

Del Mar News Flash

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Key Dates:

Now

Purchase Yearbook!
See link and update below on right

Anytime!
Return basketball jerseys and library/school books that you are finished with. There is a collection box outside the office.

June 12th
Last Day of School.
Congratulations to our graduates!

June 17th
Report cards will be available on Alma

August 19th
Orientation for new students

August 20th
First Day of School!!!

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From The Principal

Dear Families,

We started the year with big shifts at Del Mar - new faculty and staff members, a new Assistant Principal, a new grading system and a new student learning device - our iPads. As if that was not enough change, we had to shut school down in late fall for the fires and power outages, and then we had to transition to distance learning in early March due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and Shelter in Place requirements. And with the death of George Floyd in Minnesota, as well as the recent deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and sadly so many other black people and people of color, we, as a school community, must more strategically and thoughtfully stand up to injustice and disrupt the systemic racism in our country - for our black friends, classmates and community members.

We have been tested in new ways and challenged to establish and hone new skills, take on new responsibilities as students, parents, educators, and Americans. We have learned to be flexible and patient as we persevere through our circumstances to find peace and greater purpose. Our character is not defined by the circumstances we face but how we respond to, embrace or overcome them. I continue to be proud of our students and our school community!

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break, Please do your part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 so we can return to campus as a school community. Moving into summer, I challenge you parents to do what I ask of your children, our students, each year:

Be Open - seek out others' perspectives and experiences by asking questions.

Be Kind - be kind to yourself and others.

Be Involved and Engaged - actively and positively contribute to our community this summer. Stand up for injustice and be active in making our world safe for our black students, neighbors, and community members.

Be Brave -to take risks, and challenge yourself to DO better and BE better. Always stand up for what you believe in and act when you see something that is not right.

Take care,
Brian Lynch



GRADUATION 2020

We are so proud of our graduating class! It was great seeing the 8th graders and families yesterday in an action-packed distanced celebration, with plenty of fanfare, photos, balloons and good cheer. If you would like to access the formal graduation video, a heartfelt K-8 memory video, a special leadership student video, plus pictures taken from yesterday's celebration please go to [THIS LINK](#) and check it out!



RETURN OF DEL MAR BELONGINGS

If you have not done so already, please return your iPad (unless you signed the agreement to keep it over the summer), any and all Del Mar-owned books (algebra, science, humanities books and library books), and basketball uniforms, leadership shirts or anything you else you have that is Del Mar owned. You can return iPads as late as Wednesday, June 17th to the office from 10am-12 noon. Books may be dropped in the book drop box outside the office anytime.



RESOURCES FOR SUMMER

LEARNING INCLUDING MATH PACKETS

Optional math summer packets along with answer keys can be found [HERE](#). Password: dm1234 If you need a printed copy of the math summer packet, please contact the office ASAP. For other summer resources please check out [THIS LINK](#).



YEARBOOK!

Our yearbook company's printing press needed to shut down for a few months due to Covid. This gave us more time to make an extra special, very current yearbook....however, the book is going to arrive after school lets out. You will get an update this summer on yearbook pickup instructions! If you have not purchased yours yet, go to [THIS PURCHASE YEARBOOK LINK](#) to order this unique keepsake, so your student can have lots of memories from the last year at Del Mar! As for yearbook delivery, we will surely keep you posted, and apologize for the inconvenience.



REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be published in ALMA by the end of the day on Wednesday, June 17th. As indicated in communication sent out in mid-May (linked [HERE](#)), Del Mar is implementing a Pass (✓)/Insufficient Evidence (IE) grading system for the third trimester of the 2019-20 school year for all standards.

Please print or save your report card right away if you will need it for summer academic programs or sports in the Fall. This is important for 8th graders especially, because you will not be able to access Alma in a few weeks. Also please note that Alma was unable to incorporate our new grading system into the old transcript format, so if you need to provide a transcript for summer or sports programs, you will need to show report cards instead. Don't forget to print a copy!



