



DEER CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

JEFFCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS


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A Word From the Principal

Deer Creek families,

This first Trimester has been awesome and I cannot thank you enough for your kindness and grace.

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 8, so students will begin their second trimester schedules starting on Monday November 11. 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.

Student Schedules for the Second Trimester will be available in Campus as soon as possible and we will be sure to let you know as the date gets closer. They will also be passed out to students in Base Camp on Friday November 8.

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,

Brandon Hall
Principal



October Mountaineer of the Month

Each of these students has demonstrated **PEAK** (Prepared, Engaged, Accountable, and Kind and Respectful) behavior and in doing so, is being recognized as our top Mountaineers for October.

6th Grade

Nikoletta Athanasopoulos

She's always focused in class, working with others, always trying her best and is insanely polite.

Oliver Maj

Very kind, focused, organized and super trustworthy! Always willing to help others in class and demonstrates PEAK expectations.

7th grade

Adelyn Krimmer

Always on top of curriculum, positive, hardworking, and kind. Consistently kind, inclusive and thoughtful

Kayden Runyan

Always helping others, on task, and asking questions. Knows when she is in the learning pit and embraces it. Very PEAK expectations.

8th Grade

Ronan Graham

Always ready to learn. Positive attitude. Hard worker and helps others without teacher asking. Produces high quality work. Leads by example.

Megan Glass

Megan is an amazing mentor to our students in SSN and such a great help in the class. She is always so positive and is a great influence on all of our students.

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OF THE MONTH



Left to right: Kayden Runyan, Adelyn Krimmer, Megan Glass, Oliver Maj, Ronan Graham, Nikoletta Athansopoulos, Mr. Brandon Hall (Principal)

Kids 10 & Under Eat Free

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

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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Melting Pot
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Double Date Night for Parents

November Special

At only \$45 per person for a decadent preset 4-course fondue experience, you can celebrate all of your friendships before the busy holiday season. Mention "Double Date Night" when reserving your table. 4 person minimum.

Library and Technology Update

Book Fair!

Deer Creek is excited to host an online book fair through Follett, our library systems provider, November 12 - December 6th.

Beginning November 12, you will be able to purchase books directly from this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DCMSBookFair24>

Purchasing through our Book Fair will have a direct impact on our library collection. Deer Creek will receive 20% back as credit! Additionally, books should arrive in time for the holiday season! Watch for more information about student Wishlists in the weekly emails in November.

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.

| Book Title | Author | Genre |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| The Island | Natasha Preston | Horror |
| The Very Unfortunate wish of Melony Yoshimura | Waka T. Brown | Fantasy |
| And Then, Boom! | Lisa Fipps | Verse |
| Shoe Dog (Young Readers Journal) | David K Randall | Nonfiction |
| Attack of the Black Rectangles | A. S. King | Realistic |
| White Bird | R. J. Palacio | Graphic Novel/Historical Fiction |
| The Mystery of Locked Rooms | Lindsay Currie | Adventure/Mystery |
| Cinder | Marissa Meyer | Dystopia |

The library is currently looking for four more copies of each book for students to check out from the library. Donated copies will be given to participants at the end of the year.




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Attendance Tips

Do you have a student who will miss 3 or more consecutive days of school?

A Pre-arranged absence form must be completed, signed by all teachers and turned into the attendance office for all absences of 3 or more days. (family vacations, sports, extended absences, etc.)

The form can be found on deercreek.jeffcopublicschools.org under the About tab then click the Attendance tab, or students can pick up a copy in the main office.

Absences for more than 3 days will NOT be accepted through the request campus portal or hotline. Students must be in good academic standing and have no more than 10 absences (excused or unexcused) for the extended absence to be excused.

Engineering Classes Need Supplies!

The engineering classes have been working hard and have been using materials. If you have scrap wood that you could donate to DCMS engineering class, we would appreciate it. Please make sure that it's mostly free of rusty metal nails, staples, etc. and insects. If you are able to drop it off at the back doors, by the dumpster, that would be great. Otherwise, let us know and we can help unload. Thank you in advance!

Nick Cataldo
Deer Creek Middle School
nick.cataldo@jeffco.k12.co.us



Cocoa
with **Mrs. Claus**
AT TATTERED COVER
SATURDAYS
DECEMBER 7, 14, AND 21
11:00 AM
TATTERED COVER BOOKSTORE
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COMPLEMENTARY
Horse & Carriage Rides
Saturday, November 30
12 pm - 3 pm



ASPEN GROVE
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Mental Health Update

Did you know that **November 6th is International Stress Awareness Day?**

Established in 1998, International Stress Awareness Day is a day to increase awareness of the impact of stress on us in our workplace, at school, and at home and consider how to decrease its negative impact.

While short-term stress can push us to reach short-term goals like studying for a test, long-term stress 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 our kids:

- Irritability and anger: Kids 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 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: Kids 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. Kids who feel stress often report headaches or stomach aches and might make frequent trips to the school nurse.

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.

Denise Bettcher
School Social Worker

Health Room Update

Attention parents of 6th graders:

Has your student received the required Tdap vaccine in the last year? If not, please contact your child's physician to schedule.

This immunization was required when school began in August.

Contact your health tech, Janeth Lara Janeth.lara@jeffco.k12.co.us or District RN, Lisa Schalla lisa.schalla@jeffco.k12.co.us with questions.

Chess Club

Second Quarter Deer Creek Chess Club started Monday October 28th. They meet Mondays after school from 4:10 - 5:10 pm.

There are still spots open for any students who would be interested in joining. More information is available on the flyer. See flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Yearbook News

The Deadline to reserve a yearbook for \$35 is January 10. Students who do not reserve a book by this date are not guaranteed one in May. A waiting list for surplus books will be started after Spring Break and the price increases to \$40. Pay by cash, check, or credit card in the main office or go to <https://jeffcoconnect.jeffco.k12.co.us/> to pay online.



Share photos that you have taken of school activities by uploading photos of your student to <https://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/#!/?code=dcms24> or hjeshare.com and enter the school code dcms24. We are always looking for students participating in music, sports, socials, and clubs.


Buy a dedication ad for your 8th grader. The FINAL deadline is Sunday, February 9.

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.

Buy early for the best price: \$15 until December 31, \$20 January 1 - January 31, and \$25 February 1 - 9.




Stephanie M. Fox, Psy.D.

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Deer Creek Middle School PTO News

October was filled with fun, including our Day of Awesomeness, Teacher Conference dinners, Pizza Hut spirit night, and the 7th Grade Social! Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who: helped feed teachers and staff with delicious chili and taco dinners during two nights of teacher conferences; supported our Spirit Night, and assisted with the Social! This month, please consider attending our PTO meeting on November 4th and supporting our Freddy's Spirit Night on November 12th!



Please email us at deercreekpto1@gmail.com with questions or ideas, or visit us at our website!

Dates to Remember!

- November 4: PTO meeting
- November 12: Freddy's spirit night
- December 2: PTO meeting



Fall Fundraiser "Day of Awesomeness"!

Our POP! Fall fundraiser reward day was held on October 4, and students had a blast enjoying the beautiful weather among bouncy houses, obstacle courses, games, and dancing. Thank you again to all of the families who supported their students in the fundraising efforts, raising \$20,216 for our school and making this fun reward possible for their hard work!



7th Grade Social

The 7th grade social was SPOOKTACULAR! Thank you to everyone who donated snacks and drinks, assisted with set-up and clean-up, and helped chaperone the event. We couldn't have done it without you!



Deer Creek Middle School PTO News, continued...

Stock the Snack Shack!

The Snack Shack has been a hit among teachers and staff! As we finish the 1st trimester strong, 6th grade families can still **sign up to donate here:** [6th Grade Snack Shack Sign Up](#). A BIG thank you to all of the 6th grade families who have generously supported the Shack during Trimester 1!

7th grade families will support the Shack for Trimester 2! Please consider making a donation to keep fueling the amazing staff who make DCMS a special place for our kids. 7th grade families, you can sign up here to donate throughout Trimester 2:

[7th grade Snack Shack Sign Up](#)

Freddy's Spirit Night!

Skip the weeknight cooking and join us at Freddy's on Tuesday, November 12, between 4-8pm for our next Spirit Night! Freddy's will contribute 15% of event sales to the school when you show the flyer below or use promo code "GIVEBACK" on the online or mobile app.

DONATE WITH A *Freddy's* DOUBLE

FREDDY'S IS PROUD TO CONTRIBUTE

15%

OF EVENT SALES!

IN-STORE

SHOW THIS FLYER OR SAY "I'M HERE FOR THE FUNDRAISER" AT CHECKOUT

ONLINE OR MOBILE APP

USE PROMO CODE: GIVEBACK



A FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING:
Deer Creek PTO

COME ENJOY YOUR FREDDY'S FAVORITES WHILE HELPING A GREAT CAUSE!

November 12, 2024 | 4PM-8PM

8234 S Kipling Pkwy., Littleton, CO 80127

Offer valid only on select dates. Only non-profit organizations are eligible to participate in the Freddy's fundraising program. Freddy's will donate 15% of qualifying food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards, catering and delivery are excluded from the donation. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fundraising, email fundraising@freddys.com.

CSH CHEER

Holiday Craft Fair and Silent Auction

Saturday, November 2nd
9a-3p
Chatfield Senior High
7227 S. Simms St.

OVER
75
VENDORS

100s of Items- Perfect for Gift Giving

Silent Auction
October 28th- November 2nd

<https://www.32auctions.com/ChatfieldCheerAuction24>



Milk Caps for Mooola



Milk Caps for Mooola is a program sponsored by Longmont Dairy that helps students earn money for their schools. Longmont Dairy milk caps are worth 5¢ each and are redeemable for cash!

How does the program work?

1. Drink Longmont Dairy products
2. (Eligible cap products include: Milk, Chocolate Milk, Strawberry Milk, Half & Half, Whipping Cream, Orange Juice, Lemonade, Raspberry Lemonade, and Classic and Cinnamon Eggnog.)
3. Save the bottle caps. Save as many as you can—from your bottles, or collect them from your family and neighbors.
4. Bring your milk caps to school and put them into the collection box in the school office.



American Furniture Warehouse

Any purchase from American Furniture Warehouse benefits Deer Creek Middle School - in the store, on the phone, or online!

Use PROMO code: *School* and school ID: **DCMS60**, and AFW will donate 2-4% of the sale to Deer Creek Middle School!

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.

Sponsor This School!

YOUR NAME HERE

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Upcoming Events

| November | |
|--------------|--|
| 1 | No School for Students - Jeffco Staff Development Day |
| 4 | PTO Meeting 6:00 - 7:00 pm |
| 6 | Choir Fall Concert 6:30 pm |
| 7 | DCMS Instrumental Music Fall Concert 6:30 pm |
| 8 | First Trimester Ends |
| 11 | Second Trimester Starts |
| 12 | PTO Spirit Night - Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers (S. Kipling) |
| 21 | School Accountability Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Library |
| 25-29 | Thanksgiving Break - School Closed |

| November 2024 | | | | | | |
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| December | |
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| 2 | PTO Meeting 6:00 pm Library |
| 3 | Round 1 Enrollment Opens for 25-26 School Year |
| 5-6 | MAP Testing - Reading and Math |
| 9 | Deer Creek Book Club 6:00-8:00pm Library |
| 11 | Information Night - Prospective Students/Families 6:00 pm |
| Dec 23– Jan 2 | Winter Break - School Closed |
| Jan 3 & 6 | No School for Students - Teacher Planning Days |
| Jan 7 | Classes resume |

| December 2024 | | | | | | |
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Chatfield Wrestling Club is a competitive club with Elementary, Middle School & Girls teams, coaches focus on the techniques needed to be successful in wrestling and instilling the work ethic that is needed to be successful in anything.

General Information

- **Location:** Practices are held at 9032 W. Ken Caryl Suite B2 Littleton Co 80128
- **Fall Season Starts November 4th** per Schedule below:
 - Preseason is currently underway, for schedule visit website, all wrestlers can begin at any time.
- **Practice Placement** -Wrestler may get moved mid-season to ensure they are in the appropriate groups.
 - **Level 0** – Pre k & Kindergarten
 - **Level 1** – 1st year wrestlers, Grades 1-4 & returning 1st Graders
 - **Level 2** – Returning Wrestlers Grades 1st-5th
 - **Level 3** – 6th Grade – 8th Grade
 - **Level 4** – High School
- **Practice Schedule Starting Nov. 4th - Feb. 21st**
 - Level 0 – Mondays 5:45 – 7pm
 - Level 1 – Monday's, Wednesday's, Friday's 5:45 – 7pm
 - Level 2 – Tuesday's Wednesday's, Thursday's 5:45 – 7pm (Friday 5:45-7pm Optional)
 - Level 3 & 4 Monday – Thursday 7pm – 8:30pm
- No special gear needed for the first practices, wear t-shirt, shorts, and socks if children do not have wrestling shoes
- Chatfield Wrestling Club is a member of the Pikes Peak Wrestling League (PPWL, Saturday Tournaments) and Western Suburban Wrestling League (WSWL, Sunday Tournaments)
- Level 2, 3 and 4 wrestlers are expected to compete, and will need 2024 Competition Gear Package

Registration & Contact Information

- If you are currently enrolled Month to Month, no further registration needed, you are all set!
- To register go to <https://chatfieldwrestlingclub.com> and click on the registration tab, all registrations will be completed online. Wrestlers can sign up for Month to Month Basis or Pay Full Fall Season up front, anyone signing up for Preseason as well, should utilize Month to Month option.
- Preseason & Month to Month Registrations will receive 2021/2022 Chatfield Wrestling Club Singlet
- Not all kids are ready to wrestle, feel free to have your child participate first to gauge their interest.
- For more information, questions or concerns please email CWC@ChatfieldWrestlingClub.com

Fall/Winter Season only Fee: \$370 first child; 50% Sibling Discount for every child after in the same household. Chatfield Wrestling Club T-Shirt Included with Registration.

Registration Fee (\$40) is waived when you Sign up for 'King Sooper's Community Rewards Program', Enroll your SoopersCard to support the team and get discounted Registration for each wrestler.

Enroll your Card Here: <https://www.chatfieldwrestlingclub.com/kingsoopers>

USA Wrestling Card is required, link for \$20 USAW Card will be sent with registration receipt.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChatfieldWrestling/>

Follow us on Instagram: [@chatfieldwrestling](https://www.instagram.com/chatfieldwrestling)



EXPLORE

Breakfast at Jeffco

WHY STUDENTS SHOULD EAT BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL?



No Cost to Students

Jeffco students can have a breakfast at no cost! A free breakfast could look like:

- Breakfast Sandwich
- Apple
- Orange Juice
- Milk



Better Academics

Research suggests that eating breakfast every day has a significant effect on the cognitive development of students. Consuming breakfast at school, provides a greater variety of food groups and adequate energy, which is positively related to school performance.



Support Jeffco

Students eating breakfast at school provides economical growth to Jeffco communities and local farmers/industries.



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DEER CREEK FALL 24 CHESS CLUB

- ♠ Lessons by 15-time CO. State Champions, National Masters, Sully and Griffin McConnell
 - ♠ PALS students have won CO State Chess Championships every year since 2014
 - ♠ Our kid-approved chess lessons are funny, friendly, and lots of FUN!
 - ♠ Critical thinking: planning ahead, pattern recognition and problem solving
 - ♠ Character-building: sportsmanship, teamwork, and learning from mistakes
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Monday afternoons from 4:10–5:10 pm

Dates: Qtr 1. 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21
Qtr 2. 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16

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Tuition: Qtr 1: \$130 for 7 weeks and Qtr 2: \$130 for 7 weeks. Enroll at www.palschess.com, click on the chess clubs tab—school club registration—Deer Creek Middle School. Any questions please feel free to email info@palschess.com or call 720-504-8765