



Deroche Elementary Bear Nation Weekly Bulletin

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Hello, loved ones, guardians, and supporters of Deroche Elementary: I hope this first newsletter of 2024 finds all families well and looking forward to the coming months of learning for our students. 2024 is sure to bring many exciting opportunities for the Deroche learning community. As students eased back into the norm of their classes and routines, many expressed enthusiasm and excitement to be back. Our staff was also thrilled to welcome back all of our 92 students after a restful holiday.

This week, Division 1 hosted Mr. Brown, a nationally recognized leader in restorative practice, who spoke with the class about navigating social challenges and conflicts through respectful conversation and awareness. Mr. Brown will continue to support our community in the months to come. In association with Salmon in the Classroom programming, students have also been observing and tracking the growth and development of Deroche's chum eggs. In outdoor education, students have continued to show positive and impactful stewardship during our weekly grounds clean-up and maintenance initiative. I am so pleased that students are enjoying this opportunity to contribute and care for the beautiful surroundings that Deroche offers. Some exciting news: several salmon were recently spotted in the school stream! It's great to see the return after our 5 years of releasing salmon fry.

Next week, all classes will participate in a special visit from Science World- On the Road Learning and learn about forces of nature in an electrifying assembly in the gym. Kindergarten online registration will also be open on Monday through Friday to families for next school year. Many families have requested another opportunity to participate in Excel Martial Arts lunchtime programming and I am happy to announce that there will be another session offered Feb 5-9th with permission forms being sent home in the weeks to come. Best wishes for a restful weekend to all our Deroche families and community,

Kelly Hennessey - Principal

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kindergarten Registration: begins on Monday January 15th. Children born in 2019 are eligible. Please refer to the Mission School District webpage for pre-registration information. Registration packages will be available at the school office starting on Monday. Please bring your child's birth certificate with you.

PAC News: The next PAC meeting is Fri January 19th at 2:30 pm in the school library. We will be talking about plans and goals for the remainder of the school year so we'd love for you to be part of the discussions! Hope to see you there 😊

Brrrrrrrr! Next week will start to warm up, but we are still expecting cold temperatures. Please dress your child for the weather or let us know if you are in need of some winter attire as we have some items that we can share.

Electronics: It's important for electronics and cameras to be kept at home and not used on the bus. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child isn't bringing these items to school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan 15	K-Registration begins
Jan 15	Science World is here 1-1:45
Jan 19	PAC Meeting at 2:30
Jan 25	It's A Crime not to Read
Feb 16	PRO-D – No School
Feb 19	STAT – Family Day
Feb 22	It's A Crime not to Read
Feb 23	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Mar 1	Div 1-4 to Clarke Theatre
Mar 7	It's A Crime not to Read
Mar 15	Non-Instructional Day
Mar 18	Mar 18-Apr 2: Spring Break
Apr 3	School Reopens

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