starting a new instrument, or learning a secondary instrument. This class will start at step one with how to open the case, and will end with students showing off their skills on some new tunes!

BEGINNING BAND SUPPLIES NEEDED: INSTRUMENT, Tradition of Excellence book 1
BEGINNING ORCHESTRA: INSTRUMENT IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION. (Music Provided)

#### Smorgasbord Band and Orchestra Fun/Jazz band 9:00 - 9:50 am

Smorgasbord: Come and have fun playing music games, learning about music and sound effects in movies, and other fun activities! This class is after the beginning classes and before the advanced classes so no matter which classes your child is interested in taking, they can stay after or come prior to their class. No supplies needed for this session!

<u>Jazz Band:</u> Come and learn the basics of Jazz, swing, blues, rock, funk, and Latin Jazz! Instruments included in Jazz Band-Flute, Clarinet, all Saxophones, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Drum Set, Bass, Guitar.

SUPPLIES NEEDED: INSTRUMENT IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION. (Music Provided)

#### Advanced Band/Advanced Orchestra - 10:00- 10:50 am

Learn various styles of concert band music including pop, rock, and movie music with us! These sessions are for all students that have played their instrument for at least one school year.

SUPPLIES NEEDED: INSTRUMENT IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION.



# SUMMERSPORTS CAMPS 2024







- Youth Speed Camp (1st 4th grade)
- Youth Speed Camp (5th 8th grade)
- Middle School Lifting (5th 8th grade)
- Youth Football Camps
- High School Athlete Lifting Camps (Flag Football, Softball, Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading, etc)
- · College Athlete Summer Training

Led by CSH Head Football Coach Kris Rosholt, Chatty Camps are intended to give athletes a leg up on the competition in a safe, positive, challenging, competitive, and fun environment. These camps are offered to provide athletes an opportunity to grow in the sport they lovee through speed training, weight lifting, flexibility, conditioning, or sports specific work

## REGISTER TODAY AT USING THE QR CODE OR VISIT CHATTY CAMPS COM

Questions? Email us at chattycamps@gmail.com







# 10th Annual Free Youth Football Camp!

The camp will be led by Chargers Head Coach Kris Rosholt, Assistant Coaches and players. Learn a variety of skills at fun and competitive stations, experiencing different aspects of football.





Date: Wednesday May 22nd Time: 5:00pm - 7:30pm Location: CSH Turf Field

REGISTER TODAY AT CHATTYCAMPS.COM



## **Summer Services**

Toolkit A guide to informing your learning community about how students can access care this summ about how students can access care this summer

Hazel Health provides students with high-quality care at no out-of-pocket cost to their families all summer long. Physical Health sessions are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am-3:00 pm and Mental Health sessions are available Monday through Friday from 7:00 am-7:00 pm.

In order to help make sure your families and school teams know how to help students access care, we've put together a toolkit with resources your district can use to promote Hazel Health summer availability.

Explore one-pagers, postcards, social media posts, and more!



#### For Families



Send these one-pagers home to families. They will help families understand how to refer their students for care and what to expect ahead of their student's first session.

#### For Principals & Teachers



This digital postcard is a great piece to share in the Principal's Newsletter or for teachers to send home to students' families and caregivers.

#### For Social Media



Schedule a couple social posts per week to keep services top of mind for families. Be sure to tag @hazelhealthinc on Instagram and Twitter!

Have more questions? Please reach out to your Hazel Health Account Manager.