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### Principal's Message

Happy Spring to our DBES Families and Community,

I want to take a few minutes today to say thank you to our DBES staff. Especially in the current times, I am left speechless (which many of you know is hard for me) with how you have overcome adversity, stretched your mindset, and have risen to the challenging occasion to best meet our students and families' needs. The love, compassion, and flexibility you demonstrate daily has continued to reinforce why I love coming to work with you!

Whether it has been recording videos for your children, visiting students, working one-on-one with families on TEAMS, assisting with the disbursement of laptops, playing Kahoot, delivering food to less fortunate families, assisting with family's internet, sacrificing your spring break to construct Canvas courses, the stories are endless and all amazing. What it shows is how much you truly care, and that impact and impression will last long past this year.

Please know that I am truly thankful to be a part of the DBES team and have thoroughly enjoyed my 8+ years with you. I look forward to the next 8+ in our adventure together! We do truly have not only the best teachers and staff, but the most wonderful humans! I wish you a wonderful Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week, and truly look forward to connecting and celebrating you this week virtually and in person!

Love,

Drew Gerlach  
 Proud Principal of Deerfield Beach Elementary School

P.S. Some updated housekeeping information:

- Please continue to check our web site, Twitter, and/or Canvas announcement pages. We will be sharing important information regarding reimbursements, close-outs for the school year, along with other important information to wrap up the schoolyear.
- Please continue to have your child logged into Canvas and participating every single day. Their efforts and attendance will directly impact their grades for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
- Finally, I wish you the best during this challenging time. Please remember, I am just a phone call or email away. You can reach me at 754-322-6100 (please leave a detailed voicemail) and/or via email at [dgerlach@browardschools.com](mailto:dgerlach@browardschools.com)



### Grade Level Announcements

#### 1<sup>st</sup> grade

The 1st grade teachers are working hard to create quality online instruction for your children. We are available to help with any questions you have regarding accessing and completing assignments. Please log in to your teacher's Canvas class DAILY. Our office hours and contact information are in the announcements section.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Second Grade students are SUPERSTARS at adapting to their new online learning environment! Our students and their parents have been stepping up to the challenge of helping their children continue their education while working. Second grade teachers APPRECIATE all the support and effort that the students are given during this time!

Second Grade students have also been doing a FABULOUS job learning how to use Canvas and submit their assignments when they are due. Make sure to log into Canvas and complete the required assignments daily. Please know they you can reach out to your teachers during their office hours and they will get back to you as soon as they possibly can.

Special THANKS to all the Second Graders who sent cards, met with their teachers, or said "thank you" in their own special way! YOU made our Teacher Appreciation Week!

Lastly, you should know your teacher misses you and can't wait to see you soon! Keep up the FANTASTIC work! Happy eLearning at DBES!!!!!!

### Calendar

**5/9** National School Nurses Day

**5/10** Clean Up Your Room Day

**5/17** Pack Rat Day

**5/18** No Dirty Dishes Day

**5/19** May Ray Day

**5/20** Be a Millionaire Day

**5/21** Talk Like Yoda Day

**5/22** PTA's Slate of Nominations for the 2020/2021 School Year Announced

**5/27** Final PTA Meeting of the Year and Election for the 2020/2021 Officers at 6pm (virtual meeting with details to come)

## PHYSICAL EDUCATIONS NEWS FROM COACH BERTUCCI

So..... I miss you all! I hope you are enjoying my videos and all the activities in the PE canvas course. As you are reading this, I hope you have been able to do a few of the activities from the "OPEN" NATIONAL VIRTUAL FIELD DAY EVENT! Please send me some pictures or videos that I can share with the other 9000 students who are participating in this great event.

### KIDS HEART CHALLENGE INFORMATION:

As you all know we had to close out the KHC online donations! We raised \$6001.00 online and I am so pleased with our great donation to the American Heart Association. We accomplished that without even having our biggest money day on the day of our jump. If you have an envelope at home that you didn't get to turn in to Coach you can send all the money by check made payable to the American Heart Association at 4000 Hollywood Blvd Suite #170 North Hollywood, Florida 33021. Please put your name and Deerfield Beach Elementary in the memo section of the check. Your prizes will be shipped to DBES and we will work on getting them to you! I hope by now you have all seen Coach's "ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE" for our great effort and surpassing our goal of \$5000.00. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to reach out to Coach at [Sheila.bertucci@browardschools.com](mailto:Sheila.bertucci@browardschools.com)

Please stay safe and keep practicing all the great things you have been sharing with me. I love seeing you on TEAMS and ZOOM and just know you all make me proud every day!

All the best to each of you,  
Coach Bertucci



Now is your chance to join the DBES PTA Board!

# CALL FOR 2020-2021 NOMINATIONS

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR ALL POSITIONS:  
PRESIDENT  
VICE PRESIDENT  
TREASURER  
SECRETARY

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD MAY 27TH AT 6PM VIA VIRTUAL MTGS  
SUBMIT YOUR INTEREST TO US AT  
DBES.PTA.UPDATE@GMAIL.COM, CALL OR TEXT DANIELLE  
DUNFEE AT 954-654-9161, OR DM US ON FACEBOOK

Although our school doors might be closed, education must go on and we need the support of our PTA more than ever! I'm not alone in being grateful for the work our PTA has put in this school year, the support we bring to our DBES community, and all that has been accomplished by year's past DBES PTA board members and volunteers who ultimately paved the way to our success. This isn't business as usual, as it's a time of great stress and uncertainty, while the work we do is more critical than ever. When analyzing the situation at hand, the inevitable budget constraints that loom on our horizon, and the emotional burdens placed on families, next school year's PTA will be more imperative than ever. Please consider taking a seat on our PTA Board next year.

Upcoming PTA Calendar:

- May 22<sup>nd</sup> Slate of Nominations for the 2020-2021 School Year Announced
- May 27<sup>th</sup> Final PTA Meeting of the Year and Election for 2020-2021 Officers at 6pm (Virtual Mtg with details to come)

There is no instruction manual for how to feel at a time like this, but I do know that I'm incredibly grateful for our PTA members and volunteers, our brilliant students, and our devoted teachers and staff at DBES. Thank you!