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Happy December DBES Families and Community,

What an amazing night! I am so proud of all our performers last night at our annual Singing Under the Stars winter show! It was great to see our chorus, percussion club, and grade levels put on a phenomenal performance! Thank you to all of our families who came out to celebrate the great talent and get us all in the holiday spirit!

We are also in the season of giving and at DBES! Thanks to your contributions, we raised over \$600 for a family that came over from the Bahamas. For our annual Jingle Bell walk, we raise money for families from our sister school, Bright Horizons. The Bright Horizons Center is an educational center that services students with severe disabilities. Many of the families there will face long term care situations way past traditional schooling years.

DBES raised over \$500 last year and donated Walmart gift cards to families in need. We hope to do the same this year to assist families in need. Whether you donate a few cents or dollars, every little bit will be helpful and truly appreciated! Students are encouraged to wear a festive t shirt or sweatshirt, **but are not allowed** to wear holiday pajamas. Please remember, donations are strictly voluntary, but greatly appreciated.

Finally, I want to wish all our families a wonderful winter holiday break. If you celebrate Christmas, Kwanza, and/or Chanukah, I want to wish you a wonderful time with your loved ones and family. May it be a restful and enjoyable break! Thank you for your continued efforts and partnership! I hope you have a fantastic start to your New Year and may it be a healthy one! See you in 2020!

Sincerely,  
 Drew Gerlach  
 Proud Principal of Deerfield Beach Elementary School



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#### News from Coach Bertucci

Happy holidays from Coach! By now every student should have brought home a Florida Panthers certificate with a voucher for two FREE Florida Panthers hockey tickets! All you need to do is follow the directions on the bottom blue part and you will receive two tickets with a value of about \$50.00. Every student earned this certificate by completing the floorball unit during Physical Education over the last month. I know some families have already logged in and received their tickets and are ready to go. If you have any questions you may call the Florida Panthers ticket office directly!

#### JINGLE BELL WALK FRIDAY DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

Once again, we will be doing a walk to help families from the Bright Horizons school for the holidays. Any amount of coin or dollars will be greatly appreciated. Last year we made a lot of families happy with a gift card. We will be walking and singing and jingling for about an hour to jump start our holiday break. Every student will receive a jingle bell necklace and candy cane to enjoy. Our chorus will be singing a few songs and of course you may dress in holiday attire with sneakers for the walk.



## ART NEWS!!!!

November has been very busy in the art room. I want to thank my amazing Art Club students for creating kindness rocks for the Veterans luncheon at DBES. The extra kindness rocks were placed in the Heroes Memorial in Lighthouse Point at Frank Mc Donough Park in time for Veterans Day. World Kindness Day was November 13<sup>th</sup> and to celebrate students created leaves of gratitude in art class. Each student wrote a message of kindness and thanks to give to someone to brighten up their day. They delivered their kindness leaves to teachers, staff and friends around the school campus. Barnes and Noble family night was a huge success. Thank you to those artists whose beautiful fall leaves were on display upstairs. The display was a wonderful backdrop for those students who read poems and books on the second floor. As it was also held on World Kindness Day we had an interactive banner for everyone to write a kind message which will be displayed in school. The Boca Raton community also wrote messages of kindness and encouragement for our students to read. The banner was filled with incredible words of wisdom. Thank you as always for supporting my amazing art students. Also our Art Club fundraiser "Hearts Of Hope For Hope Town", benefitting the Hope Town Primary School in Abaco has raised \$550.00 thus far. If you are interested in buying a heart necklace they are available for \$5.00 in the art room. Thank you Mrs. Devine Clark

### Mark Your Calendars

12/18/19  
Headstart / VPK  
Holiday Show 2:15pm

12/20/19  
Jingle Bell Walk  
Early Release 12pm

12/23/19/ - 01/06/2020  
Winter Break

01/07/2020  
Students resume classes

1/22/2020  
SAC 4:00pm  
PTA Meeting 5:00pm

Happy  
Holidays

Welcome to our new Partner in  
Education, Keith Engineering.  
Please see our website for more  
information.



### Title 1 Information

Our 2019-2020 School Improvement Plan is available on our schools website for you to review at anytime. If you have any questions or concerns about it, please join us at our School Advisory Committee meetings. The next one will be in January.

Annual Parent Seminar 2020 - "A Salute to Parents" is on January 25, 2020 at Signature Grand from 7:30am to 3pm. Childcare is NOT provided and you must be registered for this event.



### PTA News

\*\*\*Holiday Shop is December 16-19\*\*\*

The Holiday Season is upon us and in an effort to celebrate the giving time of year we're offering students a special opportunity to shop for Mom, Dad, aunts, uncles, grandparents, siblings, friends, teachers, and/or other important people in their lives. This year Holiday Shop will be open during school hours Tuesday-Thursday with Monday dedicated as a "preview day".

We would love help from volunteers with running our annual holiday shop. We are looking for volunteers to help students shop, man the wrapping paper station, and to set-up this special store. We have two volunteer shifts daily from 8:30-10:30am and 10:30-1:30pm during shop hours. Find us on Sign-Up Genius using our email address [DBES.PTA.Update@gmail.com](mailto:DBES.PTA.Update@gmail.com) to sign up shifts.

NOTE: Student and staff safety is a priority for Broward County Public Schools. All volunteers must complete this annual application for authorization from Broward County Public Schools in order to volunteer at any school, PTA, field trip events. <https://www.browardschools.com/volunteerapplication>

### \*\*\*Save the Date\*\*\*

Our First PTA Meeting of 2020 is January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm (following the 4pm SAC Meeting). All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we will be filling volunteers for the following:

Snowy Day Read In (January)

13-27: PTA Domino's Pizza Campaign

Our Annual Carnival and Silent Auction Fundraiser (May)

The March Scholastic Book Fair

It's Never Too Late to Join the PTA

Interested? Email us at [DBES.PTA.Update@gmail.com](mailto:DBES.PTA.Update@gmail.com), Call or Text Danielle Dunfee at 954-654-9161