Message from the Principal

Wow! It is so hard to believe that the school year is almost over! We have had an interesting school year. Although we were not able to do everything as we normally would have, due to the requirement for social distancing, we made the best of the situation. We have fun-filled plans for June!! There are parties, picnics, field trips, and extra playground time. Next week, there will be olympics, fun-days, field trips, and 5th grade advancement!

To our fifth grade students,

We wish you the best at Parkway next year. We will miss you at Deerfield Elementary, but please know that there are great things ahead of you! You were born to shine. Dream big, have big ideas, and reach for the stars...the BEST is yet to come!

End of the year schedule for Whitesboro Elementary Schools:

- Monday, June 20th- Juneteenth (Observed) - NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, June 21st- FULL DAY of School
- Wednesday, June 22nd- Noon Dismissal - Parent pick-up is 11:40 am
- Thursday, June 23rd- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Noon Dismissal - Parent pick-up is 11:40 am
- June 24th - NO SCHOOL - Have a Safe and enjoyable Summer!

FROM THE NURSE’S OFFICE, Important Reminder!!

Medication pick up from the Nurses office begins June 16th - June 23rd. All medication MUST be picked up before school ends or it will be discarded. You can continue to send in physicals over the summer by fax, email, or federal mail. Make it a habit to send them in as they are done each year! Nurse’s Office Fax Number (315) 266-3416.

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Last Call for Lost and Found!

Parents, please have your child check our Lost And Found if they are missing any items. We have several items that need to find their way back home. If these items are not claimed by the end of June, they will be donated to charity.

Please remember to label all items with your child’s name so that we can return them to the proper owner when they get misplaced.

Kindergarten Registration

Our Kindergarten Registration took place in January. If you know of anyone who has a child eligible to enter kindergarten in September 2022 and has not yet registered, or if you know of anyone with children transferring to Deerfield School, please have the parent/guardian call the School’s Main Office at (315) 266-3412 as soon as possible. Also, if your child(ren) will be transferring out of Deerfield School, please contact the School’s Main Office before the end of the school year.

Summer Office Hours

Deerfield’s Office hours change for the summer. If you need to bring any paperwork in during July and August, please call the office at (315) 266-3412 prior to your visit.

Sports Registration

Please keep track of your child’s report card when it comes home at the end of June. Report cards are requested when you register your child for sports, including Cheerleading, Football and Gymnastics. Due to our shortened summer hours, we may not be able to provide these when needed. Please keep your child’s report card accessible over the summer so that it is easily located for Fall Sports Registration.

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Classroom News

The First Grade classes have just wrapped up their Animal Wax Museum projects! It was a great success and the students were so proud of their work! A special thank you to all of the parents and family members for all of your support with this project! We also had a great celebration for Star Wars Day! Thank you for your participation! Our students have worked so hard this year and have made so much progress. We hope you all have a wonderful and safe Summer!

~ Mr. German, Mrs. Nicotera & Miss Wiley

Here in Second grade we had so much fun exploring our students’ potential future careers at our first annual “Career Day”! On this special day, our students dressed up as their career choice and presented to their peers why they chose the career and what it entails. They also persuaded their classmates by sharing their own opinions as to why they would be best for the job! Thank you parents for your support during this project, as well as the parents who Zoomed into our classrooms to share details about their career and give advice on how to achieve their goals. The school year went by so fast and we are so proud of the hard work each and every student has shown. We will cherish the memories we’ve made together. Have an amazing Summer, we will miss you so much!

~ Mr. Chapin, Miss Murad & Mrs. Zabek

In third grade, we concluded our Social Studies unit of Culture where we learned about a variety of countries. Students worked diligently on their culture projects and shared traditional food with their classmates! As the school year comes to a close, we appreciate the hard work and perseverance our students have shown. We look forward to celebrating the end of the school year with our annual 3rd Grade Olympics! Thank you families for all of your support and involvement in your child’s education. We truly enjoy each moment with your children and are looking forward to seeing their success in the future! Please continue to reinforce reading and math skills over the Summer for a smooth transition into 4th grade. Have a safe and wonderful Summer! THANK YOU!

~ Miss Sardina, Miss Jones, Mr. Watson, and Miss Bawolak

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4th graders have continued to work very hard as yet another unique school year comes to a close. In the final quarter, we will focus on the following concepts:

**ELA** - We will continue to use *Reading Street*, as well as our color-coded writing strategy, to further improve students’ reading comprehension, vocabulary, & written expression. We will also integrate ELA skills into our Science and Social Studies content to allow for cross-curricular instruction.

**Math** - Students started off Quarter 4 by taking the NYS Math Test on April 26th and April 27th. Throughout the rest of the quarter, we will focus heavily on line plots, geometry, and measurement (both customary and metric). We will end instruction for the year with a focus on decimals, as that is one of the first concepts taught in 5th grade.

**Science** - Science instruction will focus on vertebrate groups, plants, & food chains. We will also review all science topics from K-4th grade, as the written portion of the NYS Science Test will take place on June 6th. (Students will take the performance portion on May 25th, in which they will perform experiments and collect & analyze data.)

**Social Studies** - We will complete an especially exciting unit on Colonial America and the Revolutionary War, which is always a favorite for students! Since field trips are back this year, we are hoping to conclude the unit (and the school year) with an exciting visit to Fort Stanwix, which played an incredibly important role during the American Revolution!

Thank you for your unwavering support throughout another unconventional school year! We have enjoyed getting to work with your children, and wish them continued success as they transition to 5th grade. Please encourage continued reading & math fact practice over the Summer! THANK YOU! ~ Mrs. Herthum & Mrs. Russo
Great job to the fifth graders who took the NYS ELA and Math exams last month. They worked hard preparing for them and we are sure they did a great job! In reading class, the kids will be finishing up the year with a novel study of The Indian in the Cupboard and practicing all of the reading skills learned throughout the year.

Our last quarter in science, we are learning about the Energy of Life and how that applies to living things. We have welcomed our new geckos and the kids are doing a great job learning how to care for them. We will also be learning about plant and animal life through photosynthesis, respiration, the carbon/nitrogen cycle, and food webs.

In social studies, we are completing our economics unit where students have learned about goods, services, needs, wants, production, consumption and different economies from around the world. They will culminate this unit by applying all of these concepts to develop their own Island Society. I look forward to seeing what they will create!

In math, the students have been preparing for the NYS Math and local final exams. Next, they will be focusing on graphing coordinates, algebra, geometry, and other topics to help them prepare for sixth grade.

The fifth graders are beginning to wrap up their time here at Deerfield and we have a busy couple of months coming up! We have some field trips planned, such as the fifth grade track meet at Whitesboro High School, a trip to Clark’s Gym, the Fifth grade picnic and finally our advancement ceremony at Whitesboro High School. We’ve had a great year and wish all of the students the best of luck in Parkway! ~ Mrs. Defazio, Mrs. Hoffman, and Mrs. Phelan.

Music "Notes":

Congratulations to all 4th and 5th graders involved in our Deerfield Spring Concert! On May 12th, Orchestra, Band, and Chorus students performed an assembly for grades 3-5 in the afternoon, and a concert at the high school in the evening for family and friends. We are so proud of all your hard work! Excellent job!

Parents of 3rd graders: please save the date for our beginning band/orchestra parent night on Tuesday, June 7th at 6:00 pm in the high school auditorium. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks about your child’s opportunity to take an instrument in band or orchestra, and/or sing in chorus as a 4th grader. Thank you for your continued support of our music program at Deerfield! Have a wonderful Summer! ~ Mrs. Decker & Mrs. Driscoll
A.I.S. Reading and Writing

Summer Reading and Writing

Just because it's summer doesn't mean students should stop reading and writing. In fact, there are some fun ways to incorporate them in your daily (busy) lives. The following information was paraphrased from the website www.readingrockets.org. This website is very "parent friendly".

❖ Read aloud every day.

Make it fun by reading outdoors. Also, let your children read to you. Let them read to older or younger siblings...a grandparent, a caretaker etc. Be sure to discuss what the book was about.

❖ Take your children to the library regularly.

Check the Dunham Public Library calendar for FREE special summer reading activities and events. Ask a librarian for assistance with choosing books that would be at an appropriate level or that would be of interest to your child.

❖ Subscribe, in your child’s name, to magazines like Sports Illustrated for Kids, Highlights for Children, or National Geographic World.

If you cannot subscribe, check out the Dunham Public Library. Become pen pals with friends from school. Let your children choose a friend or 2 in which to write letters/postcards. Email is another option.

❖ Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, notices.

❖ Encourage children to keep a summer Scrapbook.

Tape in souvenirs of your family’s summer activities, pictures, postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them aloud as you look at the book together. I used to snap a picture of random things my children were doing, then tape them into a composition book. They wrote a sentence or 2 about the picture.

Occasional Therapy

To all the students and parents, a big thank you for all the hard work your children have completed this school year. There has been so much growth and progress!! We are very proud of our students. Over the Summer, have fun riding a bike, swimming, and playing outside. Have a FANTASTIC Summer!!!! We will see you in September!!!! ~ Ms. Ross & Mrs. Smith

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2022-2023 Class Assignments
We are beginning the process of classroom placement of children. This process takes many hours on the part of the whole instructional team. Our placement policy does not allow requests for individual teachers. This policy helps to ensure proper placements for all of our students, allows for equity, and allows our instructional staff the opportunity to utilize their expertise to best determine your child’s proper placement. Placements are done with great care.

When making placement decisions, we consider a variety of criteria including the following:

- Academic needs
- Heterogeneous groupings
- Social needs
- Behavioral needs
- Male/female ratios
- Learning styles
- Students with special needs
- Siblings at the same grade level
- Teacher recommendations

These are some of the many issues we review and discuss. It takes several weeks for us to come to closure on proper placements for the children. Our intent is to assign classes based upon our knowledge of your child. Thank you in advance for supporting our placement policy.

Have a great Summer from

![Summer Vacation Image]