



Welcome to Deerfield

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About Deerfield: Built in 1968, Deerfield has a current enrollment of approximately 500 students. Our school community has high academic expectations for all students. Deerfield is fortunate to have many involved parents including an active partnership with Hy-Vee on 6th Street. We have an excellent and dedicated staff devoted to providing high quality educational experience that stretch the minds of our students. Visit our school website www.usd497.org/Domain/10 or scan the QR code. Scan with your smart phone using any QR reader.



Summer Newsletter:

Parents will receive a summer newsletter via email the first week of August. The summer newsletter will provide parents with information needed before school starts, such as beginning of the year events, supply lists, updated staff lists, school calendar etc...

The mailing will include the traffic plan that we encourage you to become familiar with prior to the first day of school. The Deerfield Handbook can be found on the Deerfield Website.

Enrollment and Fee Payment:

If you attended Kindergarten Orientation and completed your enrollment process, then your child is enrolled. Information about paying fees will be sent to you after school begins in the Fall.

Paying for meals:

All students can participate in the breakfast program. Breakfast is served from 7:35am-7:50am each morning. In order for students to arrive to class on time, we stop serving breakfast promptly at 7:50 am. If your student will be eating breakfast at school you will need to pre-pay for meals. You have several ways to put money on your child's meal account:

- Mail a check (in any amount) to the school: Attn: Deerfield Food Service
- Send/or bring check or cash to the school on the first day of school (and any school day thereafter)
- Go to www.usd497.org, click on the Student and Parent tab, click on the Food Service tab. Here you will find options for paying online.

Classroom assignments:

Classroom assignments will be finalized and mailed to the parents the 1st week of August.

School Hours:

M, T, Th, Fr
8:00 am - 3:05 pm

Wednesday
8:00 am - 1:35 pm

Please call the office at 832-5660 if your child will be absent from school.



Entry into Building:

Doors are unlocked at 7:35 am for students coming to eat breakfast. Kindergarten students who come to school before 7:50 am and are not eating breakfast will assemble in the gym until the 7:50 am bell rings. They will then be dismissed to class. Students coming in between 7:50 am-8:00 am can go straight to their classrooms. After 8:00 am, students must enter the building through the front doors only.

Dismissal:

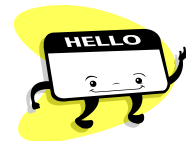
MTRF –3:05pm , Wed. 1:35pm

Once school is dismissed, students are expected to be picked up or start walking home immediately, unless they are enrolled in Boys and Girls Club.

After School Program: The Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence hosts an after school program at Deerfield. Childcare is provided from school dismissal until 6:00pm. Please call 423-3695 for enrollment information.

Volunteering/Visiting the School: All visitors must check in at the office and get a Deerfield identification sticker to wear while they are volunteering in the building. Unless pre-arranged with the teacher, we ask that visitors not interrupt classrooms during school hours.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO): The Deerfield PTO is very active and supports the school in many ways. Meetings are held once a month. This year they were scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. There are many volunteer opportunities available. To see the complete list of volunteer opportunities, please refer to the Deerfield PTO information guide and/or the PTO page on the Deerfield website.



School Parties: Parents will be asked to contribute a dollar amount per child for school parties. Room Parent Coordinators and Room Parents plan school parties. Since we are a multi-section school we ask that room parents plan grade level parties together so that activities/treats are similar. There are three parties each year, one for Halloween, one for the winter holidays and one to celebrate Valentine's Day. Our district has a wellness plan that has been implemented in our school. We ask that parents strive to bring snacks and treats that are healthy.

Birthdays– NO TREATS PLEASE/or INVITATIONS TO PARTIES

Due to time constraints and the rising dietary needs of our students, we must insist that NO treats be brought to school for birthdays. Our Deerfield PTO provides each teacher with a supply of birthday pencils for each child. The librarian encourages parents to donate a book to the Deerfield library in honor of their child's birthday. Balloons and flowers will not be delivered to the classroom for children. Invitations to student birthday parties should be distributed outside of school.

WatchDOGS: WatchDOGS (Dad of Great Students) are our father/father figure volunteers who devote a whole day volunteering in the school. They help provide safety and security. They assist in the classrooms and supervise lunch, recess, arrival and dismissal. There is a WatchDOGS Kick-off at the beginning of each year for new WatchDOGS dads to learn more about the program and sign up for volunteer days. Be sure to check out our WatchDOGS photos on the wall near the office.



Health Questions and Concerns: We have an excellent health team at Deerfield. If you have any questions or concerns about medications, paperwork for medications, immunizations or general health concerns, please feel free to contact the Health office at 832-5660.

Music Programs: Each grade level has one music program a year. Usually the kindergarten program is in the spring to give students more time to develop their music skills.

Teacher Contact: The easiest way to contact teachers is through e-mail. You can access teacher email addresses and phone numbers through the Deerfield website at www.usd497.org/Domain/10 If you do not have Internet access, you can always leave a written message for your teacher in the office or a phone message through the office at 832-5660.

Communication: Most school newsletters are emailed to parents. We try our best to email only on Thursdays. It is important that you keep your contact information current, so that you receive important school news. This would include your email address and phone numbers for yourself and emergency contacts.

School Handbook: The complete Student Handbook is located on our school website in the "For Parents" tab.

Parent Teacher Conferences Scheduling: Your teacher will ask to meet with you at least three times a year, once at the beginning of the year, once in November and once in February. You are welcome to schedule additional times to meet with your child's teacher should you feel the need or have concerns.

Meeting with the Principal: If at any time you feel the need to meet with the principal, please call the front office to schedule a meeting. Scheduling a meeting will ensure the principal is available to meet with you.





The Lawrence Public Schools values strong relationships between home and school. We know that family involvement in a child's education leads to greater achievement and success!

We encourage all parents/guardians to create a personalized PowerSchool account enabling you to access information for your students using any computer, tablet, or smartphone connected to the internet. If you do not have a computer or internet access at home, you may access PowerSchool at school or the public library. PowerSchool provides online access to available information about your student's attendance, schedules, assignments, grades, and teacher and school communication. Since this system is new to the district, you may not see all of these features right away. Thank you for your patience as we continue to develop PowerSchool.

PowerSchool's suite of solutions brings all of the information and tools staff and school families need to manage instruction and collaboration into one unified and user-friendly platform. PowerSchool integrates functions previously performed in our district by Skyward (student information system), Blackboard (learning management system), SEAS (special education IEP system), and Viewpoint (data warehouse), among others.

Before Getting Started:

You will need a copy of your student(s)' log-in credentials before you begin. If you didn't receive these in a sealed mailer via U.S. Mail, please contact your school secretary or registrar for this information.

PLEASE NOTE: All Student Access ID Codes must end with the capital letter "A." If your student's Access ID Code doesn't already end with an "A", please add a capital letter "A" to the end of it. If it already ends with an "A", you're good to go!

Please keep these credentials confidential to protect the privacy of your student(s)' information.

Now, Let's Get Started!

Once you have your student(s)' credentials, please follow these instructions to: 1) Create your PowerSchool Account, and 2) Link your student(s) to your account.

[Instructions for Creating Your Parent/Guardian PowerSchool Account.](#)

REMIND 101

This year we are giving you the option of subscribing to **text message reminders** using Remind 101. These texts will only be sent for general reminders of upcoming events that you have already been informed about through our newsletter. For instance, school picture day will be announced in the newsletter weeks before the actual day. However, we may send out a text the night before as a gentle reminder. Since we know that not all parents will want text message reminders we will never use texting as the only mode of communication.

To join Text Message Reminders, send a text to

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With the message: **@Deerfie**

When you are asked to submit your name, please type in your first and last name and put your child/ren's name in parenthesis.

For example: Joni Appleman (Jenna)

