

# DEAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## THE DOLPHIN DIGEST



### **Message from the Superintendent Dr. Anthony F. Moro, Jr.,**

Welcome Back for a Great School Year!

The new school year is off to a great start at the Deal Elementary School. On behalf of our Board of Education and Faculty, I want to extend a special welcome to all of our new families and their children as well as a warm welcome back to those of you who were with us last year.

We begin the year with two new faculty members. Karyn Cutler comes to us with a background in computer teaching and training. She has 8 years of public school experience as well as two Masters Degrees, a K-12 Reading Certificate and a K-5 Elementary Education Certificate. Deana Russo, our grade 6-8 Language Arts/Reading teacher comes to us with three state

certificates and two Bachelor of Arts degrees. She holds a subject matter specialization in language arts literacy for grades 5-8, a K-8 Elementary Teaching Certificate as well as an English as a Second Language Certificate. Deanna has recently completed a two year teaching assignment in the Bayshore Middle School.

The New school year will also see us continue to share Special Education Services with the Oceanport Board of Education. The Deal Board of Education has also entered into a shared service arrangement with the Ocean Township Board of Education for transportation, maintenance, and our hot lunch program. By entering into shared service agreements, all boards of education save substantial funds which ultimately benefit taxpayers.

As Superintendent/Principal, I shall work diligently to complete the Interdistrict Choice

Application and forward it to the State Department of Education for approval. The NJ Interdistrict Choice program provides the opportunity for non-resident students to attend Deal School at no cost to their parents/guardians. This program also

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includes transportation options for school choice students. The School Choice program covers grades K-8. The deadline for the completed application is October 29, 2010 and approved choice districts shall be notified in January in order to implement the program for the 2011-2012 school year.

Best wishes for a healthy and successful "Great School Year."

### **PTO NEWS:**

Hello and Welcome! Thank you to those who have returned your **Membership Forms** and **Greenraising orders**. To anyone who hasn't yet perused our Greenraising catalog please do! In previous years we had partnered with a company that sold wrapping paper, candy and gift items. As a school community, we heard your comments about the poor quality and unappealing selection. We tried to find a company that resonated with our commitment to the environment and our children. I encourage you to place an order during our earth friendly fundraiser. Remember, for every 10 packages of gift wrap sold, one tree will be planted in the name of Deal School. Let's start a forest! This is the largest fundraiser of the year and our success determines our programming and need for continued fundraising. Please support Deal School.

A huge thank you to Mrs. Cutler for taking on the task of webmaster for the school and PTO. Just click on the **website**, [www.dealschool.org](http://www.dealschool.org) and our calendar of events is at your fingertips.

Coming up this month is our first assembly, **Arithmetickles**, on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. This program takes math "off the page

and onto the stage" by skillfully blending fast-paced theatre games, audience participation, improvisation, mime, puzzles, skits and stand up comedy to capture the attention of students of all ages.

### **Pumpkin Decorating Contest**

Calling all class parents. Touch base with your child's teacher to help his or her class decorate the winning pumpkin. Choosing a character from a favorite book or story, use paint, apply stickers, dress or carve your class pumpkin to victory. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for the best looking pumpkins. Judging will be on the morning of October 29<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will receive their pumpkins the first week of October.

### **PTO Meeting**

Our first meeting is scheduled for 7PM, Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup> in the library. Please come out to meet other parents and discover how together we can create the best school year for our children. Remember there are only 3 meetings during the year and they should only take about one hour of your time. We hope to see you there!

### **Halloween Bingo and Ice Cream Social**

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, please join us at 7PM for a spooktacular time. Deal PTO is sponsoring a Bingo night in the cafeteria with free ice cream and prizes. Cards are \$2.00 each; ice cream and fun are free! All ages are welcome. You will be receiving an E-vite to this event. Please respond so we can best assess the amount of ice cream we need to supply.



## TECHNOLOGY

Welcome to the Computer Lab! All grades will be visiting the computer lab at least once a week throughout the school year. Students will be working with Microsoft Office applications, learning important Internet skills, discussing technology hot topics, and using many other software applications. Projects that students work on will incorporate technology skills with core content from their other subject areas.

I am very excited to join the Deal School community. For the past 5 years I was a computer lab instructor for grades K-8. Before that, I was a classroom teacher in the primary grades. I received my Masters Degree in Literacy from Dowling College, and my Masters Degree in Instructional Technology from Touro College.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you and your children in the upcoming weeks. We will have many wonderful experiences and opportunities to learn and grow in the days ahead.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Cutler

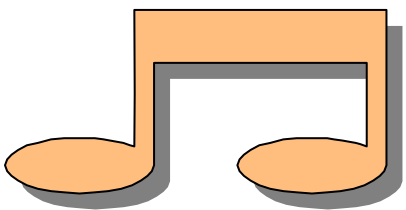


Remember getting all dressed **in your costume to go trick-or-treating**? Pure spooky joy. To keep it fun, everyone needs to stay safe. Here are 13 helpful tips to make sure your kids have a healthy and happy Halloween.

- **Have adult supervision.** Accompany your kids if you don't think they're old enough to trick-or-treat on their own.
- **There is safety in numbers.** If they're old enough to trick-or-treat without an adult, tell your kids to stay in a group.
- **Map out your plan.** Designate a route before your kids begin trick-or-treating, and make sure they stick to it.
- **Take the long way 'round.** Have your kids trick-or-treat in areas where there are a lot of people around. They should also avoid taking short-cuts through alleys and parking lots.
- **Try tick-or-treat-friendly homes.** Ensure your kids only visit houses with lights on. And, you might also suggest the houses they visit have some sort of Halloween decoration on the porch.
- **Stay outside.** Make sure your kids don't go inside someone's house. They can get their candy from the porch.
- **Remain visible.** Dress your kids in a bright costume so others can see

them. If their costume is dark, have your kids wear reflective strips or carry a glow stick or flashlight.

- **Remember, shorter = safer.** Goes without saying but just in case you forget, ensure your kids' costumes aren't so long that they can trip over them.
- **Don't cover the face.** Instead of masks, have your kids wear make-up so they can see better.
- **Quality-check treats.** Check your kids' candy before they eat it. Throw out any candy that is not in its original wrapper or looks like it has been tampered with.
- **Say "no" to strangers.** Tell your kids to never accept a ride or go anywhere with a stranger.
- **Obey the law.** Encourage your kids to follow all the regular rules for walking around. That includes looking both ways before crossing, obeying all traffic laws and using cross walks and crossing lights where available.
- **Have a great time!** Finally, make sure your kids have tons of fun and get lots and lots of candy.



### **MUSIC NEWS:**

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer vacation.

Over the summer, I had a very enjoyable experience teaching a Women's Leadership class for middle school girls at the Ranney School in Tinton Falls. The class I taught

involved teaching the girls about past and current women leaders, current events, public speaking, and how to set personal and professional goals.

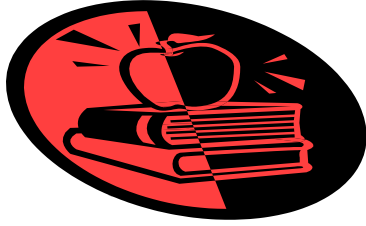
My most exciting experience of the summer was getting engaged to my high school sweetheart. I couldn't be happier, and I am busy getting all of my planning done for my upcoming wedding in April.

I am looking forward to another exciting year of music at Deal School. We have many upcoming events including our Halloween show, our holiday musical, and our instrumental band performance in December.

The holiday musical this year is entitled "I Need a Little Christmas Vacation." The story is about a group of school children faced with the possibility of getting snowed in at school over the holiday break. The show is very funny and features several songs as well as lots of dialogue. All students in grades 4-8 will sing in the chorus, and many roles are available to students who wish to audition for these parts in the next few weeks.

As one last reminder, recorders for all new recorder students were sanitized over the summer.





## **LANGUAGE ARTS/READING Grades 6-8**

### **Ms. Deana Russo**

Hello! My name is Deana Russo and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I was recently hired to teach Reading and Language Arts in Deal Elementary School for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Teacher Education, as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. I hold teaching certifications in the following areas: Elementary School Teacher Grades K-8, Elementary School Teacher with Subject Matter Specialization in Language Arts Literacy Grades 5-8, and Teacher of English as a Second Language.

Over the last three years, I have been employed in both Point Pleasant Borough School District as a fourth grade replacement teacher and most recently in Middletown Township School District as a Language Arts Literacy teacher in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades.

I am very thankful to have been given this wonderful opportunity to work at Deal Elementary School. I am looking forward to working with the students, parents, faculty, and administration.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

The Deal students have elected a new Student Council for the 2010-2011 school year. The President is Jeanne. This year we have two Vice Presidents, Krishawna and Cameron. The Treasurer is Hayley. The

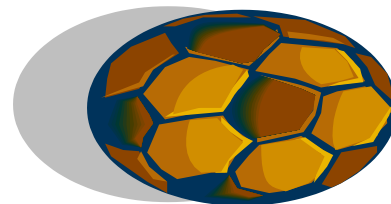
two eighth-grade representatives are Jagpal and Darryl. There are no seventh-grade representatives. We welcome the new sixth grade representatives, Isabella, Elliot, Nathan and Julia. Congratulations to all!

The school store will be open in October during lunch. Student Council will be taking over the bulletin board next to the cafeteria. The bulletin board will consist of current events for the Student Council, pictures of school events that have been happening and some creative displays.

-Krishawna, Vice President

## **REMINDER**

Parent/Teacher  
Conferences will be held  
the week of November 1<sup>st</sup>



**SOCCER NEWS**

At this time, Deal Soccer has begun with 1 win, 1 loss. The players are working hard at practice and giving maximum effort in games. Our members are: Javier, Cameron, Hayley, Dusty, Rison, Irving, Michael B., Ryan, Darryl, Saul, Nik, Imani, Jan, Krishawna, Tim, Ricky and Michael A. Jeanne and Christian were elected co-captains.

Deal’s home games will be played at Joe Palaia Park (Deal Test Site). Come root for your 2010 Dolphin Soccer Team!

**OCTOBER CALENDAR:**

<p><b><u>Monday, October 11</u></b> *School Closed-Columbus Day</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday, October 13</u></b> *School Photo Day *Arithmetickler Assembly x2 12:45 PM</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday, October 20</u></b> *Bingo-7:00 PM</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday, October 14</u></b> *PTO Meeting 7:00 PM in the library</p>
<p><b><u>Friday, October 29</u></b> *Halloween Parade-1:00 PM</p>

**Student Lunches are \$2.50.**



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be selling Ice Cream every Thursday and Friday for \$1.00.**



**District Emergency Notification System-School Messenger**  
Parents will be notified regarding emergency closing and early dismissals.

**Pick-Up/Dismissal**

## Procedure

**To reinforce the importance of the safety of our children and to avoid safety hazards or delays, please adhere to the following requirements:**

1. Dismissal time is 3:00pm
2. Pick up children at the Circle in front of the school only
3. Move up in line to keep the circle filled
4. *Do not* leave your car while in line
5. Do not pick children up on Roseld Avenue
6. Join the excess car line on the north side of Roseld Avenue to avoid congestion at the school entrance



### **“The Dolphin Digest”**

We are seeking all school-related information, including student milestones such as winning an award, after school activities, articles written by students, theatrical and Deal School sports reviews, class, team and club news, and more.

### **The Deal Board of Education**

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