

DEAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE DOLPHIN DIGEST



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

The Deal Board of Education approved the appointment of Lynne Casale as a Paraprofessional during their December meeting. Lynne has been a substitute teacher and secretary at Deal School since January, 2006. Lynne holds a bachelor of arts in Psychology and Elementary Education certificates in grades K-8. Not only will Ms. Casale assume the role as a kindergarten aide but she will assist various teachers with in-class student support. It's a pleasure having Lynne join our staff.

During the holiday break, many capital projects were completed. They include:

- a. Equipping the building with Wi-Fi;
- b. Installing data fiber and cabling for smart boards;
- c. Refurbishing both gym floors;
- d. Installing a new ceiling in the large gym;
- e. New vinyl tile in 5 classrooms as well as the teachers' room, nurse's room, nurse's office, locker rooms and the north hallway

In addition to these completed projects, the Deal Board of Education continues to be committed to modernizing our classrooms and instructional programs by way of upgrading our technology. We have purchased 40 laptops which will be placed in mobile carts and utilized by classroom teachers in their subject areas for language learning, research, word processing and class projects.

We are also in the process of setting up a mobile i-pad cart for our classes to share. The cart will have 20 i-pads loaded with fun and educational applications across all subjects. For example, students will be able to practice math facts, create multimedia projects, participate in virtual dissections, create music and so much more.

Finally, we also have purchased 5 smart boards which are a brand of interactive white boards. These boards will replace chalk boards but the fact that they can display anything that can be presented on a computer screen has made them a popular teaching aid. Teachers can display things like websites, video lessons, and student presentations and they can use various educational software programs with them. Since the boards are also touch sensitive, students and teachers can also “write” on them. Interactive white boards can be used to differentiate instruction and meet the needs of visual and kinesthetic learners.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and wonderful 2012 and may it bring us peace, joy, happiness and health.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

*AM Drop off is at 8:15. Please do not drop off your child if a teacher is not present for it's a safety issue.

*All visitors must report to the main office for the safety of our children, we cannot allow anyone to enter the school and walk the hallways or go to a classroom without an appointment from the teacher. If you need to speak with a teacher, please call and schedule an appointment, as our

teachers are always happy to meet with you. If you need to speak to your child, Mrs. Fox will call him/her to the main office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

*Please remember to be kind to one another. The new HIB (harassment, intimidation and bullying) law is something we take very seriously in Deal School.

GRADE 1-MS. MOSKOV

First Grade has been busy learning about their neighborhood and the people that work and live in their community. Soon we will start our next unit; North, South, East, and West. We will explore maps and write about our favorite trip. Most importantly, we will be making sure that we know our address.

GRADE 2-MRS. DEITCH

2012 has begun with a bang in grade two! We have all written New Year's resolutions and we really hope to stick to them.

We have begun our money unit in math and are very busy counting coins in our classroom. Please remember to continue practicing counting coins through one dollar with your child.

The boys and girls have selected fiction chapter books for their January book reports. We are making book jackets filled with lots of interesting information. Our writing program and our portfolios continue to expand daily. The students

have just completed a story entitled A Place I Explored.

We are currently working on How To stories. The students are learning to conference with each other to create better stories. Everyone enjoys reading their final copies to the kindergarten.

In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Day, we read about the life of Dr. King. We had many discussions about the difficult times that Dr. King endured. We shared our thoughts about prejudice in our writing and classroom discussions.

We have so much planned for the coming months. In February we will begin our biography unit. Information will follow about our special biography breakfast.

We wish all of our Deal School families a happy and healthy new year!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION-MRS. TRACEY

Happy New Year!

Grades 6-7-8 are finishing the volleyball unit and will play their tournament at the end of January, and the 8th grade is preparing to play against the teachers!

If you haven't seen the gym since we've returned from the holidays, you're in for a real treat! The ceiling is brand new, and the

floor has been completely redone, with new lines and a center circle complete with diving dolphins!

SEVENTH GRADE SCIENCE-DR. CICC

By: Ryan Humelsine

Our seventh grade science class is having fun this year. In November, Dr. Cicci had us build our own cars, made out of household materials, which were balloon powered.

We are currently working on creating a paper roller coaster. No, it is not as easy as you may think. The only materials we are allowed to use are copy paper and tape.

The group project must include:

1 jump

1 loop

1 turn

Away to catch the roller coaster marble safely.

There is always something happening in seventh grade science!



MUSIC-MRS. BIRMAN

2012 brings many new and exciting adventures to our music classroom!

Kindergarten and First grades are on an exciting trip around the world, learning and performing games and dances enjoyed by children from various countries and singing in different dialects!

Our second and third grades are reading music with a program called "Rocking

Rhythm Raps". The accompaniment tracks make them feel like true Rock Stars! We are also learning to read melodic phrases while playing Kazoos. This helps prepare the third grade for recorder lessons and ultimately a spot in band next year!

Fifth grade is taking a journey through American History We will listen to and write our own African American Field Hollers Be introduced to Western work songs as well as country line dancing!

Sixth grade is traveling the seven continents while discovering indigenous instruments and performing world rhythms in community drum circles, Seventh and Eighth grades are currently writing their own 12 Bar Blues pieces complete with blues scale improvisations!

Our band is working diligently on unique and exciting pieces which you can enjoy at our Art Show!

Peace and Harmony!

GRADE 4-MRS. PASSARELLA

The 4th Grade finished their Business Reading Unit and with much excitement opened the Deal School Store. The store will be open on Tuesday and Wednesdays during lunch. Students can replenish their school supplies for the new year. The store stocks pencils, pens, erasers, pencil cases, notepads, folders, and mechanical pencil lead.

In December we received a letter from New Mexico. A 4th grade student wrote our school to inquire about our favorite things, news about our school and our class. We each wrote back to "Estrella" telling her information ourselves. We also included

the questionnaire about New Jersey and Deal School.

We cheered in the New Year with our own hopes for excellence in school. Everyone wrote what goal they will work towards for the rest of this school year.

One of our favorite recent Writer's Workshop projects included a funny story about our school lunches. We studied the 6 Traits of Writing - Word Choice. Watch for our stories in the hallway. Come read a few lunchroom reviews.

A shout out to "Fuzzy". We miss you, your smile, your hugs and especially you in the building. We hope you are enjoying your time at home.

Student Council News

Watch for the upcoming Student Council Valentine Candy Grams. This year we will be selling chocolate roses. Send your favorite valentine a chocolate rose with a love note attached. Flyers will be coming home soon.

We still have Deal School gym drawstring bags available. If you are interested send in your order to the Student Council. Bags are \$10.

The Student Council wishes "Miss Fuzzy" a happy retirement. We know she supported our group and we thank her for her kindness.

RESOURCE CORNER-MS. BENDIX

Monthly tip on how to make your schoolwork easier!

For February, try this method for helping you ace a social studies or science quiz or test. Keep a stack of small sticky notes next

to you while you are reading your chapter. For each paragraph you read, write a summary sentence (on one of the sticky notes) or the most important fact or main idea in that paragraph. Stick it in your textbook right next to corresponding paragraph. When you go back to review the chapter, you have notes from which you may study already complete. Anyone who performs this strategy and shows Ms. B their textbook with a chapter's worth of completed sticky notes will get a prize. Ms. Bendix looks forward to seeing a long line of prize-winners.



READING/LANGUAGE ARTS-MS. RUSSO

The sixth grade reading class is currently reading The City of Ember by Jean DuPrau. The City of Ember is an exciting and adventurous novel in which the two main characters, Lina Mayfleet and Doon Harrow, try to save their failing society by trying to find a way out.

As a follow-up project to the novel, the sixth grade language arts class is creating their own societies. They are working with partners to design their own society and to create a brochure which showcases their society. They are also writing persuasive

letters to prospective citizens persuading them to come live in their society.



MRS. CUTLER-TECHNOLOGY

SMARTBoards, laptops and iPads, oh my! It is shaping up to be a very busy year in the technology department. We have a lot of great new things on the way to give our students a high-tech and interactive learning experience.

The 7th grade had a great time working with the LEGO robotics program and beginning this month it will become part of the 8th grade curriculum. I will be adding some "LEGOS in action" pictures to our website's photo gallery shortly so be sure to check it out.

Here are some fun winter websites that might bring some joy to a cold and/or snowy weekend!

- Winter Games & Printable Activities:
<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/winter/games.htm>
- More Winter Games:
<http://funschool.kaboose.com/fun-blasters/winter/index.html>

- Winter at Billy Bear:
<http://www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/winter/fun.htm>
- Not winter related but so much fun!:
<http://pbskids.org/games/index.htm>
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Geography Bee Winners:

- 4TH Grade**-Zoe Kukowski
& Christian Falcone
5th Grade-Jack Ciavatta & Antonio Ramos
6th Grade-Dosia Cummings
& Nikki Thornton
7th Grade-Ryan Humelsine
& Isabella Ramos
8th Grade-Michael Bellina
& Sierra Sorrentino
School Champ: Dosia Cummings

Student Lunches are \$2.50.



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

**Pick-Up/Dismissal
Procedure**

**JANUARY
CALENDAR:**

1/16-School Closed-MLK
1/25-Life in Space Assembly 1:00 PM

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.



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