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Happy New Year to our entire Deer Park community! I hope you had a wonderful holiday, and this New Year brings many blessings your way. Our students arrived at our doors early Tuesday morning ready to learn. Upon returning from our winter break, your support was obvious from the first bell as students quickly settled back into their regular routines. Believe it or not, the end of the term is Friday, January 19th and report cards are distributed Monday, January 29th. As always, please be sure to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions about their progress. Also, be sure to look closely at our "Looking Ahead" calendar for school closings this month.

We would once again like to thank our Deer Park family for supporting our Student Council's mitten, hat, scarf, and glove drive. Your gifts of new winter accessories helped someone in need during the holiday season. Your support continues to show our students the importance of helping others that are less fortunate than they are.

Hopefully you had an opportunity to catch our budding musical stars just before the winter break. Ms. Chalk and Ms. Pfeifer did a great job of leading a talented group of performers in our instrumental and vocal music program. It's always amazing to watch our children grow in confidence and character as they perform, many for the first time, in front of such large audiences. I would also like to acknowledge the performers from our Music Makers Club. What an awesome performance! Congratulations to our students and thanks to our families for supporting our performing arts programs!

We would like to thank our parents who continuously support us with our arrival and dismissal procedures. Your adherence to the procedures helps to ensure a safe and orderly environment. As a reminder, in the morning, students can enter the building at 8:20 a.m. Please do not have your child arrive before 8:15 a.m. There is no adult supervision for students that arrive before this time. Also, with the winter season comes colder temperatures. Students will not be permitted inside the building before then. All car riders are to enter the school through the carpool area. No cars are allowed in the bus loop between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Please do not discharge your child on Lyons Mill Road in front of the school. At dismissal, car riders are dismissed from the front lobby. Parents form a line on Lyons Mill Rd. and come into the front loop. Please refrain from parking on Lyons Mill Rd. and walking up to the school. If you would like to come into the school to pick your child up for early dismissal, park in the parking lot on the side of the building. Students who are identified as walkers are expected to walk home. Parents are not to identify students as walkers and then pick them up from the back of the school in a car. If you are picking your child up, they are considered car riders, and they must follow car riders' dismissal procedures. Please be sure to have your new carpool number card displayed on your dashboard. We will only call student numbers, no names. Please contact the school if you have not received a carpool number card.

Any successful school community recognizes the power in effective partnerships between home and school. As parents, you are the foundation of your child's academic success, and your partnership is very important to us. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

Your Partners in Education,

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Looking Ahead!

- 1/15– Schools and Offices Closed– MLK Day
- 1/19– 2nd Marking Period Ends– Schools Close 3 Hrs. Early for Students
- 1/29– Report Cards Distributed





Vision Statement



Deer Park Elementary School provides a positive educational environment which nurtures all students while developing critical 21st Century skills.

MISSION STATEMENT

In partnership with community members, our school will provide engaging and inclusive instruction to empower our diverse learning community to become College and Career Ready.

The Deer Park Elementary School learning community is dedicated to:

- D**– Deliberate Excellence
- P** - Positive Partnerships
- E** - Empowering and Engaging Instruction
- S** - Successful Students

TOGETHER WE THRIVE!!!



Parker's Pantry

Deer Park Elementary School & The Maryland Food Bank
9809 Lyons Mills Road
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Please follow directions of
volunteers and remain in
your car. Walkers will follow
signs to form a line at door.
While supplies last!*



SCHOOL school nurse NURSE

Brrrrr!! Happy New Year to my Deer Park students and families!

A few friendly reminders from your school nurse:

- For parents of our youngest students (K-2), please make sure that your child has a weather-appropriate change of clothes to keep at school for accidents or spills. My supply of extra clothing is dwindling, and I no longer have small sized pants to give away. Also, students always feel more comfortable putting on their own clothes from home if they need to change for any reason.
- Students MAY NOT bring any medications to school with them to keep in their backpacks, desks, etc. This includes asthma inhalers, cough drops, or cold medications. If your child needs any medication during the school day, please let me know and I will work with you and their pediatrician to ensure that they receive it in the health suite.
- If your child needs hats or gloves, please have them see me or Dr. Bowman and we will make sure they receive something warm to wear. If you have any hats or gloves to donate, please send them in with your student and we will put them on our hat and mitten tree.
- With the cold weather comes cold and flu season. Please monitor your children at home for fever, persistent cough, sore throats, etc. If your child is ill, please do not send them to school. If they have a fever, they must stay home for 24 hours from the last temperature over 100.0 without medication. Masks are no longer available at school, so if you want your child to wear a mask, please send them to school with one. Please also make sure that your child is up to date with their shots, including their flu and COVID vaccines.
- We have many, many coats, jackets, and hats in our Lost and Found. If your child has come home without their coat, it is likely that we have it. Remind your child to check in our Lost and Found outside of the cafeteria for their missing items. Please contact myself or the main office with any questions.

I truly hope that everyone in the Deer Park community has enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year (and maybe even some snow!). 😊

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Positivity

Endurance

Act with Kindness

Compassion

Embrace Differences



During the month of December, we focused on the trait of Compassion. At Deer Park we define acting with Compassion as:

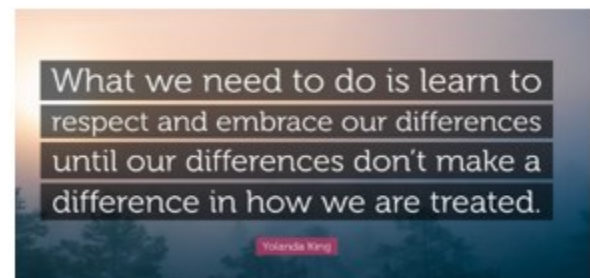
- being **caring** and **respectful of others** and showing **empathy**.

Ask your child to tell you ways that they have shown Compassion at school and to think of ways that they can show Compassion at home.

During the month of January, we will be focusing on the trait of Embracing Differences.

When we look for students who are embracing differences, we are looking for those who are:

- noticing, valuing, and celebrating the **differences between themselves and others.**



Our next celebration for students who are showing the PEACE traits will be held on January 18th. In order to attend the celebration, students must have been recognized for demonstrating at least two of the traits during the second quarter. Ask your child/children how many traits they have been recognized for demonstrating this quarter.



Sometimes you have to see people as a crayon. They may not be your favorite color, but you need them to complete the picture.

LOST AND FOUND

Deer Park ES has a Lost & Found section located directly outside of the Cafeteria main entry way. Parents please remind and encourage your student(s) to stop by Lost & Found if they have misplaced/lost clothing of any kind or his/her lunchbox! **Items that are not claimed by January 12, 2022 will be disregarded and donated to Goodwill!**



Student Council

Monday, January 8th, will be the last day to send in donations for the Mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves drive. The items will be distributed to those in need on Tuesday, January 9th. Please support!!

All donations welcomed & appreciated!!!

