




DEER PARK WEEKLY REMINDERS

September 13, 2007

WELCOME BACK TO DEER PARK!! We are looking forward to an exciting year of Planting the Seeds of Learning! *Please read your Weekly Reminders or PTA Newsletter when it arrives home every week in your Thursday folders.* You will find all of the important reminders for the week ahead and if you are diligent about reading it you will always know what's going on at Deer Park. You can also register to receive PTA communications via email at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DeerParkPTA>.

 **FALL GIFT WRAP KICKOFF:** Coming home today is a packet from Innisbrook, our gift wrap fundraiser partner for 2007. Last year the PTA earned about \$13,000 to help fund many school activities including field trips, assemblies, computers, school sponsored programs and teacher training. This year our goal is set at \$14,000. With greater participation, we can achieve and surpass this goal. Innisbrook was chosen because of their consistent quality and variety of products. New this year is EZ Parent Order Entry done online. To get started go to www.innisbrook.com, click on "Manage My Account" and follow the simple directions to register your student(s). You can send the provided e-mail to yourself or enter addresses from your personal address book inviting friends and family to help support Deer Park. Student registration is required to receive prize credit for ALL orders placed online. The PTA along with Innisbrook is offering prize incentives for early sellers and top sellers. For every 15 items you sell fill out a coupon and place it in the gift-wrapped box in the office for a chance to enter the Prize Machine. What's the Prize Machine? Come to 'Back to School' night and watch the Fall Gift-wrap Fundraiser commercial, starring our very own Deer Park students, to find out. Three winners will be chosen on Sept. 25 and 2 more will be chosen on Oct. 5. Want to guarantee a spot in the Prize Machine? Just sell 40 items. Official rules for the Prize Machine will be posted in the office. In addition to the Prize Machine the top 5 sellers will get their choice of the following items: a Grab-it Machine, a Drink-o-matic Personal Vending Machine, a Personal DVD player, a Karaoke Machine or a Digital Camera. Please take a minute to look through the brochures, see all the great products, and help contribute to great PTA-sponsored activities! Please remember, don't have your child sell to strangers. Contact Maria Vetsch at 703-994-8565 or mariavet@cox.net if there are questions.

 **FIRST WEEK PAPERWORK:** If you have not already done so, please turn in all of your first week paperwork including Emergency Contact Forms, Health Forms, Volunteer Sheets, PTA Membership, Permission Forms, etc.

 **YEARBOOK PICTURES:** The yearbook is in need of pictures! We would LOVE to have copies of your first day of school pictures. We count on classroom volunteers, field trip chaperones and parents attending school events to bring cameras and take pictures. Groups of children work best. Digital photos are acceptable as long as they are at least 3

mega pixels and processed on photo paper. Please mark the back of the pictures with your child's grade and class and put them in an envelope labeled "Yearbook Committee". Remember, pictures submitted to the yearbook will NOT be returned.

\$\$ SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL: When you send money to school, it usually has to travel in your child's backpack, is handed to the teacher with a number of other items, is sent to the office via a messenger, and put in a box to be sorted by the office staff. No matter how hard we try to keep things together, there is plenty of opportunity for things to become separated. To ensure that your money arrives safely to its destination, please use the following guidelines: Put your child's name on any check you send to school, even if it was written by someone other than yourself. Put cash or checks in an envelope addressed to the appropriate receiver. i.e. "Lunch Money", "Gift-wrap Fundraiser", "Field Trip Money", etc. Make sure your child's name is either on the envelope or on an enclosed order form, permission slip, etc. Please DO NOT send money paper clipped to a piece of paper.



APPLEBEE'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's last June was a great success, so we've decided to do another one. Join us Saturday, November 10, 2007 from 8:00 - 10:00 am. The cost will be \$5 and includes 3 pancakes, 3 sausages and your choice of coffee, tea or orange juice. More details about ticket sales will follow. Contact Debbie Colonna at 703-815-6310 or debcolonna@cox.net with questions.

GIANT BONUSBUCKS AND SAFEWAY ESCRIP REGISTRATION: It's shopper's card registration time! All you have to do is register and every time you shop at Giant or Safeway, you earn money for our school. Last year's Giant earnings got the school three Smartboards valued at over \$1,000 each.

GIANT A+ BonusBucks: Go to www.giantfood.com/aplus and click "Designate Schools"

Last Name (of registered cardholder) _____

12-digit Bonus Card Number _____

Telephone number _____

SAFEWAY Escrip: Go to www.escrip.com and click "Sign up now"

Phone number used when shopping _____

First & Last Name of registered cardholder _____

City, State & Zip Code of registered cardholder _____

11-digit Safeway Club Card number _____