

Issue #3

#HappyFall

October 6, 2021



Deerfield Beach Elementary

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Principal's Corner



Happy October DBES Families and Community,

We are close to wrapping up our first quarter at DBES with only two more weeks left in the quarter. October is going to be a packed month with Literacy Night and a PTA fall festival on the docket! I also want to send a huge thank you to the DBES staff who participated in our very successful Technology night! We will also continue to offer our evening events in Spanish and Portuguese so please spread the word!!!

This update, I would like to address three important items regarding our DBES home:

- ◆ I had the pleasure of meeting with Aimee and Tom from The Church at Deerfield Beach this week. They have graciously allowed our parents to continue using the church lot directly across from our north walker gate for arrival and dismissal. They only ask for our families to please not litter, respect their property by not driving on the grass to get out quicker, and to stay out of the swell (half loop) in front of the chapel. Parents, PLEASE RESPECT their property and know they are doing this out of the good of their hearts!
- ◆ Tardies, early sign outs, and absences have become excessive at DBES. Too many students are missing too much instructional time. Many of our students are already behind due to COVID and the hundreds of challenges we faced delivering instruction last year. Please remember your child is late at 8 am. That means even if you dropped them off at 7:57, they are still late if they don't make it into class on time. Please also do your best to schedule doctor appointments and other critical events outside the school hours. We need your babies in our classrooms.
- ◆ If your child has taken a COVID test, please respect your fellow community members, families, and DBES staff by keeping them home until you get the results. It is a kind, respectful, and appropriate method to handle the situation. We have had to quarantine large numbers of students because parents have failed to do this. It is honestly not fair to the parents and children who are impacted by other's choices. Thank you for respecting and following this expectation.

Finally, for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade parents, please keep your eyes peeled for our first Academic Camp flyer. We will be signing up students shortly and starting towards the end of October. Our first camp will focus on Math skills. Flyers are going home this week.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an amazing Fall season with you!

Sincerely,
Drew Gerlach
Proud Principal of Deerfield Beach Elementary School



Ms. Davis came into the 5th grade class to teach a lesson on working together and cooperation. The students had a great time collaborating with each other to build the tallest structure using spaghetti and marshmallows!



First graders are continuing to nail down routines and procedures. We are building our stamina for working and staying focused. In reading we are reviewing the short vowels sounds, learning how to blend words together, and practicing our sight words. We all need to be reading 10 – 15 minutes every night. In math we are working on addition and subtraction facts to 10. Any practice with our basic facts at home is beneficial. Parents can help by spending time practicing the correct way to write the letters and numerals. This can be fun if you use shaving cream, watercolors or playdoh! As always, iReady reading and iReady math are available online.

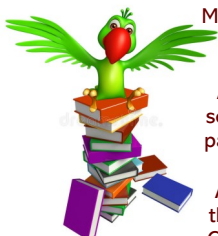
Mr. Gerlach's Reading Challenge

Is your child up for a reading challenge? Mr. Gerlach is having his annual Principal's Reading Challenge starting on October 6th.

All students that meet the reading goal set forth for their grade levels will participate in an exciting event at the end of the school year.

All minutes this year will be recorded in the Beanstack App. found on your child's Clever page. More information about the challenge can be found on our website.

Happy Reading!



Title 1 Information:

Dear Families,

In your child's **FIRST DAY PACKET**, the Title I School-Parent Compact was sent home for you to review, sign and return to your child's teacher. The School-Parent Compact outlines how parents, schools, and students agree to share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents develop a partnership that helps the students to achieve the state's high standards.

We've made phone calls and requested parent/teacher conferences in an attempt to further explain the need to review, sign and return the School-Parent Compact. Please review all sections of the attached Title I School-Parent Compact and return to your child's teacher. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 754-322-6100.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kourtnee Smith
Title 1 Liaison
Deerfield Beach Elementary School

DBES Calendar

October 8th

Kona Ice Day

October 19th

Early Release Day

October 20th

Teacher's Planning

October 21st

Literacy Night

October 25th

Picture Day

Dear Parents,

This month we will continue to work on the following skills:

Reading: Concepts of Print, phonemic and phonological awareness, sight words, identify rhyming words, blend and segment syllables in spoken words, identify the initial, medial and final sound of spoken words, use title, headings, and illustrations to predict and confirm the topic of texts, identify the topic and details in a text, and characters feeling and actions.

Math: Given a group of up to 10 objects, count the number of objects in the group and represent the number of objects with a written numeral, and comparing numbers 1-5.

Writing: Print upper and lowercase letters and correct letter formation, forming an idea about a writing topic from their experiences, illustrating their idea and learning to write simple sentences.

Also, please don't forget to read with your child each night and fill out those reading logs!

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Team



Hello families!

Third grade has been working on fictional texts these past two weeks. We have been working on determining character traits, main idea, and theme. We can identify that theme is the moral of a story and main idea is what the story is mostly about. We have our first round of School City assessments coming up this week for both literary and informational texts. For math, we are wrapping up our chapter about the different ways we can multiply and moving towards memorizing our multiplication facts. Please make sure your students get flash cards to practice memorizing their facts! (Dollar Tree and Walmart are great places to purchase these).

From your Third Grade Team!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child has been learning to ask and answer questions before, during, and after reading books. We have been studying how plants and animals depend upon each other and their habitats to get their needs met. In the upcoming weeks, we will discuss how characters/people respond to challenges they face and how they overcome them. Your child should be able to count by 1's, 5's, and 10's and understand place value. Practice counting forward and backward at any number, starting with numbers between 1-100, then moving up to 1,000. And as always, thank you! Your child's teacher appreciates the support that you may give our children.

Second-Grade Teachers

Hi Families! 4th Graders are learning R.A.C.E. and paragraph writing. They are learning the different ways to multiply. Please have them spend 5 minutes a night flashing through their multiplication flash cards. They need to read and do I-Ready Reading. They are aiming for 100 minutes a week, in I-Ready Reading. This includes time in class and at home. Reflex Math has an Assistant Principal challenge. For each quarter they need to solve a certain number of facts. Remember that students can do Reflex Math at home also. It is not found on Clever. The website is Reflexmath.com

Quarter 1: 5,000 total facts solved

Quarter 2: 10,000 total facts solved

Quarter 3: 15,000 total facts solved

Quarter 4: 20,000 total facts solved

Some important dates. October 29th is our in-house field trip. It cost \$8.00. It needs to be paid online. The directions are on the computer go to Estore.browardschools.com. Payment is due by October 18, 2021. We have 3 virtual field trips in October:

October 12 10:00-10:45 Celebrate the Tradition of Dia de los Muertos

October 13 9:00-10:00 Makerspace Robot Rollout

October 28 9-9:30 "She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head!"

- 4th Grade Team



PTA News!!



Our school spirit shirts and hoodies are still for sale!

We are only accepting payments through MemberHub or Venmo due to Covid-19.

Member Hub: <https://dbespta.memberhub.com/store?category=Spirit%20Shirts>

Venmo: @DBES-PTA-2021



T-Shirts are \$10

Polo Shirts are \$15

Zip-Up Hoodies are \$25



Trunk or Treat is October 29th from 5 PM-7 PM!!!

We are accepting candy & toy donations in the front office!

Volunteer now to become a part of this annual celebration!!!

<https://dbespta.memberhub.com/store?category=Memberships>

DBES PTA is still recruiting new members!

If you'd like to become an active partner in supporting your child's school please become a member!

Membership forms can be acquired by emailing DBES.PTA.UPDATE@GMAIL.COM

Don't forget to check our website daily for any new information!



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PARENTS:

Please be advised there are two health forms that need to be returned to the school immediately. The Consent for Health Services form as well as the Consent for Covid-19 Testing.

If you need another copy please ask your child's teacher

A very special Thank You to our community partners!



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