

# Alice Deal Middle School

Think Globally

Listen Compassionately

Act Inclusively

## PTA Newsletter

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### Principal's Message



The Deal Parent-Teacher-Association (PTA) plays a significant role in the academic life of Deal students. The generosity of the Deal community in its support of the goals of the PTA and the organization's leadership in setting meaningful goals, are the keys to this role. I want to highlight a couple of activities supported by the PTA to give you a clearer understanding of why you and they are so important.

Students at Deal are given the opportunity to take many excellent excursions outside of the building and beyond northwest Washington. Over the first few months of the year, each of our grades has taken a big field trip or two – including traveling to Hemlock Overlook for a ropes course, the National Mall (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades), the DC Trolley Tour, the National Portrait Gallery, and the Newseum. There are many more to go. The PTA always supports these trips beyond what parents themselves chip in. It is this

combination of aid that ensures that your students get well-planned and worthwhile trips. Because field trips (with very few exceptions) arise out of the curriculum, I insist that all students go; otherwise some might get short shrift. The PTA's generosity makes this a reality – students are not denied field trips because they are beyond their means.

A more recent effort by the PTA has been to aggressively fund scholarships for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on our world language international trips. Five years ago, there were no scholarships available for students whose families couldn't afford the expense of travel to France or Latin America. As an International Baccalaureate school, the opportunity for world travel is a remarkable culminating experience. The PTA decided to start providing support scholarships for students of merit – those with good marks, good behavior, commitment to the program, and who had

written an essay in support of the scholarship. Last year, two students traveled with fully funded grants. This year, the PTA increased the amount of funds available and, in conjunction with teacher-raised funds and a grant from the tour company, EF Tours, supported 10 scholarships. The affect of this generosity is to provide a very real opportunity for students of merit who wouldn't be able to take these trips any other way. For this, I sincerely thank the PTA and its supporters.

-James Albright

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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February 23**

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Diana Rojas and  
Cathy House, PTA  
co-presidents

**“We need  
every  
family at  
Deal to get  
involved.”**

## From the PTA Co-Presidents

Sometimes I can't believe it's only December! The fall semester is always a very busy one from the PTA point of view. We spend the first two months of the year furiously raising funds through our dues drive, and then segue right into planned fundraisers like International Night, the book fair and the holiday greens sale. Frankly, by late October, I'm ready for winter break!

The Deal community, we know, is very grateful. The school staff is constantly thanking us for our efforts; parents thank us for our efforts. And it's nice to be appreciated. But we're not doing this for the smiles and thanks. We spend an exorbitant amount of time raising money because we know that DCPS cannot provide all the things we need to ensure that Deal remains a great school. As parents, we don't just fund the bells and whistles – although those are really nice. We also fund necessities like computers for classrooms and replacement light bulbs for Smart Boards. The result is a school that is the envy of the city. A school that is busting at the seams because it's so popular.

As a city we're gearing up for challenge over school boundaries. If you've read the news, you know people are expecting a divisive fight over changes that could limit access to Deal. We are already big

fans of the school and it's tough to think that anticipated changes could deny other families the very school we benefit greatly from. If we had our druthers, Deal would be cloned around the city and everyone would be happy.

But just because the school is great doesn't mean that our work is done. We still have money on the brain because so far, as a community, we've raised only about half of what we've set out to raise. We're up to nearly \$90,000 in funds raised – some \$77,000 in dues and donations; another \$9,000 from our Promotional Sponsors and some \$3,000 from International Night. Our goal is some \$160,000. To that end, we are ever moving forward.

We need EVERY family at Deal to get involved. While we do simple math and say that \$150 per student would cover our entire budget, we do know that some can give more and some can give less. The bottom line is: please, give something. So far we have had some 45% of families join and donate to the PTA's fund. That's less than half of the families at the school even though the programs, activities and supplies we fund benefit 100% of the school's students. If it's only \$5 you can spare, join with that fiver! Become a part of the PTA and have your say.

Next up, the auction! As in

most upper Northwest schools, the auction at Deal is not only a highlight of the school's social calendar; it's a financial necessity for the PTA, second only to our dues drive in September. We aim to raise some \$50,000 from the event, but we cannot even come close to doing it alone. We need our families to donate goods and services. We need our families to help plan and carry out the huge event. We need families to come and participate.

We try to mix business with pleasure, creating events that are fun for all and raise money at the same time. And we hope you continue to enjoy them. Please don't tune us out because you think you've heard enough during the fall – it's not over until the \$160,000 is raised. And that can only be done if EVERYONE does their part.

Thank you for all your support so far. We look forward to continuing the year in the service of the school, and getting to know the many fantastic families and students who make up our community. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you:

[cathyhouse1@comcast.net](mailto:cathyhouse1@comcast.net)  
and [nogroi@gmail.com](mailto:nogroi@gmail.com).

-Cathy House and Diana Rojas

# DEAL ISLAND PARADISE



Get ready to join us for the Deal Island Paradise

Auction 2013 coming up on February 23. Solicitations are underway, and details are being put together for the biggest Deal party of the year! This year the auction committee is led by Janet Lugo Tafur and Anita Seline. Although it may seem like ages until the auction, the PTA is really seeking parent help to make sure the school's second biggest fundraiser is the huge success it always is. Consider asking your favorite restaurant, bar, retailer or other business for a gift card to donate to the auction. Throw a party that your friends and fellow parents will want to pay money to attend! Cook a dinner or bake some desserts to be auctioned off. Offer up your vacation house, or give away some miles for a getaway. There are so many ways parents can pitch in to help the school raise funds! But one of the easiest? Plan on joining the party – it's an occasion that should not be missed!

## AUCTION 2013

To donate, contact one of the Deal Island Paradise category chairs:

**Parties:** These are parties sponsored by parents at the school. Chair is:

**Kathy Crawford**

[crawford.kathy@epa.gOv](mailto:crawford.kathy@epa.gOv)

**We're Cooking:** These are food items prepared by Deal parents.

Chairs are: **Maria Petaros**

[mariapetaros@aol.com](mailto:mariapetaros@aol.com) and **Theresa Gionis** [oakleyhome@rcn.com](mailto:oakleyhome@rcn.com)

**Deal Insiders:** Deal staff will offer treats, outings, and other similar items. Chairs are: **Karen Morrissey** [morriseykm@gmail.com](mailto:morriseykm@gmail.com) and **Karen McSweeney Contreras** [hkcontreras@gmail.com](mailto:hkcontreras@gmail.com)

**Out on the town:** This category includes: gift cards to restaurants, theaters, events, and other similar venues. Chair is: **Claudia Tassara** [claudiatassara@gmail.com](mailto:claudiatassara@gmail.com)

**Super Silent:** These are items of large value or importance and getaways. Chairs are: **Diana Rojas** [nogroj@gmail.com](mailto:nogroj@gmail.com) and **Sue Longo Wright** [suelongowright@gmail.com](mailto:suelongowright@gmail.com)

# Team Firenze News

**Ever wondered what the eight graders are doing? Learn more by reading Team Firenze's updates...**

## Science:

In Physical Science class we have recently finished our unit on forces and motion and have moved on to our fourth unit, which is on density and buoyancy. Students learned how to calculate volume and mass of both regular and irregular solids and combined these skills in calculating density. Students have been working hard on their science fair projects. Science fair project presentations will begin before winter break.

## Algebra/Geometry:

Our Math classes are slowly picking up steam. Students in geometry have been improving their skills with two column proofs and coordinate proofs. Some eager students were even able to conquer a 35 step proof using triangle congruences. In Algebra, students have been exploring the rules we have in mathematics to manipulate and ultimately solve algebraic expressions. Looking forward, Geometry students will continue their work with proofs but we will be moving from the three sided world of triangles to the four sided world of quadrilaterals. In Algebra, now that we have mastered solving equations, we will move onto real world applications and what equations look like on the coordinate plane.

## History:

Our Humanities classes attended the *We the People* Trolley Tour, visiting sites that related to Articles I,II, and III of the Constitution. During the tour students were able to visit the Lincoln Memorial, the National Archives and have lunch at the Depart-

ment of Agriculture. We are very excited about our upcoming trips to the National Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. During each of these trips, students will see artwork that connects to heritage and our History curriculum. They will produce creative writings, which will be published in a book. They also will design heritage projects that focus on the American Indian.

## English:

In English class, we focus on literature interpretation (understanding what an author writes) and writing (especially thesis-driven five paragraph essays, supported by cited textual evidence). So far, we have read the graphic novel (memoir) *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood* by Marjane Satrapi (about the 1979 Islamic revolution in Iran) and *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer (a personal account of the 1996 disaster atop Mt. Everest). We have started our poetry unit and begun reading *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou (a non-fictional account of a young African-American girl growing up down south). Students will soon begin writing a lot of poetry; a task many will unexpectedly enjoy.

**Team Firenze would like to welcome our new math teacher Ms. Jessica Reynolds!**

# Santiago Stars

Blake Hall-Taylor, Elizabeth Redman, Mia Gualtieri, and Aida Kane were invited to a special lunch celebration with Team Santiago teachers for collecting the most Santiago Passport Stamps for practicing continual above and beyond behaviors! Congratulations and keep up the good work!

-Ms. Ruiz, Ms. Jackson, Mrs. Quinn, and Mr. Martini



# Team Alexandria: Be the Light



We were proud of the mature behavior that our students displayed in public earlier this month as we went to Mazza Gallery and viewed the movie *Bully*.

Watching this real-life documentary was an emotional experience for everyone, including adults. As we have been studying in English class, people have **conflicts with self, other persons, society, and nature**. Later that Thursday we continued these classroom discussions in application to *Bully*. Our students are well-equipped from reading *Warriors Don't Cry* and *Gilgamesh* to see how human beings struggle to make our civilization

more peaceful and just for all its members. This week we have begun our study of *The Miracle Worker*,

the Anne Sullivan and

Helen Keller story, which continues the exploration of what it means to be fully human through love and high expectations. We hope that you will find a way over the next few weeks to view the Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke movie version of *The Miracle Worker* with your family and enjoy a follow-up discussion. We also encourage you to ask your child about their reaction to *Bully*. Since most of us have been bullied or have bullied others, we appreciate the worries every parent has about the well-being of one's child. We hope that you will take the opportunity to see the film yourself.

Last week we took advantage of living and learning in our nation's capital by riding the Metro subway to the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History to continue our study of what it means to be fully human. Students examined the human skeletons and compared them with other modern primates in the Skeleton Hall. Then it was off to the Forensic Laboratory where Smithsonian scientists led students to use hands-on scientific

method to determine the age, race, lifestyle, and health of a person buried at the Jamestown settlement hundreds of years ago. Students journeyed even further back in time in the Eternal Life in Ancient Egypt exhibit which showed human ingenuity by advancing technology in body preservation, as well as the importance of ethical behavior in the Weighing of the Heart trial. Civilization raises human imagination beyond animalistic day-to-day survival to the possibilities of science and the spiritual. In the Hall of Human Origins students explored the six-million years evolution of the human species into the "paragon of animals", as Shakespeare called us. We are the social animal that not only uses tools, but makes tools to make better tools. Over the years humans have chosen to expand the time we keep children in childhood to better prepare them for their changing environment. Education helps make us fully human.

— Nataly Diaz, Christine Rhoads, Patricia Milliken, Kelly Custer, and Michael Hughes

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## La Paz Students Learn Inside the Classroom and in the Community

Eighth grade is the year where students take full advantage of the resources offered both inside the classroom and outside in the larger community. In October, we toured Mount Vernon, Washington's famed estate, to learn more about colonial farm practices as well as a closer look at the nation's beloved first President.

Students also completed projects investigating the cultural influence of Latino life here in our hometown with photographic essays, murals, and reports about agencies with a Hispanic clientele.

In November, Team La Paz studied Native American portraiture at the National Portrait Gallery, and the entire eighth grade class learned more about the national government and the Constitution by taking the DC Trolley Tour of the three branches of government. We walked the grounds of

the Capitol, stood in front of the White House, climbed the stairs of the Lincoln Memorial, re-enacted a case in front of the Supreme Court, and saw for ourselves the Charters of Freedom at the National Archives.

Students also visited Veterans Memorials and Revolutionary War Memorials in November to commemorate the men and women who defended our country. Some even interviewed veterans to learn first-hand about their service to the United States.

Now that December is here, all eighth graders should be nearly finished with their science projects and deep into their research for their National History Day projects. Washington, DC is rich in community resources with all of the museums, archives, universities, historic sites and agencies who help keep the nation's history alive and available to us all.

-Ms. Mostoller

## ELL Students Study the Constitution

On November 9, twenty-one ELL students took the *We the People* Constitution Trolley Tour sponsored by the Children's Concierge Service. Students spent the day touring many famous landmarks in Washington, D.C: the Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, White House, Supreme Court, and National Archives. Although all our students live in the city, most had never had an opportunity to visit these sites, let alone go around the city in a colorfully decorated red trolley. On the tour, each time students an-

swered a question correctly, they received a round of applause. Many students showed great participation in this fun competition. In the halls of the Lincoln Memorial, students read aloud Abraham Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address. Outside, students took turns standing in the spot where Martin Luther King, Jr. made his "I Have a Dream" speech. After students were treated to a hot lunch in the cafeteria of the Department of Agriculture, students went to the National Archives to view

the most important documents in the history of the United States. Students found it incredible that they could still make out the signatures of the Founding Fathers in those hundreds-of-years-old documents. More importantly, students gained a true appreciation of the importance of the Constitution in the lives of *We the People*.

The ELL Department and Team Timbuktu

Mark Winn-Ritzenberg  
and Jihong Wang

# Teacher Spotlight: Team La Paz

*“When I started teaching at Deal, I was like Cinderella at the ball--my foot fit the glass slipper--and I have been here ever since.”*

*-Cynthia Mostoller*

*What is the best thing about teaching 8th grade? “I love the a-ha moment. It is also wonderful to watch the kids really grow up as their final year of middle school progresses.”*

*-Colleen Smith*

## **Cynthia Mostoller**

This is my 26th year here at Deal, all teaching 8th grade Humanities (US History for those people outside the MYP world.) I grew up on a farm in Ohio but moved to Washington in my early 30's with the intent of staying for a year. When I started teaching at Deal, however, I was like Cinderella at the ball--my foot fit the glass slipper--and I have been here ever since.

I am a historian by training and a teacher by vocation, and I never tire of the opportunity to help students understand the tapestry of the American past. At this age, they soak up everything with such energy and enthusiasm. My favorite part of the year is the annual trip to Gettysburg. When we stand on that hallowed ground to pay our respects, I am reminded again and again of the importance of understanding what came before us.

My husband and I spend a month each summer hiking in the Austrian and Italian Alps and we dream about it all year. I never miss the Medina County Fair, though, in Ohio and build my summer around a schedule that includes a week of seeing childhood

friends and family members who share my love of a world and life so different from the one I lead here. I would not want to return to Ohio full time, but I do enjoy country life both there and in Europe.

## **John Mungai**

I was born and raised in Kenya – East Africa. I received my undergraduate degree from St. Mary's University of Minnesota and Graduate degree from Catholic University of America – Washington, DC. I am married and have two boys. I love traveling, soccer and swimming, photography and golf.

This is a special year for me having now spent 14 years serving the Deal community as a math teacher. I teach Pre-Algebra, Geometry & Algebra I. I also sponsor the Yearbook and the Rubik's cube club.

## **Benjamin Jakubowski**

I graduated from Oberlin College in 2011 with a B.A. in Math and Chemistry.

This is my first year teaching and I'm thrilled to be at Deal (and on Team La Paz!). One the best parts of teaching 8th grade physical science is working with

students on their independent science projects. Team La Paz students have developed rigorous questions on advanced topics ranging from crystallization and calorimetry to computer programming, and I'm excited to see their concluding presentations starting later this month.

Outside of teaching, I enjoy cycling, and I am hoping to ride the C&O Canal towpath and Great Allegheny Passage trails from DC to Pittsburg in summer 2013.

## **Colleen Smith**

I went to Pacific University in Forest Grove Oregon. I had two majors - Communications (big shock) and Sociology.

This is my 18th year in Education, but the first at Deal - I have taught in the Delta Area of Northern CA, in Oceanside, CA which is located in the San Diego Basin, and in Reston, VA. I have also taught English to Adults in Ukraine.

I am a C/D level foil fencer - taught by a former olympian and I have a dive master Scuba certification.

What is the best thing about teaching? I love the a-ha moment. It is also wonderful to watch the kids really grow up as their final year of middle school progresses.

# Deal Students Meet Authors



## Jasper Fforde Visits Deal Library

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Deal welcomed Jasper Fforde, author of several children's books, including The Last

Dragonslayer, to give a presentation in our library media center for a group of students. He started off by explaining the origin of his name and its odd spelling. The group discussed careers in writing, and the components of a story. The author explained

how he created his story and gave students suggestions for their writing. After a brief question and answer session, he signed books for students.

--Sophia Diggs-Galligan, Team Sparta

## Tommy Greenwald at Politics and Prose

On October 24th, fifteen 7th grade Read 180 students travelled to Politics and Prose, along with Ms. Kinzer, Ms. Redekopp, and Mr. Rodberg to see author Tommy Greenwald. Mr. Greenwald is the author of "Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading" and "Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Extra Credit." Students learned how the

author's three sons: Charlie, Joe, and Jackson were inspiration for his book's main character. Like Charlie Joe Jackson, Greenwald's three sons did not enjoy reading and always tried to think of clever ways to not pick up a book. Students also had the opportunity to ask the author questions about his

characters, book, and family, as well as purchase autographed books with personal messages. The trip was made possible by Gussie Lewis and Politics and Prose Bookstore.

- Ms. Kinzer and Ms. Redekopp

## FROM THE LIBRARY

# Audio Book Recommendations

If any long car rides are in the plans for your winter break, consider bringing along audiobooks that appeal to the whole family. Even if children vary in age and reading strength, audiobooks can be the bridge to a shared literary experience. Some recommendations to engage the whole family:

- *A Long Way from Chicago*, by Richard Peck
- *Dead and In Norvelt*, by Jack Gantos
- *Elijah of Buxton*, by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *When You Reach Me*, by Rebecca Stead
- *The Golden Compass*, by Philip Pullman
- *Holes*, by Louis Sachar
- *Kira-Kira*, by Cynthia Kadohata

(All are available at the Deal Library. Have your student pick one up before the break!)

- **Tasara Redekopp**



Lena Kohls (Team Santiago) and Gabby Anifantis (Team Sydney) enjoy listening to *Twilight*.

# Jasper Fforde's Writing Advice for Students

On October 25, 2012 author, Jasper Fforde, visited our school thanks to Politics and Prose. He came (all the way from Wales) to celebrate the publication of *The Last Dragonslayer*, his first book written for a young adult audience. While promoting his book, Mr. Fforde shared writing tips with 40 Deal students. In addition, he graciously agreed to share his words with students, teachers, and parents. Below is his advice:

There is only one real rule for writing-make it readable. But a response to this might be 'how do I make it readable?' so here are ten random hints and tips in no particular order that might help.

## 1: REWRITE

Writing is a creative endeavor that requires practice to get right. Luckily, it is very easy to change, delete and rewrite, and writing always improves with editing. If you are writing on paper, leave large spaces between the lines so you can add corrections later, and when the page looks messy, rewrite the whole page, again with large spaces between the lines. If you write a hundred words on each sheet of paper, rewriting a page will not take so long.

## 2: DON'T RUSH IT

Take your time to get it right. There is no hurry. A well thought out piece, written and rewritten over several days, will always shine brighter than a hastily written story dashed off in five minutes.

## 3: READ IT ALOUD

Always read it aloud to yourself,

or have a friend read it to you. If it sounds odd and jerky to the ear and doesn't 'flow', then rewrite it until it does.

## 4: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

This is what your readers should be asking themselves as they read your story, either because your scenario is interesting or your characters are engaging. What will happen to your characters? Where will the scenario lead?

## 5: SHOW, DON'T TELL

'Exposition' is information you need to get across to your reader in order to better understand what is going on. Instead of: "It was night, and had been raining hard. A man opened the front door and stepped into the room. He stopped and looked around." You might instead say: "The door swung open to reveal a man silhouetted in the streetlights. He shook the rain from his coat as his eyes scanned the room." It's shorter and to the point, and we know it is night and has been raining because of the streetlights and the rain he shakes from his coat.

## 6: LESS IS OFTEN MORE

Drama does not have to involve murder and mayhem. Drama can be about the simplest thing, such as a broken promise or a betrayal. You don't need to shock to shock. A skilled writer can convey the horror of missing an important train.

## 7: BE BOLD

Don't be too worried about taking risks with your writing. Listen to your inner voice. If you think an unusual descriptive device or line or dialogue looks right, it

probably is. The best authors are the ones who are merciless critics of their own work. And if you have a wacky idea that you LOVE but feel it won't sell-then write it anyway. To write without risk is hardly writing at all.

## 8: DON'T WASTE WORDS

"There were three cars driving along the road, and we were in the one in the middle" (18 words)

Use as few words as possible to describe what you want to say. If you can see a repeated word, it should probably come out. With five hundred words you need to make every word count, and not waste wordage on unnecessary waffle.

## 9: HUMOUR

Humour is everywhere, and it's important. In every single aspect of human endeavor, no matter how horrific, humour will creep in. Just because you're writing 'serious' and don't want to infect the gravity of the main theme does not mean things can't be occasionally funny. To leave out humour does yourself- and humankind- a disservice.

## 10: IF IT WORKS IT WORKS,

I've put this at the very bottom, because all these rules (and many others) can be safely ignored so long as your piece works, and is engaging. The most original works are ones that circumvent the rules in new and inventive ways.

Good Luck!

Jasper Fforde

**"Don't be too worried about taking risks with your writing. Listen to your inner voice."**



## Model UN Conference

On Saturday, October 13 forty honorable delegates proudly represented Alice Deal at the Global

Classrooms Model UN Conference at Johns Hopkins University in Dupont Circle. Our diplomats-in-training spent over two weeks researching country positions and preparing

arguments. Each pair of delegates was assigned a different country to represent in one of the following committees: Access to Education and Child Soldiers. After hours of arguing, debating, and, most importantly, compromising, student delegates voted on and passed a number of resolutions for peace. These forty students truly demonstrated Alice Deal's commitment to global education and international awareness.

-Mr. Garza, Ms. Wisniewski, Ms. Campozano, and Mr. Martini



## International Cooking Club Trip to Whole Foods Tenley

On November 5th and 26th, students in the International Cooking Club visited Whole Foods-Tenley. They took a tour of the store and received first class treatment. Such treatment included the tasting of apples and clementines in the produce section, snacking on fresh pineapple, grapes, and

strawberries, learning about sustainable seafood, understanding the advantages of grass-fed and hormone free meet, sampling dried fruit and nuts, nibbling on Kale Salad, enjoying sprouted wheat bread and apple butter, and drinking almond milk hot chocolate. Both groups also learned about the

importance of eating a healthy, balanced diet. The tour was made possible by Meg McGarry, the Marketing Team Leader and Kathleen Wood, the Healthy Eating Specialist at Whole Foods Tenley.

-- Ms. Kinzer, Ms. D'Antonio, Ms. Simpson-Wayne, and Mr. Thompson

## 6th Grade Students Train for DCPS Geoplunge Challenge Tournament

Five teams of sixth grade students have been busy training for the DCPS GeoPlunge Challenge Tournament on January 9 at the National Portrait Gallery. At the tournament 4th-6th grade students from over 40 DCPS middle and elementary schools will

compete against one another to show off their U.S. Geography skills by playing the GeoPlunge card game. The game quizzes students on their knowledge of the 50 state capitals, flowers, and birds, as well as each state's rankings of

population, statehood, and size. Participants have demonstrated an overwhelming amount of knowledge, dedication, and cooperation in preparing for the tournament and have even given up a day of recess each week to prepare!  
- Mr. Martini

## GIRL UP

Ask many teens what they value most in their lives and you might hear answers like video games, name-brand clothing items, or cell phones. Ask the members of Deal's fantastic Girl Up Club and you will hear their answer loud and clear:  
Education!

The ambitious, dazzling members of Girl Up learned that it costs \$180 a year to send a girl to school in eastern Congo, so they committed themselves to raising enough money to send 10 girls to school. They designed collection bags and ran a PR campaign with morning announcements and pep talks about the situation girls in developing countries sometimes face to inspire support. Each day for a week, Girl Up members gathered after school or during their lunch periods to count

donations to their first-ever Dollar Project, and by the time the campaign ended, the club had raised \$2043; enough to send 11 girls to school for a year. In addition to raising funds to support girls' schooling, the members invite guest speakers to meetings, read and discuss books about girls' lives, watch documentaries about girls' lives around the world, and plan for ways to raise awareness in the Deal community.

Girl Up is a project sponsored by the United Nations, a genuine reflection of Deal's commitment to our international community. New members are welcome to join us every Monday afternoon from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in room E305. "You see a girl; we see the future."

-Cynthia Mostoller

## Deal TAGS Group Maps DC

This year, Teachers and Geographic Students (TAGS) is working on a community action project with the DC Geographic Alliance. As part of the program, student groups are encouraged to identify a problem or issue in their community that can be solved using geo-spatial technology and mapping. A group of dedicated 6th and 7th grade students chose to re-search safe bike routes in crowded DC neighborhoods in order to create maps detailed with important information for bikers. On Friday, November 2 students took their second field trip to National Geographic

Society's headquarters to learn more about using GIS (geographic information systems). Students practiced their newly developed skills of using smartphones to mark waypoints and present data on a digital map. One map displayed locations and pictures of some of the local embassies and another tracked the path of Hurricane Sandy through the Atlantic Ocean!



*Congratulations to the cast and*

*crew of **A Midsummer***

***Nights Dream!***

*Directed by Mr. Kirschenbaum*

*and Mr. Gandola,*

*approximately 50 students*

*participated in this wonderful*

*production of a Shakespearean*

*classic. The students did a*

*wonderful job!*



# Alice Deal Debate Team 2012-2013 Season News Update

The Deal Debate Team has already had a busy, but successful year. In October, Sidwell Friends hosted the first debate for this year's season, and the second tournament will be December 8th, 2012 at Samuel Ogle Middle School. How did we do? See for yourself and be sure to congratulate our talented and extraordinary debaters.

October 27th, 2012 – D.C. Urban Debate League Tournament #1 for the 2012-2013 season:

Seven Deal debate teams participated in the DC Urban Debate League Tournament hosted by Sidwell on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents, volunteers, and supporters all witnessed our Vikings exquisitely debate the topics: 1) Single gender middle school classrooms do more harm than good; 2) An assault weapons ban should be enacted; and 3) Professional athletes should be banned from competing in the Olympics. Debaters won 50% of the 28 debates of the day despite the fact that many of our competitors were novice-first time

debaters. Our experienced debaters held their own, with typical skill and determination, against some major power houses of the Greater DC Middle School Debate League such as Sidwell, Rachel Carson, and Kenmoore, while our brand new debaters showed enormous spirit in competing against more experienced teams. A very special congratulations to Aaron Rosenthal on receipt of his Award for Speaker points!

The Deal debaters spent time practicing, researching, and preparing for the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012, debate at Samuel Ogle Middle School in Bowie, MD. Debaters worked hard to master their arguments for the following topics:

Middle School Topic: Merit pay based on student standardized test scores should be a significant component of a middle school teacher's compensation.

International Topic: The android operating system is superior

to Apple's IOS.

National Topic: The USA should pass a constitutional amendment mandating that the Federal Government maintain a balanced budget for each fiscal year.

Future tournament dates:

February 9, 2013 at Alice Deal Middle School

March 23, 2013 at Walker Mill Middle School, Prince George's County

the Championship on May 4, 2013

*-Each tournament is held on a Saturday from 8:30 am to approximately 4:00 or 4:30pm (it depends on how many teams participate).*

Please be sure to join us at one of the tournaments to cheer on our fantastic debaters!!!

Sincerely,

Anita Ruiz, Anna Henderson & Talin Darkjian.

## Deal Duelists Fight for Friendship and Fun

The Deal Fencing Club, with over 60 students participating, just finished its 2012 season. Girls and boys learned the martial art of epee fencing, a modern Olympic sport that can be traced back to the ancient Egyptians. In Fencing Club they practiced moves of controlled aggression, developed tactical thinking, and applied complex strategies to defeat opponents. Just like in life, they learned to overcome obstacles by learning to control themselves. They also had fun with making friends from other teams and other grades from throughout the school.

-Mr. Hughes

## Philosophy at Deal

What is philosophy? Who are philosophers and what do they do? What is wisdom? Is the unexamined life worth living? These are the types of questions Deal students have been discussing this fall at Socratic Club. The Socratic Club is new to Deal this year and offers students the opportunity to engage in philosophical questioning and thinking. We meet every Thursday in room C128 from 3:30 to 4:30pm and would love to see some new faces. Students need only bring a curious and open mind. For any questions, please contact Mr. Custer at [kelly.custer@dc.gov](mailto:kelly.custer@dc.gov).

# Girls on the Run (TRACK)

*"Girls on Track is the middle school curriculum of Girls on the Run, an experimental learning program for 8 to 12 year-old girls that creatively combines training for a 5k running event with activities and experiences which empower girls to honor their bodies, voices, and gifts in doing so, activate their individual power."* -GOTR

The girls at Deal have been working along side Ms. Wisniewski, Ms. Purcell, Ms.

Hernandez, and Ms. Banal with the Girls on Track curriculum. On December 2nd, the team participated in a 5k race at Anacostia Park. The team has had great success this fall working through the curriculum, as well as developing and celebrating their characters. The team is looking forward to the Spring season. This program has been a transformative experience for all of those involved. As a team, we would like to say thanks for



supporting us this fall during our first season.

Ms. Wisniewski

# Saturday Football Club

The *Saturday Football Club* meets every second Saturday of the month and partners middle school boys with positive male role models in the DC community. The students and adults play football for an hour and share a snack. The club's members are currently in 6th and 7th grade and have enjoyed their time out on the

field. Any student interested in joining the club should contact Ms. Wisniewski at: [kelly.wisniewski@dc.gov](mailto:kelly.wisniewski@dc.gov).

The program is free of charge to students and helps develop character in the young men at Deal. The nurturing role models develop lasting relationships with the boys in the club and

encourage them throughout the academic year. The group is excited to be back together this year!

-Ms Wisniewski



# Intramural Soccer

Congratulations to Team Helsabeck (right) on winning the intramural soccer championship. The championship game was played on November 29th between Team Purcell (6th grade) and Team Helsabeck (7th grade).



## Vikings Volleyball: 5 Seasons Undefeated



Congratulations to the lady Vikings for another victorious season! The ladies defeated Ron Brown Monday, November 19 at Anacostia High School to seal the title as city champions. The championship game against Ron Brown was the best game of the season and was a head-to-head challenge for the number one spot. This is

the volleyball teams fifth consecutive championship and undefeated season. The ladies worked hard all season and celebrated on November 30 with an end-of-season party. Make sure to congratulate the players when you see them and to support the lady Vikings next season.

-Coach Michelle Ortiz

## Deal-0-Ween 2.0 Ultimate Frisbee Recap

On Sunday, October 28th, swarms of energetic, costume-clad ultimate frisbee players from around the DC area descended upon Deal for a day of fun competition and good spirit. Each ghou, goblin, zombie, and clown (oh, and don't forget the Heinz 57 Ketchup bottle!) all came ready to bring it. The Deal Narwhal Vikings proudly presented three squads and were joined by four visiting teams, including two from Holy Trinity and one from Williamsburg Middle School in Virginia. Players, coaches, and parents alike

braved the cold wind and played hard for two rounds of competitive games and a skills competition before heading inside for the second annual Ultimate Piñata festival. Kids went home with bags (and stomachs) full of candy,

Groucho Marx glasses, blow-up lightsabers and a wide assortment of other fun prizes! Thanks to all the parents and players for another great fall season!

-Coaches Mike Martini and Carolyn Kouri



# Boys and Girls Cross Country Win DCIAA Championship

The Deal boys & girls cross-country teams finished another great season by winning the DCIAA Cross-Country Championships on November 3rd at Ft. Dupont Park. The boys team was lead by Jackson Todd who finished in first place. Mayim Lehrich also finished first in the girls race. Congratulations to coaches Melanie Parish, Rachel Venezia, and Russell Helsabeck for their hard work and dedication during this season.

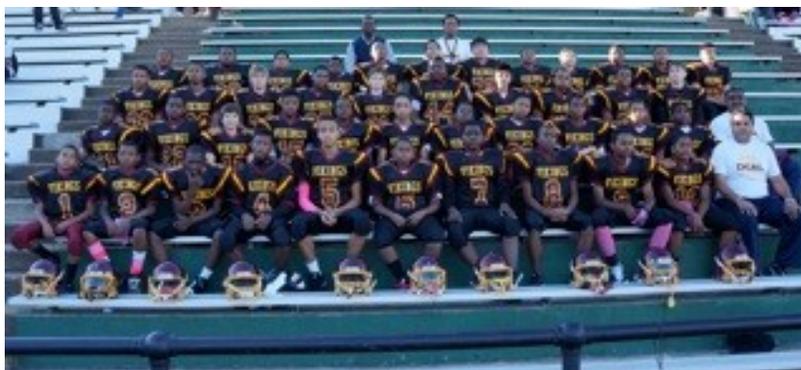
- Mr. Jenkins



# Deal Football

The Deal Football Vikings finished their second season with a 5-2 record. The team also made it to the playoffs for the first time.

-Coach Downing



# USDA Food Safety Quiz—Test your knowledge

## **True or False: To effectively destroy germs on my hands, I need to wash them for 20 seconds.**

True. Wash hands before and after handling food with soap and running water by rubbing hands together vigorously for at least 20 seconds. The mechanical action of rubbing your hands creates friction that helps dislodge bacteria and viruses. Warm or hot water is preferable to cold water because it helps dissolve fats and foods, aiding in microbe removal and the deactivation of pathogens. If soapy water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can reduce the number of germs on hands in some situations, but sanitizers do not eliminate all types of germs, including viruses.

## **True or False: The "let stand" step of microwave meal instructions is only there so I don't burn myself.**

False. If the food label says, "Let stand for x minutes after cooking," do not skip on the standing time. Food continues to generate heat after the microwave is turned off, so letting your microwaved food sit for a few minutes actually helps your food cook more. That extra minute or two could mean the difference between a delicious meal and food poisoning. After waiting a few minutes, check the food with a food thermometer to make sure it is 165 °F or above.

## **True or False: I need to put some sort of cold source in my lunchbox.**

True. Harmful bacteria multiply rapidly between 40 and 140 °F, so perishable food transported without an ice source will not stay safe long. Insulated, soft-sided lunch boxes or bags are best for keeping food cold, but pack at least two ice sources with perishable food in any type of lunch bag or box you use. You can use two frozen gel packs that are 5-by-3 inches or larger, or combine a frozen gel pack with a frozen juice box. When packing your bag lunch, place the ice sources above and below the perishable food items to keep them cold. If there is a refrigerator available at work or school, store perishable items there upon arrival. If you place your insulated bag in the refrigerator, leave the lid or bag open so that cold air can keep the food cold.

Some food is safe without a cold source. Items that do not require refrigeration include whole fruits and vegetables, hard cheese, canned meat and fish, chips, breads, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, mustard and pickles.

## **True or False: As long as it isn't topped with chicken or sausage, leftover pizza is safe to eat if unrefrigerated overnight.**

False. Bacteria grow readily in carbohydrate-rich, cooked foods. While uncooked vegetables are safe to store at room temperature in their raw state, cooked foods such as casseroles, rice, pasta and pizza—whether or not the dish contains meat or poultry—must be refrigerated within two hours after cooking. The possibility of bacterial growth increases after cooking, because the drop in temperature allows bacteria to thrive. If a food has been left between 40 and 140 °F for more than two hours, discard it, even though it may look and smell okay. The kinds of bacteria that cause food poisoning do not affect the look, smell, or taste of food. Put leftover pizza in the refrigerator right away, and it will be safe to eat for three to four days.

Source: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/NR\\_090512\\_01/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/NR_090512_01/index.asp)

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