

DEAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE DOLPHIN DIGEST



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



What a Field Trip!

During the weekend of October 15th-16th, I had the opportunity to take an 8 hour Amtrak train ride from Metro Park-Iselin to Norfolk, VA. When I arrived at the Norfolk Naval Base with nine other educators throughout our country, we were "jetted" 150 miles off-shore to successfully land on a 1,092 ft nuclear powered air-craft carrier

named the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. This floating city houses 5000 young men and woman sailors whose average age is 24. As mentioned, the length of the flight deck is 1,092, the width of the flight deck is 252 feet and the area of the flight deck is 4 ½ acres!

As part of the Navy's distinguished visitor (DV) program, our group had the opportunity to visit with sailors as we toured the ship. Crew members welcomed the chance to describe their work and the daily operations of a carrier and at sea. Along with viewing flight operations, our group ate in various mess areas and were shown the navigation bridge. We basically saw the ship from stem to stern. Although our state room (sleeping quarters) left a lot to be desired, this field trip was a once in a life-time experience and we expressed our gratitude toward the Sailors' continued sacrifices in protecting our country's national interest, both at home and abroad. It's important for everyone to know that we are able to live the life the way we do

because of the men and woman we met on the USS Dwight E. Eisenhower
Should anyone wish to see outstanding pictures of my trip, stop in my office any time.

“PARENT ASSISTANCE”

Any parent willing to share a talent with our students are requested to contract Dr. Moro and he will arrange the activity in their child’s class during the school day. In the past, parents have shared art, dancing, musicianship and signing.

PTO NEWS:

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation with our first **family fun night**.

Overall, I think the hermit crab races were a success. I know the kids enjoyed themselves and hopefully you had an opportunity to interact with some other student's families that you might not have been able to otherwise.

I enjoyed hearing from a parent shortly after the hermit crab races. She said she had gone to the pet store to buy some things for the crab her child had won. While there, an employee said, “I don't know what is going on, we have had sooo many people coming in for crab accessories, we can't keep them in stock.”(Little did he know that there were 50 new crab owners at Deal School!)

Coming up this November we have an exciting opportunity- an after school enrichment for 20 students in grades 1-4. **Bricks 4 Kidz** is a hands on class using Legos where students will design and build

models while learning about the concepts of engineering and architecture. The **FREE demo class** is November 3rd from 3:15 to 4:15. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child. Classes then begin on Thursday November 17th and run on consecutive Thursdays until December 15th. The cost for the 4 sessions is \$60 and students will each receive a custom Lego minifigure and t-shirt to take home. Please see the Deal School website for more information.

Also this month on November 16th is assembly for students in grades K-8 ; **Animals and the Environment**. Students will have a chance to get up close and personal with some of the animals that have been affected by pollution and habitat destruction that will be discussed during the presentation.

To follow up, we were excited to see so many new faces and hear so many great ideas at the PTO meeting. Bricks 4 Kidz was one such idea and another was hosting a **used book fair** in December, just before the holidays. I would like to make this a reality but will need help. Anyone with any interest or experience please contact either Danielle or myself.

The PTO also showed a video to students in grades 1-8 about **Kindness** this past month. If you heard about it or were curious, it is now available on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU>

It is put out by LifeVest Inside and called Kindness Boomerang.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual **Gift Wrap fundraiser**. Your products will be in shortly. Our next fundraiser will be an **Otis Spunkmeyer**

cookie dough sale. Many of you had the chance to sample the cookies at the Family Fun Night. Your generosity and support of Deal PTO is tremendously appreciated and enables us to continue with our dynamic programming and enrichment.

Also, we will be collecting any unwanted Halloween Candy in “**Trick or Treat for the Troops**”.

Through November 4th we will collect candy and send it to our troops through Operation Gratitude.

www.operationgratitude.com. More information can be found on the school's website as well.

As winter approaches, many of you may be out buying new coats for your children, I would like to ask that you please hold onto the old ones. Coming up in December, the PTO is partnering with www.onewarmcoat.org to host a **coat drive** to benefit LunchBreak in Red Bank. More information will be forthcoming.

In conclusion, I just needed to reiterate that there are still **two vacant PTO board seats**. We so appreciate the offers made, “call when you need help”, “keep my number”, etc. But in order to move forward it would be most convenient for someone who may be interested to come out now to see how things are done so that when Danielle and I step down there can be a seamless transition. Please consider it.

Thank you, and Have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving.

Keelin Hutzley

Any parent who did not receive the PTO newsletter via email, please visit the

school's website under the PTO icon and enter your email to be included on the mailing list to receive future news.

GRADE 1-MS. MOSKOV

First Grade has been busy learning all of our new sound spelling cards. We are well on our way to becoming excellent readers. The students completed writing their first book titled "Me at School". We just started our unit on animals. We are learning about the different habitats in which they live. We will be doing descriptive writing about animals. We are excited about all that is going this fall. During our class trip to Wemrock Orchards we learned how to bake an apple pie. We also learned about the different types of apples and pumpkins. Our trip ended with a hay ride and an opportunity to pick pumpkins from the pumpkin patch. The First Graders are very excited about the upcoming November holidays, Halloween and Thanksgiving!

Grade 2- Mrs. Deitch

Second grade had an exciting month of October! Along with grades one and three we enjoyed a wonderful trip to Wemrock Orchards. We learned about all the varieties of apples and different types of pumpkins and gourds. We even watched the chef prepare an apple pie! Following a trip to the pumpkin patch and hayride, we had lunch in nearby Battlefield Park before returning to school.

Everyone did a great job on our first book report. We are already hard at work on our Pilgrim and Native American unit. Our program will be held in our classroom on the morning of November 23rd, so please be sure to save the date.

We ended the month with a terrific Halloween celebration in our classroom. Our class won the ghost contest with our spooky ghost bride! We enjoyed a pizza party from the P.T.O. as our prize! Special thanks to all of our parents for making our Halloween party such a fun event for our second grade!

Once again, we look forward to seeing you on November 23rd .

MRS. PASSARELLA

4th and 5th Grade Happenings

The 5th Grade had a wonderful visit to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. This was the first year we were able to visit the museum inside the Statue. Once through the museum, we then made the long climb up to the top of the base. We wish to thank all the classes for visiting our Ellis Island Open House in the classroom. We all enjoyed our Heritage Reading unit.

Both reading classes started novels this month. The 4th grade is reading Frindle. We are testing the word out for pen, using Frindle instead. The 5th grade is reading Esperanza Rising, a story about migrant workers, immigration and family courage.

Student Council News

Officer announcement correction:
Treasurer: Makyla Jefferson

Thank You

We thank everyone for buying Deal School clothing products and Boo Bags. Sweats will be delivered to the homerooms soon.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Once again the Student Council will be collecting food during the month of November. All donations will be taken to the Monmouth/Ocean Food Bank. Each morning we will visit the classrooms with a shopping basket to collect food. Please bring in nonperishables, money donations and turkeys. Points will be given for each item. Monetary and turkey donations will be credited by amount and pound. There will be a prize for the class with the highest point total. Join the fun, feel good helping others and support the Student Council community outreach project. Helping others puts a warm feeling in your heart.

REMINDER

12:30 PM Dismissal Days will be held the week of November 7th for Parent/Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER CALENDAR:

November 3 rd -Bricks for Kidz 3:15-4:15
November 7-9 th 12:30 PM Dismissal Days Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 10 and 11 School Closed-NJEA Convention
November 16 th Animals and the Environment Assembly-Grades K-8



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

Student Lunches are \$2.50.



“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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