



The Eagle's Examiner

DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY PTA'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR

Message from Our Principal

It is hard to believe that a month and a half of the school year has already passed!

I want to share a few resources with you. The first is a few websites that provide great information to you as parents to help students stay safe when on-line at home. A few great resources are: Utahpta.org/netsafety, netsafeutah.org, and utahnetismartz.org. These links are also on our website, Deerfield.alpineschools.org under the Parents/Students tab.

The other resource I want to let you know about is the Soaring Eagle Award. The Soaring Eagle Award is a great way for student to extend their classroom learning. Each grade level has specific things that students can do in a variety of subject areas. A copy of the grade level Soaring Eagle requirements and tasks are coming home today. They can also be found on our website, under Parents/Students tab.

I want to thank our PTA for putting on a fantastic Walk-A-Thon this year. It was a great day and I appreciate all the time and effort that made it so wonderful. Thank you to all of you that were able to come out and support your students walking. It was so fun to see so many parents here.

*Thanks!
Miss Knadler*

Message from Our PTA President

Thank you to all who volunteer and help make Deerfield such a great place for our children! We've had an exciting and successful start to the year, and we are so appreciative to all of you who have supported us! You've joined as members of the PTA, bought Deerfield gear, volunteered as room parents, and helped with Mile Club and vision screening. We had perfect weather for our awesome Walk-A-Thon, and so many of you came out to help and walk with your kids. We are so lucky to have such great support from all of you! A HUGE thanks to the following volunteers:

Cheryl Edwards—Vision Screening, Katie Greenwood—Room parent coordinator
Kathryn Murdoch—T-shirts/sweatshirts, Becky Jo Bryant & Rakelly Brady—Spirit Day
Summer Pratt—Walk-A-Thon, Amy Jones, Kristin Howard, Diana Brown—Mile Club
Syndee Seeley—Take Home Reading

Remember it's not too late to join PTA or sign up to help on other committees. And we look forward to this month's Book Fair, Reflections, and Red Ribbon Week.

Allison Shippen

Thursday, October 1-4
Schedule Parent Conferences
Safety Week

Monday, October 5
Book Fair 5th-9th

Wednesday, October 7
Book Fair
Parent Teacher Conferences
Kindergarten Field Trip

Thursday, October 8
Book Fair
Parent Teacher Conferences
4th Grade Field Trip

Monday, October 12
School Wrapping Paper
Fund-raiser 12-23
Picture Make Up Day

Tuesday, October 13
PTA Board Mtg 9:30am
SCC 3:45pm

Wednesday, October 14
Reflections Due

October 15-16
Fall Break

October 20-23
Red Ribbon Week

October 27-30
Boo Grams

October 30
Halloween Parade 9:30am
Halloween Parties

Upcoming Events

November 3
Election Day

November 4
Reflections Recognition

Reflections 2015, Let Your Imagination Fly

Reflections is a national PTA program that allows students to explore their artistic interests and talents. This year's Reflections theme is "Let Your Imagination Fly." Please encourage your child to submit entries based on this theme in any or all of the categories listed below. Entries will be judged on interpretation of the theme, originality, creativity, and overall artistic merit. For more information, please pick up a set of rules and entry forms by the front office or visit the Utah PTA web site at <http://www.utahpta.org/entry-forms>. Email Rachel Seegmiller with any questions rseegmiller@vivint.com or call 801-372-0865.

REFLECTIONS CATEGORIES:

- Literature (fiction, non-fiction, prose, poetry, or drama)
- Musical Composition (voice and/or instruments; under 5 minutes)
- Photography (color or black and white; conventional or digital)
- Visual Arts (drawing, painting, collage, etching, or computer-generated art)
- Choreography/Dance (may include up to 2 additional dancers; under 5 minutes)
- Film/Video (animation, narrative, or documentary; under 5 minutes)
- Theatre (storytelling, mime, monologue, or one-act play; under 5 minutes)
- 3D Art (sculpture, jewelry, visual arts, or ceramics)

ENTRIES DUE IN THE OFFICE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th

School Play Hiatus

The location for storing the two school play platforms is no longer available and there is a desperate need to find an accessible unfinished basement, barn, storage unit or empty corner of a business warehouse! There is a \$300/yr space rental fee paid for this. Please let Annalee Dimond (801-830-9391) know if you are able to help with this! We need a new location by the end of October. Although the school play will be on hiatus for this school year, we will need them for future years! The platforms extend the stage and really make the school play/set look amazing so check your availability and resources ASAP so we don't have to dispose of them! Thank You!

This year the school play will be taking a hiatus for the 2015-2016 season. Our school play crew has loved doing 10 seasons of wonderful performances with all our amazing students! And we have appreciated all the incredible support from teachers and parents over the last ten years. While we take a little break this season, we would encourage students to get involved in all the wonderful theatrical opportunities in the community! There are so many ways to continue to be involved in theater out there! Thanks everyone, we'll miss you all this year!

The School Play Crew

Monster Book Fair October 6th-9th

Come join us for a "Monster" Book Fair October 6-9th. Parents are welcome to come any time. Students can start shopping after school on Tuesday and during lunch and after school Wednesday through Friday.

Hours are: Tuesday: 10:00 am-3:45 pm; Wednesday and Thursday: 10:00-7:30 pm; Friday: 10:00-3:45 pm

*With every BOOK purchase, students will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a free book! New titles, contests, and fun! We hope to see you there!

Take Home Reading

Hi Parents,

Today I am starting Take Home Reading for 1st-3rd grade!! Kindergarten AM/PM classes will start the first week of November. I still need volunteers, so please sign up! I need 5 more volunteers for KAM and 10 volunteers for KPM! KPM will be the easiest because there is only one class!!

Thanks so much for your support of the Take Home Reading program! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at the email or cell number below!

Thanks,
Syndee Seeley
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Year Books & Cover Contest

Please watch for ONLINE ORDER FLYERS to come home in Wednesday folders this month! The cost is still \$10.50 with NO processing fees. Flyers will be available in the office and a link to order on-line will also be available through the Deerfield website.

Room Parents now have info on how to submit pictures to us on-line which is fast and easy! Please designate a volunteer in your class to be your class photographer and pass on the information. If you are interested in submitting pictures of school/class events please email the YB advisers and we will be happy to give you directions.

6th graders start looking for a baby/toddler pict to submit on-line for our spotlight pages! Directions for spotlights and also COVER CONTEST info will be available starting in November and will be accepted through January.

Thank you for supporting our 2015-16 YB!

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We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do!

Varner, Aston and Norton's Classes won the last Spirit Day and have some pretty cool trophies and prizes they were awarded with! Keep wearing blue and orange every Friday and your class could win next! Individual's awarded at lunch times on random Fridays!

Go Deerfield Eagles!!!



Deerfield Walk-a-thon,

This year's Walk-a-thon was such a success! We had so many wonderful volunteers and supporters show up to cheer on our students, it was such a blast! We would like to thank everyone who attended and helped out in any way. A special thanks to the Walk-a-thon committee members Sherrie Hanna, Wendy Houghton, Chrissy Sudar, Erin McLerran, Becky Jo Bryant, Corey Moore and Rachel Segmiller, their hard work and creativity helped make this event the great day it was! Also we would like to express our deep gratitude to Ms. Knadler, Mr. Finlayson, Ms. Harris and Mrs. Laird in the office for their support and assistance with all the prep work that goes into this big day!

We are also very grateful for our wonderful corporate sponsors, that go out of their way to support our school and our community! These companies were instrumental in reaching our goal! Thank you very much to each of you!

Arches Insurance, Strategic Insurance, Watts Automotive, Utah Valley Magazine, Lexington Heights Dental, Waste, Central Utah Water Conservation District, Shelley School of Irish Dance, Villager Magazine, Dr. Burr's Endodontics, Bobby Lawrence Karate and Laura Johnson with Papparazzi Jewelry.

Together we raised approximately \$14000!!! Our PTA is so grateful for everyone's hard work and contributions to reach our goal!

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to our winners this year:

Top Earners 1) Audrey New (kindle fire), 2) Jack Kimball (electric scooter) and 3) Katelyn Bishop (mountain bike).

Top Earning classes 1) Mrs. Varner's class, 2) Mrs. Jones' class and 3) Mr. Farnsworth's class

Raffle winners: Maya A. won a razor sparker. Spencer S, Takota W, Evelyn G all won spirit shirts. Jack K and Camden L won spirit socks. Broder H and Jack Haney won spirit hats. Nora G and Jace O won karate gift baskets. Griffin R, Kate F and Emilia M won book fair gift certificates. Katelyn D won a yearbook, Parker won a remote control helicopter, Kelsey won a nerf football, Jack D won a backpack and Ella E won a skateboard!!!

You all did so great!

Thank you everyone for your hard work!

Parent Night: Can You Hear Me Now?

Thursday, October 22, 2015 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Legacy Elementary Media Center,
28 East 1340 North, American Fork

All parents are invited, whether you have a child who is struggling in school, on a Section 504 Plan or an IEP, or just need great information! Childcare is not provided. For questions e-mail maria@utahparentcenter.org

Can You Hear Me Now?

How to communicate with your professional teams about your concerns and your child's needs.

Physicians, educators, therapists, and specialists all have unique styles of communication that you can learn about to add your voice to the conversation. We will talk about medical concerns, IEP and 504 accommodations, and how what happens at school affects you at home and vice versa. We will also talk about how to bring your concerns to the table in discussions so that the team or individual providers can agree on a course of action to benefit your child and your family.

Presenter: Terisa Gabrielsen, PhD, NCSP is an Assistant Professor of School Psychology at BYU. She has been working with families in schools, hospitals, and in research for the last 8 years in Utah and the greater Philadelphia area. She is also the Autism Enhancement Coordinator for the Utah Regional Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities program, an interdisciplinary training program for family-centered care of children with special health care needs.

Save-the-date for November Parent Night
Thursday, November 19, 2015 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Taming the Lion Without The Whip: Strategies to Deal with Oppositional, Defiant and Escalating Behaviors
We often get caught using negative and punishing techniques in dealing with children and students who are oppositional and defiant, as well as those who quickly escalate to aggressive and intrusive behavior. This workshop will explore more positive strategies in dealing with these children and how to better manage power struggles.

Legislative Update

Legislative Update: The Utah State Office of Education initiated its discussion of the 2016 legislative session funding priorities. Priorities have not yet been voted upon. If you have feedback, please contact the members of the Utah State Board of Education. Email addresses can be found at <http://schoolboard.utah.gov/board-members-2>

Fully fund growth 54,600,000

WPU Increase 38,750,000

Priorities as of September Board Meeting

1. Risk Mitigation/UCA/IA FTE 730,000
2. School Finance/IA Discretionary 605,000
3. Optional Extended day Kindergarten (OEK) 10,000,000
4. Tech grant program 70,000,000
5. Special Education 15,398,871
6. Internal Staffing 415,000
7. Professional Development Grants 31,000,000
8. OTHER 1,565,200

Total
223,064,071