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Principal's Message

Dear DBES Families and Community,

As we wrap up another amazing year at DBES, this one has felt more special than ever. Though our ending was not what we expected or could ever imagine, it was **NOT** bittersweet. What I witnessed from our students, parents, families, community, and our staff was perseverance. Though we faced a colossal challenge, we faced it head on and put forth everything we got to continue to learn, grow, teach, and develop our DBES family. In my eight plus years at DBES, we have accomplished a ton collectively, but when I look back at my career, this will be one of my proudest moments. I am truly thankful to work with such amazing, dedicated, loving, kind, compassionate people and be in a community who truly cares for one another and for the success of their children.

First off, I want to thank our amazing PTA. They are a hard-working group who have done some amazing things for our children and school. They did a wonderful teacher recognition with delivering signs and Krispy Kreme doughnuts to every staff member during teacher appreciation week. It was a "sweet" gesture that was a huge hit amongst our staff. Secondly, they created beautiful lawn signs for our "graduating" 5th grade students. Many of our staff got to deliver them to our families and rekindle a past educational relationship once more. Thank you for providing these moments and recognition!

As we shift into summer and the eventual start of the 2020-2021 school year, please consider the following to assist you:

- Registration has begun online for the 2020-21 school year. Please spread the word to all of your neighbors and friends.
- If you checked out a laptop, you will not need to worry about turning them back in until next year. At this point, the tech hotline will remain open for parts of the summer.
- I-Ready and Reflex math will be open all summer long. Please keep your child engaged and use both programs for 45-60 minutes per week.
- If you need extra PE activities, Coach will keep her canvas course up through the middle of July for our children. She will leave up multiple activities for them.
- I will continue to post fun Hippo videos and read alouds for our students throughout the summer. Please subscribe or bookmark the DBES YouTube page.
- Most importantly, and finally, please check out our DBES website and twitter page two to three times a week to stay up to date with information. As our environment, community, and state continue to adapt to the continued COVID crisis, so will our school districts. We will continue to use our web page as a tool to communicate.

Thank you to all our families, students, and staff for a wonderful school year. It has been an absolutely pleasure to be with you for another year. I truly can't wait to start again in the fall and see all your friendly faces. I truly miss all of you. I, along with my whole DBES team, wish you a wonderful, enjoyable, and restful summer break.

Love,

Drew Gerlach

Fun Summer Learning Activities for Kids Of Every Grade Level

- **Go on a word hunt**
 This activity helps your child build both reading and counting skills. Create a word list, writing each of the words on a sticky note. Hide each sticky note somewhere in the house. Help your child use the word list to search for as many of the words as he or she can find. Each time your child finds a word, ask him or her to read it out loud. Once your child has found all the words, read them again and count how many of each word he or she found. You can also build advanced skills by having your child use the words found to create a sentence or short story.
- **Create a sidewalk word ladder**
 Practice reading and spelling skills and have fun outside at the same time with a chalk word ladder. Write out a word on each empty space of the ladder, and have your child start at the bottom. Each time he or she moves up the ladder, ask your child to sound out the word he or she lands on. When he or she reaches the top, turn around and do the ladder backward. You can also practice counting by swapping the words out for letters.
- **Count with ice cream**
 Make math more fun by incorporating something kids love — ice cream! First, gather small pom poms of different colors and create numbered paper triangles. Have your child stack "ice cream scoops" onto each cone according to its number, counting as he or she goes. You can also practice identifying colors and making patterns once your child has mastered his or her counting skills.
- **Build vocabulary with a word jar**
 Improve vocabulary skills with your child by creating a word jar. Fill a jar with pieces of paper that have a different word on each. Each day let your child draw a word from the jar and ask him or her to define it. Challenge your child to use that word in his or her conversations throughout the day. You can adapt this activity for your child's grade level, help him or her build vocabulary skills by adding more challenging words each week.

Calendar

- 5/27—Final PTA Meeting of the Year and Election for the 2020/2021 Officers at 6pm (virtual meeting with details to come)
- 6/2— Ms. Major's Headstart/VPK Moving-Up Ceremony on Zoom at 10:15 am
- 6/2—Last day of school



PTA News

Spirit Shirt & Yearbook Order Final Sale

Deadline to Place Order: Tuesday May 26th

Pick-Up Options: TBA

(expected to be the first week in June in the drop-off carline)

Purchase Yours Today!!

\$25.00

2019 – 2020

YEARBOOK

Please Venmo payment to the PTA via @DBES-PTA-2019.

When submitting the payment, please provide the student's name grade, teacher, contact information (phone and email) in the Venmo comment section.

#	Item Description	Price	XS	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	XLARGE
1	Youth Spirit Tee Shirt	\$10.00 \$7.00	Sold Out	Sold Out			Sold Out
2	Adult Spirit Tee Shirt	\$10.00 \$7.00	Only 3 Left!		Only 9 Left!		Only 1 Left!
3	Youth Long Sleeve CORAL	\$15.00 \$12.00				Only 5 Left!	Sold Out
4	Youth Long Sleeve SEAFOAM	\$15.00 \$12.00				Only 4 Left!	Sold Out
3	Adult Long Sleeve CORAL	\$15.00 \$12.00			Sold Out	Only 9 Left!	Sold Out
4	Adult Long Sleeve SEAFOAM	\$15.00 \$12.00	Sold Out	Sold Out	Only 4 Left!	Sold Out	1 4XL Left!

- Discount Package Deal – One Tee-Shirt & One Long Sleeve for \$18.00
- Tee-Shirts Reduced to \$7.00
- Exclusive Discounts for Our Staff, Teachers, & Volunteers: Two Long Sleeve Shirts \$20.00

Payments Accepted via Check or Venmo @DBES-PTA-2019

For Checks: Email DBES.PTA.Update@gmail with the following: student name, parent contact info, teacher name, grade, shirt style and size. Please make checks payable to **Deerfield Beach Elementary School PTA**.
 For Venmo: When submitting your order via @DBES-PTA-2019 please include the following information into your comment section: student name, parent contact info, teacher name, grade, shirt style and size.

Questions? Contact PTA President, Danielle Dunfee at 954-654-9161 via call or text



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Now is your chance to join the DBES PTA Board!

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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