



# DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### A Word From the Principal

Hello Deer Creek families,

#### Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year

It's hard to believe that we're already talking about the next school year! K -12 families will use EnrollJeffco, beginning **December 5**, to indicate where their students will be attending school for the next school year. You will use [EnrollJeffco](#) whether your student is re-enrolling at the same school, changing schools, or just starting in Jeffco.

**The K-12 enrollment window for Round One is open December 5 - January 12 for the 2024-25 school year.** It does not matter when you submit your application during the enrollment window. All applications submitted during the window are treated the same. There is no priority given for applications submitted earlier in the window rather than later. This flexibility allows families to take their time in researching and choosing the school that best fits their student's needs.

**For current 6th and 7th graders, you will be directed to either confirm your ongoing enrollment at Deer Creek or submit an application to enroll at a different school.**

**For current 8th graders, you will either confirm you will be attending your neighborhood high school or submit an application to enroll at a different high school.**

You can visit the [EnrollJeffco website](#) for more information.

#### Spread the word!

Speaking of enrollment, you may know that enrollment levels at Deer Creek have declined over the last several years. While still a medium-sized middle school in Jeffco, smaller size has some drawbacks. Since funding is tied directly to enrollment, a decline in enrollment means a decline in funding and staffing. Consequently, a smaller school will have a smaller staff, which can impact the range of opportunities that a school can offer students.

Despite our size, Deer Creek still offers more elective options for students than any

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## A Word From the Principal, continued...

other neighborhood middle school in Jeffco. However, we will continue to lose some of those options if enrollment doesn't stabilize. I know that many families choose Deer Creek specifically because of the great electives we offer, so here's how you can help: Spread the Word.

Our Information Night is coming up on Wednesday, December 13, which is a wonderful showcase of our students and their work. We'd love to see as many families that night as possible, so anything you can do to share our school with others - social media posts, [share our flier](#), or talk to friends and neighbors - will help us continue to offer great choices for our students.

[Deer Creek Middle School Information Night Flyer](#)

[Deer Creek Points of Pride](#)

*Best wishes for a wonderful December,  
Rob Hoover  
Principal*

## View and Print First Semester Report Cards

First trimester report cards have been posted in the Campus Portal.

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



## Upcoming Enrollment Dates for the 2024-25 School Year



- **December 5, 2023:** K-12 Round 1 Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year opens
- **January 12, 2024:** K-12 Round 1 Enrollment closes
- **January 18, 2024:** Round 2 Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year opens
- **January 23, 2024 (tentative date):** K-12 Round 1 lottery offers will be sent to families
  - \* Families have three days to accept an offer

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## 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.

# YEARBOOK

**Sponsorship space in this newsletter is  
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**Reach parents in your local community and a significant portion of your  
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**Please contact Rob Mangelson at [Rob@tscacolorado.com](mailto:Rob@tscacolorado.com)  
or (720) 878-4107.**

# Library and Technology Update

## Battle of the Books

*Battle of the Books* has officially launched a Deer Creek! This is a friendly book competition 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.

Here are the books for the 23-24 Middle School Battle:

Book Title	Author	Genre
Frozen Charlotte	Alex Bell	Thriller
Worst Case Collin	Rebecca Caprara	Novel in Verse
The Woman All Spies Fear	Amy Greenfield	Non Fiction
The Last MapMaker	Christina Soontornvat	Fantasy
Invisible	Christina Diaz Gonzalez	Graphic Novel
Freewater	Amin Dawson	Realistic Fiction
Two Degrees	Alan Gratz	Historical Fiction
The Inheritance Game	Jennifer Lynn Barnes	Mystery

Students can find more information on their Base Camp Google Classroom.

## Legos!

The Lego Community during Lunch in the Library continues to grow. We are looking to expand our collection and hope to include a Lego Wall. The Library is always taking Lego donations to help make these dreams come true! Thank you!

## Technology- Chargers

Has your student lost their charge? Please do not buy any USB-C charger off of Amazon. These are known to blow out motherboards. Please look for Lenovo brand chargers. In addition, you can purchase one through the front office.

## Technology - Broken Chromebook

If your student damages their Chromebook, please fill out the form at [tinyurl.com/ChromebookSOS](https://tinyurl.com/ChromebookSOS) we'll get them set up with a replacement device ASAP!

**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! Not valid on Christmas Eve or NYE.




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**November & December**

**Black Friday Deal**  
 Receive a "3-course Lunch for Two" with purchase of \$150 worth of gift cards. Deal valid through Dec. 21st (valued at \$60).

**Christmas Eve Celebration**  
 11AM - 10PM

**Ring in 2024 @ The Melting Pot**  
 Reservations: 11AM - 11:45PM

## School Supply Needs



We are now into the Cold and Flu season. With all the sniffles going around, we would gladly accept donations of kleenex boxes. If you can contribute, please drop them off in the Front Office!

## Lost and Found

Please remind your students to check the Lost and Found regularly for jackets, water bottles and other miscellaneous items.

We had a big donation of jackets and other clothing articles to the Jeffco Action Center during Fall Break....and our Lost and Found is filling up again already!

Another donation will go to the Jeffco Action Center for all items not claimed by Winter Break.



**Carriage Rides**  
**Santa Paws Pup Pix**  
**Fab-YULE-Us**  
**Holiday Makers'**  
**Market**  
**Santa Letter Drop-Off**  
**Santa Photos**  
**at Pink Attic Cat**  
**Cocoa with Mrs Claus**  
**at Copper Door**  
**Goatflix and**  
**Elf Goat Yoga**  
**Neighborhood**  
**Tree Lot**

# Deer Creek Middle School PTO News



Happy December! It's hard to believe the school year is almost half over already! Here is hoping you have time to spend with those you love as we gear up for the holidays and make time for joy and peace in the busyness of the season!

We wrapped up November with a PTO Holiday Spirit Wear store, a Skate City Spirit Night, and a staff bagel and coffee breakfast, courtesy of Einstein Bros. and Corvus Coffee. The staff were also treated to a raffle of tickets to [A Charlie Brown Christmas](#) at the Paramount Theatre, courtesy of Macaroni Kid Lakewood-Littleton! Thank you to all our sponsors!

## Dates to Remember

- December 4 - PTO Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the library
- December 7 - Red Robin Spirit Day 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

## Staff Holiday Gifts

Do you own a business or have contacts with someone 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](mailto:deercreekpto1@gmail.com) if you could help donate or solicit donations.

Please sign up if you could donate a gift card to put in a small goodie bag to be given to each of the staff before the holiday break. All gift cards are due to the office by Monday, December 4. [Holiday Gift Card Signup](#)

## Use *Raise Right* for your Holiday Shopping!

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! Please email [deercreekpto1@gmail.com](mailto:deercreekpto1@gmail.com) or check out the [PTO Fundraising](#) page for more information.

If you are shopping at any major retailer, they more than likely are giving percentages back with the Raise Right app. That percentage is money that comes back to the school (if DCMS is selected as your non profit). There are always bonus specials you can take advantage of as well! It's a great way to shop for the holidays and earn money for the school at the same time!

## Don't Forget

- Check out our [website](#)!
- Follow us on social media!
  - \* Facebook: [@DeerCreekMSPTO](#)
  - \* Instagram: [@deer\\_creek\\_pto](#)

Want to see what it's like to be a **CHARGER**? Students who are interested in learning more about Chatfield are invited to sign up for an in-person **SHADOW DAY** experience to see first-hand what being a Charger is all about.



4 Dates to Choose From...

Wednesday,  
October  
25th

Wednesday,  
November  
15th

Wednesday,  
November  
29th

Wednesday,  
December  
6th

Wednesday,  
December  
13th

- Students need to arrive by 7:55am and will meet in the atrium to connect with their shadow partner. Shadow partners will be provided by Student Government students at Chatfield. Students will shadow for periods 1-3 and will be finished at 10:50am.
- We are limited to 25 students per shadow day.
- A parent must register students for this visit, as students will miss a half day of school and will need to be excused from their current school.
- To register, visit:  
<https://forms.gle/JobDdehWZknfUKxo6> OR scan the QR Code



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## **DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO**

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### **FUNDRAISER DETAILS**

**7708 W. Long Drive, Littleton, CO 80123  
December 7, 2023\***

**If ordering online, please follow these instructions:**

- 1** Start your order at [order.redrobin.com](https://order.redrobin.com) and select the restaurant above.
- 2** In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3** Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4** Add your meal items and check out.
- 5** Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

\*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit [redrobin.com](https://redrobin.com) and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

**Red Robin**



# Upcoming Events

## December

<b>4</b>	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm Library
<b>5</b>	Round 1 Enrollment Opens for 24-25 School Year
<b>7</b>	Math MAP Testing
<b>7</b>	PTO Spirit Night - Red Robin
<b>8</b>	Reading MAP Testing
<b>13</b>	Information Night - Prospective Students/Families
<b>20-Jan 2</b>	<b>Winter Break - School Closed</b>

## December 2023

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## January

<b>3-5</b>	<b>No School for Students</b> (Elementary, Middle and K-8 schools only)- Teacher Planning Days
<b>8</b>	Classes resume (Elementary, Middle and K-8 schools only)
<b>8</b>	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
<b>10</b>	8th Grade Future Charger Day Field Trip - Chatfield High School 9:45 - 11:45 am
<b>11</b>	Winter Conference Sign Up Opens
<b>12</b>	Round 1 Enrollment Closes
<b>15</b>	<b>MLK Day - School Closed</b>
<b>18</b>	Winter Conference Sign Up Closes
<b>18</b>	PTO Spirit Night - Freddy's
<b>23</b>	Winter Conferences 4:30-8:30 pm
<b>25</b>	Winter Conferences 4:30 -8:30 pm

## January 2024

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