



# DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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# the mountaineer

## A Word From the Principal

From the Principal:

### Family Survey Communication:

Our school is committed to ensuring that your experience with our school is collaborative, successful and helps your child learn and grow. We want to know how we are doing. Panorama Education is a company who conducts student and family surveys in schools and districts across the country.

Below is a link to complete a survey about family school partnerships. The survey is anonymous and will take around 15 – 20 minutes to complete. The results will be compiled into school level climate reports. These reports will be used by district leadership and school staff to continue the positive work of our schools while identifying and addressing current needs. **The family survey opens Tuesday, January 16 and closes Friday, February 23.** Thank you for taking the time to give us feedback!

If the link below does not work, highlight the link using your cursor. Then copy and paste the link into your browser address window and hit the “Enter” or “Return” key on your keyboard.

Survey Link: [surveys.panoramaed.com/jeffco/family](https://surveys.panoramaed.com/jeffco/family)

Survey QR Code:



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester ends on February 23rd

The second trimester will be winding up soon, the last day coming up on Friday, February 23. Please take a moment to log in to the Campus Portal – or have your student do it themselves and show you – to review current grades and any missing assignments. Students sometimes find that missing work has piled up over the trimester and try frantically to hand in assignments at the last minute in an effort to recover some grades before the term ends.

Please keep the following school grading policies in mind:

- *Because trimester grades are final, work turned in after the end of the term will not impact a previous grade.*
- All work is accepted for full Content Knowledge credit prior to the final assessment of each unit, but not to extend beyond the end of the term.

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### Helpful Links

[Deer Creek Website](#)

[Jeffco Public Schools](#)

 [Deer Creek PTO](#)

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

- The Work Habits grade will be impacted by work that is turned in after the due date.

Because of due dates for posting grades, teachers cannot accept late/missing work after the end of the term. Missing work that is still within the current unit should be turned in as soon as possible to receive content knowledge credit. As throughout the school year, students wishing to improve a grade should talk to their teacher about second chance opportunities that might be available.

### CMAS Testing

This spring, 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 2nd, 3rd and 4th**
  - ⇒ Stay tuned for the daily testing schedule, which will be published in March
  - ⇒ Families will be receiving communication if your student is receiving extended time.
- **8th graders will take the science sessions on April 10th** (regular scheduled day).

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:

- Students who miss a testing session will make up that session as soon as possible within the state testing window.
- **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.**
- During the testing window, regularly scheduled school learning opportunities will continue.

At Deer Creek, we are committed to preparing students for a promising future full of choices. We value utilizing 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](mailto:molly.law@jeffco.k12.co.us) with any questions you may have.** Our teachers dedicate themselves to providing your child with the highest quality education. Thank you for being a supportive member of our community of learning.

*Rob Hoover*  
Principal

**\*Kids 10 & Under Eat Free**

President's Day: 11am - 4pm  
Tuesdays: 4pm - 7pm  
Sundays 11am - 4pm

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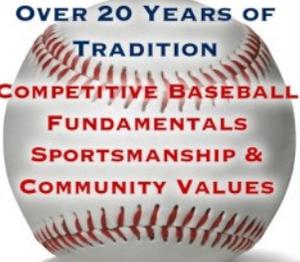


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## Chatfield Community Conversation - RESCHEDULED

You're invited to a Conversation with Jeffco's Superintendent! The Chatfield area event has officially been rescheduled.

Chatfield Community Conversation  
Thursday, February 1  
5:30-7 p.m.  
Chatfield High School  
7227 S Simms St, Littleton, CO 80127

Join Jeffco Public Schools Superintendent Tracy Dorland and Co-Host Leslie Dennis, Chatfield representative on the District Accountability Committee (DAC) for a 90 minute conversation about important issues in the district and your community. Focusing on family and community feedback, this conversation is an opportunity to discuss various initiatives across Jeffco together. View the schedule and learn more on [this webpage](#).

## From the Dean

This month brings information about lunch and student IDs. Students are expected to have their school ID each day at lunch to scan, making the process smooth and quick. We have a large number of students who have lost their ID. New IDs can be purchased in the office for \$5. You may receive an email this month if your student is not bringing or needs an ID. We want to get students through the line quickly, so they have time to eat without being rushed, can clean up the cafeteria afterward and provide sufficient time for our cafeteria staff to prepare for the next lunch.

Thank you for your support!

[Julia Skillern](#)  
Dean of Students  
Deer Creek Middle School

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## From the Counselors

### 8th Grade Parents

As we prepare our 8th graders for high school, part of this process is registering for 9th grade classes. Mrs. Jonas and Mrs. Vargo have already met with 8th graders to set them up for success at whichever high school they will attend. Our students learned about registration information, credits and graduation requirements for all Jeffco high schools, options for core classes and electives, and the approaching timeline for our future Chargers. Students and parents can access the slides, links and information on the 8th Grade Counseling Google Classroom.

On February 7th, Chatfield Senior High Counseling Team will be here at Deer Creek to meet with students to begin the registration process. Students will receive paperwork to bring home. Please look over this with your students and complete the course selection together. Chatfield Counselors will return on February 14th to collect the signed forms.

**Save the date for an incoming 9th grade parent focused Registration Meeting at Chatfield.**

### Thursday Feb 7th at 6:30 pm - Chatfield Senior High School Auditorium

The presentation shared with families will mirror the content presented to students earlier in the day when Chatfield Counselors meet with them at Deer Creek. Students are welcome to attend the Chatfield Registration Meeting if they wish. Chatfield Counselors and Administration will be available for questions.

### 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders - 24- 25 Course Registration:

This week Counselors will be meeting with 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students to discuss options for their classes next school year. Students

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## FIVE DAYS CAN CHANGE A LIFE

The HOYA Foundation started Career Week for GIRLS™ to encourage more young women to pursue careers in transportation and construction. Why? Because only 11% of the construction work force is women. That fact carries economic implications and substantial opportunities.

Over one week, girls – ranging from 13 to 23 years old – make five steps to engage with women, ask questions and tour work sites. Each company puts together a day long insight into their company and into the industry. This program is free to those girls selected.

**2024 dates are set!**  
June 3-7, June 10-14, June 17-21 or June 24-28

**Submit your application before March 30**



## From the Counselors, continued...

will be assigned English/Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science classes, and they will get to request their electives. Information about classes can be found on our website, [here](#).

Your students will be bringing home a registration form for your signature of approval. Forms are due on Monday, February 5 and should be turned into base camp teachers. Students will be entering their elective requests in Campus the week forms are due. Please reach out if you have any questions.

## 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.

## What's Happening in Math

Click on your student's math level to read about what students are learning in February in math classes:

**Math 6** - [Unit 6: Expressions and Equations](#)

**Accelerated Math 6** - [Unit 5: Proportional Relationships](#)

**Math 7** - [Unit 5: Rational Number Arithmetic](#) & Unit 6: Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities

**Accelerated Math 7** - [Unit 5: Linear Relationships](#)

**Math 8** - [Unit 5: Functions and Volume](#)

**Algebra** - [Unit 5: Introduction to Exponential Functions](#)

## The Library at Deer Creek

### Library Books:

We're increasing our collection every month. Feel free to check out the Deer Creek catalog at [tinyurl.com/DCMSbooks](http://tinyurl.com/DCMSbooks) You can also read about our library collection [here](#).

Students can put books on hold. Someone from the library will deliver them as soon as possible. [Watch this video to find out how!](#)

### Library Collection:

We have been increasing our library collection to reflect the diverse population at our school. Please take a moment to read [this letter](#) regarding our library collection. We encourage you to have conversations with your student(s) about the books that they read at school.

### Battle of the Books:

Over 20 students have signed up to compete in Battle of the Books this year. The competition will be fierce! Last year's top two teams have signed up for another head to head competition. But will a new team dethrone them all? We'll have to wait until April to find out! Good luck and keep reading, Mountaineers!

Mrs Zanetti is collecting 6 \$10 Barnes and Noble gift cards for the members of the winning team.

## The Library at Deer Creek, continued...

### Lego Wall:

The Lego Wall is up and already filled with incredible creations built with the wild imaginations of our Deer Creek Mountaineers. Special thanks to Mr. Kyle for his leadership and craftsmanship with this project.



### Student Council:

Mrs. Melvin and Mrs. Zanetti have gotten Student Council off the ground! We are so excited to work with this cream of the crop students. We had nearly 70 students apply. Students were heartfelt and showed strong leadership capabilities in their applications and runoff speeches.

Congratulations to the following Base Camp Student Council Representatives:

6th			
Cataldo	Cora Burton	Grove	Sophia Villasenor
Deeble	Billy Ott	Haggenjos/Thomson	Greyson Hatch
Feuk	Kallie Webb	Lyons	Nicolette Prater
Goecks	Kieran Hobson	Mitchell	Kayden Runyan
7th			
Auger	Eily Carpenter	Keegan	Colton Falk
Bennett	Bailey Knight	Rife	Garrett Edmonds
Bergdahl	Khalesi Landers	Saueracker	Mason Jussel Kela Schmidt
Farris	Reese Mermans	Westerkamp	Wyatt Meyer
8th			
Dehne	Kolton Michel	Perry	Whitney Wright
Ellis	Chase Cuthbert	Resler	Olivia Teal* Jackson Ryan*
Kimberlin	Reese Honeycutt	Walz	Dreya Burgbacher
Mattivi	Maya Arevalo	Wright	Kylie Ciancio

\*Ambassadors from Mrs. Perry's class as there were no applicants from this Base Camp.

## 8th Grade Yearbook Dedication Ads



Parents. Time is running out to create a yearbook dedication ad for your 8<sup>th</sup> grader. The price is \$20 in January and increases to \$25 in February until the deadline. The FINAL deadline is February 9. To access the DCMS ad templates, use the following access information:

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

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

## Deer Creek Middle School PTO News



It's hard to believe how much we packed into January! The DCMS staff was treated to a catered dinner from Virgilio's one evening and a Taco Bar the second evening of Parent/Teacher Conferences. This was made possible through parent donations! Penny Wars was a great week of crazy fun and grade competition for the students. Look at the school's Friday updates to find out how much the students raised and which grade won the competition.

### Dates to Remember

- Spirit Week at Virgilio's restaurant ALL Month
- (Turn in your paper receipt to the Main Office, or screenshot your receipt and send it to [deercreekpto1@gmail.com](mailto:deercreekpto1@gmail.com) for us to get credit for DCMS.)
- February 5 - PTO Meeting @ 6 pm in the library! All are welcome!
- February 9 - 6th Grade Social @ 6 pm

### Social Media

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for your chance to win! **Every Wednesday in February**, the PTO will draw one name from our [Facebook](#) followers and one name from our [Instagram](#) followers to win a \$25 gift card! See the flyer below for more details!

## Flannel and Frost 6th Grade Social

**6th Grade Social - Flannel and Frost - Friday, February 9th, 2024 6:00 - 7:30 PM**

DJ playing your favorite songs, light snacks, selfie station, cake walk, door prizes, games and more! Feel free to wear sparkles or your favorite flannel shirt!

\$6 Ticket and permission slips required - **turn in by Friday morning February 9** to get a wristband for VIP access and skip the line at the social! (One dollar of your ticket fee goes to a charity voted on the night of the event.)

[Click Here for Event Permission Slip](#)

PTO needs volunteers to help decorate, provide food, clean up and chaperone this social event. We can't do it without you! Please sign up to help here: [6th Grade Social Parent Help Sign Up](#)

## 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.

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

Without an 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 8th Grade continuation; 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

Yikes! We need your help! Please email [deercreekpto1@gmail.com](mailto:deercreekpto1@gmail.com) if you are interested, and we will get you in touch with the correct coordinator to discuss the position's responsibilities.

### 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

6TH GRADE SOCIAL

**FLANNEL**  
& Frost

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9th  
Deer Creek Middle School  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

DJ playing your favorite songs, hot cocoa & cookies, selfie station & door prizes!  
Feel free to dress sparkly or wear your favorite flannel shirt.



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Deer Creek Middle School PTO

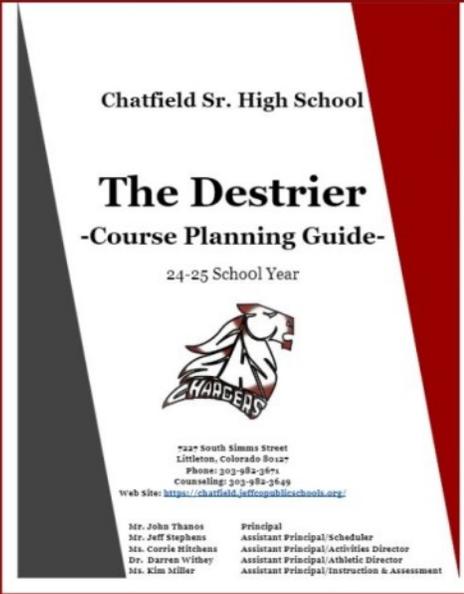
**MONTH OF FEBRUARY  
 FUNDRAISER!!!!!!**

Please turn in your receipts to the Main Office at the school or email a photocopy to: [DEERCREEKPTO1@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DEERCREEKPTO1@GMAIL.COM)

**SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR THE  
 DCMS PTO IN FEBRUARY...  
 and win!!!**

- ♥ Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for your chance to win! Every Wednesday in February, we will draw one name from our Facebook followers and one name from our Instagram followers to win a \$25 gift certificate!
- ♥ Invite your friends for extra chances to win each week!
- ♥ Look for more details on Facebook & Instagram starting on February 1st!

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[instagram.com/deer\\_creek\\_ms\\_pto/](https://instagram.com/deer_creek_ms_pto/)



Use "The Destrier" our course planning guide to explore all of our class offerings. This QR code takes you to the guide.

**Parent  
INFO**  
NIGHT --2/7 @  
6:30 PM

Welcome to  
Chatfield  
24/25

## CHOICE REGISTRATION

The next phase of your enrollment involves the registration process, during which you will have the opportunity to select your classes for the upcoming year. Our counselors will visit your school to provide a detailed explanation of the registration process and guide students on class selection.

If you have any additional questions about the registration process, we **invite you and your parent/guardian to attend our Parent Info Night on Wednesday, 2/7, at 6:30 pm here at Chatfield.** Our team will be available to address any inquiries regarding class selections, course offerings, and graduation requirements.

### REMINDER...

Depending on the courses you select, you may have summer assignments. Keep an eye on our website, [Chargerpride.com](http://Chargerpride.com), for assignments, updates, and general information for the 24-25 school year.



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music by Alan Menken,  
lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice,  
and book by Linda Woolverton

originally directed by  
Robert Jess Roth,  
originally produced by  
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MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 12PM & 7PM**



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## **DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING CHESS CLUB**

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1/26, 2/2, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17

**WHO:** 6th-8th graders

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## Upcoming Events

### February

<b>2</b>	Penny Wars Last Day
<b>5</b>	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm - Library
<b>7</b>	Incoming 9th Grade Registration Meeting (for parents) at Chatfield High School Auditorium 6:30 pm
<b>9</b>	6th Grade Social - Flannel and Frost @ 6:00-7:30 PM
<b>16</b>	<b>No School for Students</b> - Staff Development Day
<b>19</b>	<b>President's Day - School Closed</b>
<b>22</b>	Accountability Meeting 6:00 pm Library
<b>23</b>	End of 2nd Trimester
<b>26</b>	Start of 3rd Trimester

### March

<b>4</b>	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm - Library
<b>18-22</b>	Spring Break - <b>School Closed</b>
<b>25</b>	Staff Development Day - <b>No School for Students</b>

### February 2024

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