



DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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A Word From the Principal

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Deer Creek families,

CMAS Testing

After Spring Break, students will be taking the **Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS)**, a state mandated assessment that determines a student's achievement and academic growth in relation to the Colorado Academic Standards, which are aimed at preparing students for college and career success.

Students will take the assessments on the following dates:

- All grades will take the Math and ELA sessions throughout the day on April 2, April 3, April 4
- **On the testing dates of April 2, 3 and 4, students will have an early release from school at 1:20 pm. Buses will pick up students at the early release time and drop off students 2 hours and 45 minutes earlier than usual drop off times.****
 - ⇒ ****Students who will receive extended time for their assessments will need to stay longer in the day. If they use all of their testing time, they will be finished by 3:00 pm. The students can call for a ride when they are finished or they can stay until 4:05 pm for a bus ride home. Families will be receiving communication if your student is receiving extended time.**
- **SSN students will be released at 1:20 and will depart on their regular bus routes, arriving to their stop 2 hours and 45 minutes earlier than usual.**
- 8th graders will take the Science assessments on April 10 and 11 (regularly scheduled days).

Deer Creek is committed to using a body of evidence to inform us about instruction and students' learning and progress. The data generated from a variety of measures, including CMAS, helps us meet the needs of all of our students and allows us to make decisions to improve student learning and growth.

Here are some additional important facts about the CMAS assessments:

- **Please ensure that your student is attending school on testing dates. Please avoid late arrivals and early dismissals, as they might interrupt your child's testing session.**
- **Student Chromebooks must be fully charged and brought to school daily.**

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A Word From the Principal, continued...

- Lunches will be served for all students before dismissal. However, all students are still encouraged to bring a healthy snack on all testing days to eat between assessments.
- Students who miss a testing session will make up that session. Make-up testing ends April 26.

At Deer Creek, we are committed to preparing students for a promising future full of choices. We value CMAS and other performance and growth data to make instructional decisions, while at the same time preserving instructional time in the classroom.

We hope that this information is helpful to you and answers questions that you may have about the CMAS assessments. **Please contact Molly Law at 303-982-3820 or molly.law@jeffco.k12.co.us with any questions you may have.** Our teachers dedicate themselves to providing your student with the highest quality education. Thank you for being a supportive member of our community of learning.

*Rob Hoover
Principal*

View and Print 2nd Trimester Report Cards

2nd trimester report cards will be available in the Campus Portal on March 4.

1. Log in to the [Campus Portal](#).
2. 3. Select the student's name from the drop down menu (if you have more than one student in Jeffco).
3. 4. Select the Documents tab to view and print the report card from the reports list.



SPRING BREAK: *KIDS EAT FREE
 March 18-22 & 25-29
 (11am - 4pm)

Sundays: 11am-4pm
Tuesdays: 4pm-7pm

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



RESERVATIONS
 (303)794-5666



RESTAURANT WEEK - EXTENDED

Enjoy a Mom's Night Out in March!
 For only \$45 per person you'll enjoy a delicious 4-course fondue experience and time with friends.

Not valid on Easter. Not combinable with other specials. Valid March 1-30.



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Inclusion Week - Spirit Week

Inclusion Week – March 11- 15

Deer Creek will be celebrating Inclusion Week March 11-15 with our SSN (Significant Support Needs) teachers and students. During this week, students will have opportunities to participate in a variety of activities that celebrate inclusion and extend kindness to people around us.



Monday, March 11 - Pajama Day

Students will also have the opportunity to read children’s books in Base Camp that promote messages of kindness and inclusion

Tuesday, March 12 – Crazy Socks and Crazy Hair

While we’re celebrating a little early, World Down Syndrome Day is March 21. Around the world, people celebrate by wearing brightly colored, mismatched socks (which resemble chromosomes and our friends with Down Syndrome have an extra chromosome). We’ll also celebrate our uniqueness with crazy hair.

Wednesday, March 13 – Wear Inclusion Shirts OR Wear Red

If you purchased an inclusion shirt, please wear it. You can also wear red to support our very own SSN program. Students and teachers will have a banner available to sign during lunch as we commit to inclusion and kindness. We’ll also have a raffle for some cool prizes.

Thursday, March 14 – Sports Day (including hats if they are part of your sports attire)

We’ll be hosting the Middle School SSN Sports Basketball game, so wear your favorite sports gear. Be sure to welcome students from Creighton, Ken Caryl, and Carmody as they come to play.

Friday, March 15 – Tropical Tourism Day

On the last day before Spring Break, wear your favorite tropical tourism outfit. Think bright tropical shirts, souvenir shirts and shorts, or your most comfy airplane clothes.

Please note that dress code guidelines still apply (with the exception of hats that are part of spirit day outfits).

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 Rob@tscacolorado.com or (720) 878-4107.

Day Without Hate

Day Without Hate is a student-led, grassroots organization that promotes nonviolence, respect, and unity within our schools. Help your child join his/her fellow students district wide to help end school violence and promote peace. By encouraging students to be tolerant, friendly and kind, and teaching them that there are non-violent solutions to problems, hopefully as a community we can create a better world. Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors for their efforts in promoting peace in their high schools and communities.

You can order your Day Without Hate 2024 Shirts now through March 8! All proceeds from shirt sales go directly to the Day Without Hate organization. Shirts will be distributed by April 19th to your student (as long as payment has been received).

Students are encouraged to wear their Day Without Hate shirts on Thursday April 25th.



[Day Without Hate Shirt Order Form](#)

Once the form has been completed, payment must be submitted to the office by Friday March 8th. Make checks payable to Deer Creek Middle School.

If you would like to pay by credit card, call 303-982-3820 and ask for the Financial Secretary, Kathleen, and she will take your payment information over the phone.

Easter
 EXTRAVAGANZA
 FOOD AND CRAFT SHOW
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 Saturday from 1-3pm

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The Library at Deer Creek

Chromebook Check Up

All student Chromebooks will be 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.

Chromebook not working?

If your student has a Chromebook issue, they should fill out the Help Request form at tinyurl.com/ChromebookSOS We will take care of the issue as soon as possible.

In the meantime, students can fill out a daily loaner form to use. Most teachers have at least one loaner for students to use when a Chromebook is not working.

As a reminder, students do not get a "loaner" while the Chromebook is being fixed. We unassign the broken Chromebook and assign them a replacement Chromebook. This is a more efficient process district-wide. The repair process can be lengthy. This ensures your student has a Tech for Ed device with no waiting.

The More You Know

Did you know that it is not Jeffco's policy to block games like Fornite and streaming sites like Netflix? Some teachers try to block these sites through Securly, but it is not a perfect solution. Please check your weekly Securly report to see what websites your student has visited during the week to ensure they align with your family values and educational beliefs.

Deer Creek Middle School PTO News



Deer Creek continues to be a great place for our students to learn and grow! The end of January and beginning of February began with our Penny Wars Spirit Week, in conjunction with Chatfield's Wish Week. The total raised by Deer Creek was \$2,480.69! Amazing! Over \$370 was donated to Make a Wish Foundation, in addition to funds going to each grade level, with 8th Grade winning the Penny War. The 6th Graders enjoyed their first middle school social. Virgilio's made February a Spirit Month for us, and we tried to boost our social media presence with our weekly winners for new subscribers to Facebook and Instagram. Thank you for your support in all our endeavors!

As we enter March, please consider joining PTO in a leadership role! We can't provide the activities we do for the students and staff without strong leadership!

Dates to Remember

- March 4 - PTO Meeting @ 6 pm in the library! All are welcome!
- Skate City Spirit Night - April 8th from 6:00-8:00 pm

Next Year PTO Board Members

The end of the year will be here before we know it. Most of the parents who have stepped in to fill roles with the PTO are moving up with their student(s) to high school, and some have job commitments that are not allowing them to be as involved next school year. We need 6th and 7th Grade parents to step up NOW to make a commitment to be involved with the PTO in leadership roles for next year! We would love to partner with you to have you shadow roles to be prepared for next year.

Without a PTO at Deer Creek, there would be no fall fundraiser to raise needed funds for the school; no grade-level socials; no Spirit Nights; no staff conference dinners, appreciation breakfasts and lunches or holiday treats; no Penny Wars; no End of the Year BBQ; no 8th Grade Continuation. These events all need volunteers, but greater still, they need leaders to plan and organize for these events!

Positions that will be open 2024-25 School Year:

*President, *Vice President, *Treasurer, Spirit Nights Coordinator, Social Media Coordinator, Hospitality Coordinator, 8th Grade Continuation Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator.

* Executive Board member

Deer Creek Middle School PTO News, continued...

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. We would love to be able to offer items to the staff to be raffled for prizes during that week to make it special for all the staff. Do you own a business or know a business owner who could make a donation? Examples might include: a gift card to a local restaurant; tickets to a play or show; a free oil change and tire rotation; Rockies tickets; or a night's stay at a mountain condo. Please email deercreekpto1@gmail.com if you are willing to donate or help solicit donations.

Milk Caps for Moolaa

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](#)



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

- Parents **MUST be present** with children to receive discounts
- 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



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SATURDAY APRIL 6
AT GREEN MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL
CHECK IN OPENS AT 7:30AM

FUN RUN/WALK

- 8:15 AM HEATS BEGIN WITH RUNNERS TAKING OFF FIRST. ALL WILL COMPLETE THE SAME 3.1 MILE LOOP.
- \$25 FUN RUN/WALK ENTRY INCLUDES T-SHIRT AND PRIZE DRAWING ENTRY



KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT "SHOOTING COMPETITION"

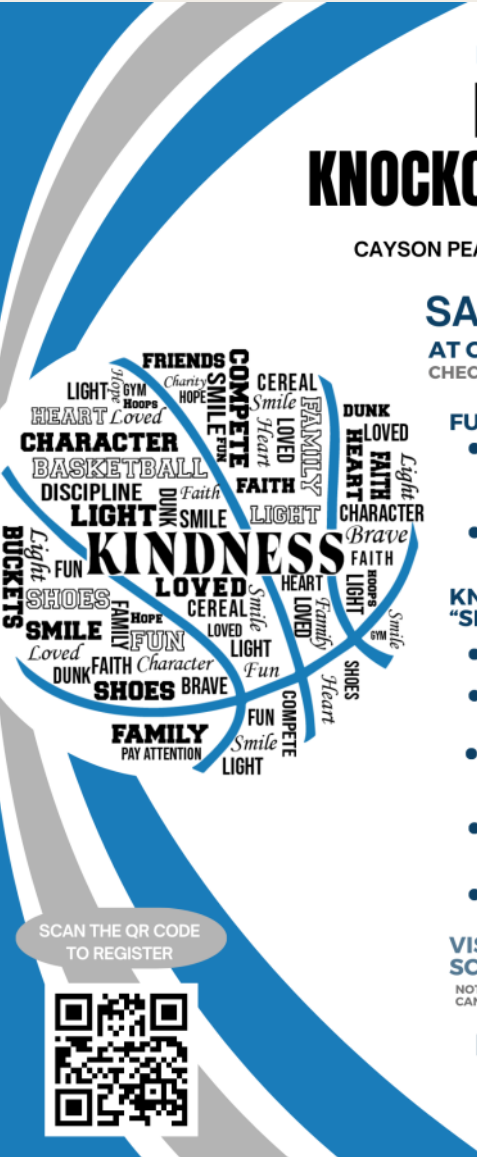
- 9:30-10:40 AM KNOCKOUT ROUNDS EVERY 10 MINUTES IN GMHS GYM
- 11 AM KNOCKOUT CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES IN GMHS GYM
- SEE REGISTRATION FORM FOR DIVISIONS (BOYS/GIRLS, AGE BRACKETS INCLUDING ADULTS!)
- \$20 KNOCKOUT PUNCH CARD PLUS (5 ROUNDS, T-SHIRT AND PRIZE DRAWING ENTRY)
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Upcoming Events

March

4	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm - Library
7	Symphonic/Concert Band Field Trip - Jeffco Music Festival - Bell Middle School 10:00 am - 1:30 pm
8	7th Grade Field Trip - Career Fair at Ken Caryl MS 9:45 am - 11:15 am
11-15	Inclusion Week - Spirit Week
18-22	Spring Break - School Closed
25	Staff Development Day - No School for Students

April

1	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm - Library
2	CMAS - ELA/Math Early Release 1:20 pm*
3	CMAS - ELA/Math Early Release 1:20 pm*
4	CMAS - ELA/Math Early Release 1:20 pm*
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

March 2024

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