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A Word From the Principal

Deer Creek families,

As the leaves change and our first snowfall has arrived, we're approaching the end of our first trimester. Thank you to all the families that participated in student-parent-teacher conferences in October, and thank you from the Deer Creek staff for the dinners provided during conference evenings by our PTO.

End of First Trimester

As a reminder, the first trimester ends on Friday, November 10, so students will begin their second trimester schedules starting on Tuesday, November 14. (Don't forget that there is no school for students K thru 8 across Jeffco on Monday, Nov. 13 for a teacher planning day.) This is a good time to check in on your student's progress in the Campus Portal and make sure they have taken care of missing work before the term ends.

All grading and attendance information is available to parents online through [Campus Portal](#). Gradebooks are updated each week, so this is a great tool for staying informed of your student's progress throughout the year.

You can go directly to Campus Portal from our Quick Links on the Deer Creek webpage. Once you're logged in, select your student's name to view teacher gradebooks and attendance information.

Have a great November,

Rob Hoover
Principal

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Student Insights in Campus - how to see test scores and other student information

Student Insights is a secure online tool that makes it easy to access information about a student's district and state tests and their individual learning plans. It is a helpful way to check in on learning progress, review academic goals, and identify issues to talk about with teachers.

Student Insights provides information for the learning plans a student may have and provides results for the district and state tests they have taken. The learning plans and tests included in Student Insights include CMAS, MAP Data, ACCESS for ELLS, READ Plans, and ALPs.

Student Insights is confidential and may only be accessed by Jeffco students and their parents or guardians. Use the log-in user name and password you use for other district tools, such as Infinite Campus Parent Portal or Student Portal.

[Click here](#) for instructions on how to access Student Insights.

From the Dean

Safety is something that we are always thinking about at Deer Creek, and we have different safety protocols that are utilized. You can read about the different protocols in the flyers below. When a safety protocol is implemented in school, our focus is on the students and staff and their safety in the moment. If you call the school, we may not be able to answer your call at that time. Communication will be sent to families in the event of emergencies as soon as possible.

We do have regular drills of different safety protocols throughout the school year. These are announced as drills to students and staff before the drill occurs in the building. We ask for your patience if you arrive in the middle of a drill. It is important for students to understand and recognize the importance of practicing any drill as if it were real in order to have the best response in a real emergency.

If you have questions about safety protocols, please reach out to Mrs. Skillern, Dean of Students.

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Safe2Tell

Safe2Tell Colorado is a venue where students and parents can report anything that concerns you or threatens you, your friends, your family, or your community.

Deer Creek is committed to keeping students safe. Sometimes we find that parents hear information that concerns them regarding their own child or others' children. We always encourage students and parents to immediately report concerns directly to the school regarding a student's welfare. This can include bullying, suicidal behaviors, abuse, and risky behaviors such as drug or alcohol use, to name a few.

However, if you think that a **student might be in danger, and especially if is not during normal school hours (such as weekends, holidays, evenings, school breaks), please be sure to contact the police directly, or contact the Safe2Tell tip line**, which is manned by Colorado State Patrol dispatch, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year.

"As a direct outcome of the Columbine Commission's Report, the Safe2Tell Initiative was created to implement a critical recommendation: To provide an anonymous venue for parents, students, teachers, school administrators, and law enforcement to share information." (Safe2Tell)

- Students, parents/guardians, and family members can report through Safe2Tell.
- With Safe2Tell, anonymity is guaranteed by law.
- Reports can be made to Safe2Tell Colorado by calling 1-877-542-SAFE (7233).
- Reports can be submitted through the Safe2Tell Colorado website by clicking [Submit a Tip](#).
- Reports can be made via the Safe2Tell phone app.

Immunizations

Parents, please check your email for notification if your child's vaccines are not current. It is Colorado State law that all school-aged children be up to date with their vaccines or complete the state exemption form. Email the district RN at lisa.schalla@jeffco.k12.co.us for more information.

Lisa Schalla RN, MEd
District Registered Nurse, Department of Health Services

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Attendance

Did you get a call from the attendance line? Check your [Campus Portal](#) before calling the office!

As a parent/guardian, you can check attendance for your student by logging into Campus Portal, then clicking Attendance. Read the comments about why the student was marked before calling the office!

Base Camp and Help Sessions

Base Camp period is used to schedule students in Help Sessions with other teachers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays each week. Teachers request specific students for extra help, make up work, clubs, support groups, or other small-group needs.

When a teacher schedules a student into a help session, it will appear on the student's calendar schedule in the Portal. **Students are asked (and reminded) to check before Base Camp on Tues - Thurs each week to make sure they know where to go during Base Camp. Students are required to attend any session they are scheduled for.**

If students do not attend the requested help session, they will be marked as an unexcused absence for that period. If you get a call from the attendance line for Base Camp, please log into Campus Portal to view the comments.

How to support your student with Help Sessions

Remind your student to log into Campus Portal to view their schedules the day before or morning of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. As a parent/guardian, you can also log in to view your student's calendar and see sessions scheduled for each day. Here's a presentation you can view on how to check your student's schedule. [Check Your Schedule](#)

Kids 10 & Under Eat Free

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

Celebrate the start of a new school year! Kids 10 and under eat free with the purchase of any regularly priced 4-course meal. One kiddo per adult. Our house magician is here on Tuesdays!



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Double Date Night for Parents November Special

At only \$40 per person for a decadent preset 4-course fondue experience, you can celebrate all of your friendships before the busy holiday season. Available daily in November. Mention "Double Date Night" when reserving your table. 4 person minimum.

Replacement Bus Pass Procedure



Bus passes are required for all students riding the bus for student tracking

Families will need to use the [Bus Pass Replacement Form](#) to order a new bus pass for their student(s), There will be a \$15.00 fine for a replacement bus pass issued on the student's account

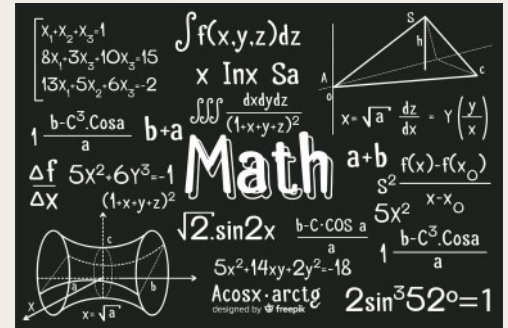
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What's Happening in Math

Click on your student's math level to read about what students are learning in Unit 4 in math classes.

- [Math 6](#)
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What's Happening in 8th Grade Social Studies

Coming up in 8th grade US History is Unit 4: The Early Republic

How were the powers of government exercised and debated in the Early Republic?

[Click here for more information about this unit!](#)



Library and Technology Update

Caring for a Jeffco Chromebook

The school year is underway. As middle schoolers do, they have started to get a bit more relaxed with their device care. In the past three weeks there has been a significant increase in the amount of reported damaged Chromebooks (broken screens, missing keys, damaged touchpads, liquid damage, sticky keys due to food/liquid).

Please take a moment to review with your student how to care for the Tech for Ed Device. Here are some resources to help you:

- [Student Expectations and Device Care](#)
- [Technology Usage Agreement](#) that was signed at registration
- [Jeffco Tech for Ed Device Care website.](#)

As part of the Jeffco Tech for Ed program, the cost of repairs is covered at no cost to families. However, Mrs. Zanetti and Mrs. Skillern will reach out to you in the event there is intentional damage or multiple incidents of extreme negligence to discuss next steps.

Coming in November - Battle of the Books!

Battle of the Books is a program that encourages students to read a variety of good books, have fun, and compete by demonstrating their knowledge of these books. The books are from different genres including historical fiction, graphic novels, fantasy, nonfiction, realistic fiction, science fiction, and novels in verse.

Students who join Battle of the Books will form a team of 2-6 students from our school. The collective group will agree to read all eight books. This means the group is responsible for reading all the books on the list, but not every student needs to read every book. Teams have from December-March to read. Then, they will compete in a Battle of the Books competition that reaches across multiple Jeffco middle schools. For the competition, students will be quizzed about the book(s) that they have read.

Battle of the Books will launch on November 15th! Below you will find this year's booklist. Copies will be provided. There is no need to purchase the books.

Yearbook News

Did you buy a yearbook when you paid your student's fees? If you didn't, the deadline to reserve a yearbook for \$30 will come sooner than you expect. Pay online where you paid your fees. **Students who do not reserve a book by January 5 are not guaranteed one in May.** We have sold out for the past three years.



We'd love to see your pictures of school activities like sports, socials, performances, clubs and field trips. If you have any photos to share with the Yearbook staff, please use this [Link to share photos](#). While we cannot guarantee that all shared photos will be published, if you don't share, your great pictures can't even be considered. Start sharing today! Thank you.

8th grade Yearbook Dedication Ads

Deadline is February 9.

The price is \$15 until December 31 and increases to \$20 in January and \$25 in February.

To create and purchase your ad:

- Go to <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com>
- Enter the School Code: **6131**
- Choose: **Buy a Yearbook Ad**

You will pay for your ad with a debit/credit card on the website which will complete your order.

Mental Health Update

Did you know that November 1st is **International Stress Awareness Day?**

Short term stress can push us to reach short term goals like studying for a test. Long term stress however, can contribute to a long list of physical and mental health problems. As children get older, their sources of stress expand. Teens are more likely than young children to be stressed by events or situations outside their home.

How stress shows up in youth:

- Irritability and anger
 - Children don't always have the words to describe how they are feeling and sometimes tension bubbles over into a bad mood. Stressed-out kids and teens might be more short-tempered or argumentative than normal.
- Changes in behavior
 - A young child who used to be a great listener is suddenly acting out. A once-active teen now doesn't want to leave the house. Sudden changes can be a sign that stress levels are high.
- Trouble sleeping
 - A child or teen might complain of feeling tired all the time, sleep more than usual or have trouble falling asleep at night.
- Neglecting responsibilities
 - If an adolescent suddenly drops the ball on homework, forgets obligations or starts procrastinating more than usual, stress might be a factor.
- Eating changes
 - Eating too much or too little can both be reactions to stress.
- Getting sick more often
 - Stress often shows up as physical symptoms. Children who feel stress often report headaches or stomach aches, and might make frequent trips to the school nurse's office.

Stress management and reductions should be a constant practice for students and adults. While we can't completely remove stress from our lives, we can develop plans and a course of action to solve the stressful areas in our lives.

Deer Creek Middle School PTO News



October was filled with fun and beautiful weather! DCMS PTO hosted 3 nights of conference dinners for the staff. The teachers were treated to Pizza Hut and Robert's Italian Deli, as well as a chili dinner. Thank you to the parents who made chili! We ended the month with our costume party for the 7th Grade Social. As we head into November, look for our spirit wear online store for holiday giving ideas, featuring the logo artwork of 6th Grader Allison Restivo.

Dates to Remember

- November 6 - PTO Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the library
- November 9 - QDOBA Spirit Night 4-8 p.m.

Spirit Wear Online Store

We are in the process of creating a DCMS online store with a vendor for easy holiday shopping! There will be a selection of beanies, flannel PJ pants, and all sorts of sweatshirts and T-shirts. As soon as the store is up and running, we will send out the link. All products will be delivered before the holiday break!

Staff Holiday Giving

Be on the lookout for a sign-up to donate gift cards to the staff's favorite restaurants or stores for a small holiday gift. Do you own a business or know a business owner who would donate a gift package for our staff this holiday season? Examples might include: Tickets to a Broncos game; 6 month's worth of oil changes; a weekend at a mountain condo; or a family 4-pack of tickets to a local attraction. Please email deercreekpto1@gmail.com if you could help donate or solicit donations.

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.

Raise Right

Turn everyday expenses into extraordinary opportunities for your organization by shopping with e-gift cards. Simply download the Raise Right app, select DCMS PTO as your non-profit (**Enrollment code: ZN9Q45J31UEF**), tie your checking account to the app, then you shop! There are hundreds of retailers that have e-gift cards with percentage back deals - for instance, instead of spending \$100 at Old Navy and putting it on your credit card, go online to RaiseRight and buy a \$100 Old Navy e-gift card on your phone. Each retailer and restaurant has a different percentage, and sometimes offer bonus deals. It's an easy way to raise funds for the school. Please email deercreekpto1@gmail.com or check out the [PTO Fundraising](#) page for more information.

Don't Forget -

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STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

HOLD

"In Your Classroom or Area"

Students are trained to:

- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

Students are trained to:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

Students are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE

"To a Location"

Students are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



SHELTER

"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

Hazards might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

Safety Strategies might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

Students are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

Adults and staff are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.





STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMACIÓN PARA PADRES/ MADRES DE FAMILIA Y TUTORES/AS LEGALES

Nuestra escuela ha adoptado el Protocolo de Respuesta Estándar (SRP por su sigla en inglés) desarrollado por "I Love U Guys" Foundation. Los/las estudiantes y el personal serán capacitados, practicarán y harán simulacros sobre el protocolo.

LENGUAJE COMÚN

El Protocolo de Respuesta Estándar (SRP por su sigla en inglés) se basa en un método para todo tipo de riesgos en vez de para situaciones particulares. Al igual que el Sistema de Comando de Incidentes (ICS por su sigla en inglés), el protocolo SRP utiliza un lenguaje común claro al mismo tiempo que posibilita la flexibilidad en el protocolo.

La premisa es simple: durante un suceso se pueden activar cinco acciones específicas. Cuando se comunique, la acción usará un "término específico" que irá seguido de una "orden". Los participantes activos, incluidos estudiantes, empleados, docentes y personal de respuesta inmediata llevan a cabo la acción. El protocolo SRP se basa en las siguientes acciones: Hold (esperen), Secure (protejan), Lockdown (acceso bloqueado), Evacuate (evacuen) y Shelter (busquen resguardo).



HOLD! (¡ESPEREN!) En su salón o área. Despejen los pasillos.

Se capacita a los/las estudiantes en lo siguiente:

- Permanecer en el área hasta que se indique que la situación se ha resuelto
- Continúen con la actividad rutinaria

Se capacita a las personas adultas en lo siguiente:

- Cerrar la puerta y echen la llave
- Contar a los estudiantes y a los adultos
- Continuar con la actividad rutinaria



SECURE! (Lockout) (¡PROTEJAN!) Vayan adentro. Echen llave a las puertas exteriores.

Se capacita a los/las estudiantes en lo siguiente:

- Regresar adentro

• Continuar con la actividad rutinaria

Se capacita a las personas adultas en lo siguiente:

- Llevar a todas las personas adentro
- Echar llave a las puertas exteriores
- Mantener la alerta sobre lo que ocurre en su entorno
- Contar a los estudiantes y a los adultos
- Continuar con la actividad rutinaria



LOCKDOWN! (¡CIERRE DE EMERGENCIA!)

Echen llave, apaguen las luces, escóndanse.

Se capacita a los/las estudiantes en lo siguiente:

- Desplazarse a un lugar donde no se les vea
- Guardar silencio
- No abrir la puerta

Se capacita a las personas adultas en lo siguiente:

- Llevar a las personas en los pasillos a dependencias interiores si es posible hacerlo de forma segura
- Echar llave a las puertas interiores
- Apagar las luces
- Desplácese a un lugar donde no se les vea
- No abrir la puerta
- Guardar silencio
- Contar a los estudiantes y a los adultos
- Prepararse para evadirse o defenderse



EVACUATE! (¡EVACUEN!)

(Es posible que se especifique un lugar determinado)

Se capacita a los/las estudiantes en lo siguiente:

- Evacuar a un lugar determinado
- Llevarse sus teléfonos
- Cuando se proporcionarán instrucciones sobre si deben llevarse o dejar sus pertenencias

Se capacita a las personas adultas en lo siguiente:

- Dirigir la evacuación a un lugar determinado
- Contar a los estudiantes y a los adultos
- Reporte lesiones o problemas usando el método de Tarjeta Roja / Tarjeta Verde



SHELTER! (¡BUSQUEN RESGUARDO!)

Riesgo y estrategia de seguridad.

Los riesgos pueden incluir:

- Tornado

- Materiales peligrosos
- Terremoto
- Tsunami

Las estrategias de seguridad pueden incluir:

- Evacuar a un área resguardada
- Sellar el salón
- Agacharse, cubrirse, agarrarse
- Dirigirse a terreno elevado

Se capacita a los/las estudiantes en lo siguiente:

- Estrategias adecuadas de seguridad y para situaciones de riesgo

Se capacita a las personas adultas en lo siguiente:

- Estrategias adecuadas de seguridad y para situaciones de riesgo
- Contar a los estudiantes y a los adultos
- Reporte de lesiones o problemas usando el método de Tarjeta Roja / Tarjeta Verde

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Upcoming Events

November

6	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm Library
9	PTO Spirit Night - Chipotle
9	Deer Creek Fall Choir, Band, and Orchestra Concert
10	First Trimester Ends
13	No School for Students (Elementary, Middle and K-8 schools only)- Teacher Planning Day
14	Second Trimester Starts
16	School Accountability Meeting 6:00 pm Library
20-24	Thanksgiving Break - School Closed

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December

4	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm Library
5	Round 1 Enrollment Opens for 24-25 School Year
7	Math MAP Testing
7	PTO Spirit Night - Red Robin
8	Reading MAP Testing
13	Information Night - Prospective Students/Families
20-Jan 3	Winter Break - No School for Students

December 2023

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January

4 & 5	No School for Students (Elementary, Middle and K-8 schools only)- Teacher Planning Days
8	Classes resume (Elementary, Middle and K-8 schools only)