

Welcome Back to School!

September Calendar

9-3 Labor Day
9-5 Back to School Night 6:30pm
9-11 PTA General Board Mtg. 9:30am in the Faculty Room
9-21 School Carnival

October Heads up! 11-16th UEA

Room Parent Social

We will be having our annual Room Parent Social on Wednesday, Sept. 19th at 3:45pm. This is the event where parents and teachers can get together to discuss the year and get the information you will need to help make a great partnership with your child's teacher and most effectively help in your child's classroom. Mark your calendars!

Any questions, call Denise O'Reilly @ 763-1517.

President's Message

Welcome back to school for an exciting fun-filled year, everyone! I know that I have been very anxious to get this year underway and have been working on all the fun events for the year. I hope that all the students will have fun with the activities planned and I just want to say "thank you" to all the parents for the support that they give to the PTA to help make these events take place. We hope to see all of the parents at Back to School Night and encourage you to look for the PTA sign ups to help with our many fun activities this year. We couldn't make these programs work without your help and support. If at any time you have questions or concerns about PTA, please feel free to call me – Tricia Morin at 796-1206.

Join the PTA

We encourage all Deerfield parents to join the PTA. A \$6 membership fee is all it takes to be a part of a wonderful organization that assists in your child's unforgettable school experience. We are also looking for someone to fill the "President Elect" position of this year's executive board. Interested? Call Tricia Morin @ 796-1206.

The Carnival is Coming!

Our annual school carnival will be held on September 21 from 4:30 to 7:30pm. We will have rides, games, and plenty of fun to go around. Information about purchasing tickets and wristbands will be coming soon, so mark your calendars and get ready to have fun at the carnival!

Our annual **Gift Basket Fund Raiser** will take place at the carnival. Watch for a note regarding the theme of the basket for your child's classroom, and contribute a related item to be included in the basket. Then make sure you come to the carnival and bid on your favorite baskets!

Character Connection

Deerfield Elementary has a Character Education Program to teach and remind Deerfield Eagles the importance of developing good traits and habits that will help them in life. The Character Education Program is a short lesson or activity the teachers do in class every week. The lessons and activities are grade specific and helpful to reinforce the monthly themes. Parents can help support this program by asking students about the lessons or activities and how they may be applicable to real life experiences. In September, Deerfield Eagles Soar When They...Are Cooperative.

Legislative Info...

On Nov. 6th we as parents of public school children will be able to vote on the HB148 bill, also known as the School Voucher Bill. Detailed information is posted on the Deerfield PTA website – look at the legislative section.

Ballroom Dance is Back!

Beginning Sept. 11, 1st year students' classes will be Tues. and Thurs. and 2nd year students will attend Wed. and Fri. (Track 1: 2:20 to 3:05pm and Track 2: 8:30 to 9:10am.) Girls' spots are filled unless you bring a boy with you. We are still taking applications for boys. The cost is \$45 a semester, which is due by Sept. 5th. Any ??'s call Krissie Bushman at 756-6412.

Reflections...Make a Difference

Do you love to draw or paint? Or do you love taking pictures or making videos? Maybe writing music or acting on the stage is your favorite thing. If any of these describe you, now is your time to shine and "Make a Difference" in the PTA sponsored Reflections program. Take this opportunity to express yourself in the arts! Look for sign-ups at "Back to School" night and for information in your Monday folders. The 2007-08 theme is "**I Can Make a Difference By...**" so sign up and start making a difference today!