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Jennifer Gruber, Editor

HOW ARE WE SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT DEAL?

By Sarah Whitener
Parent Rep & Co-Chair, LSRT

The good thing about the growing competition for middle grade students is that it forces each school to identify its unique services, curricula, environment, and future goals. Ms. Kim and the LSRT are identifying and focusing on those aspects of Deal's education which are unique and which must be preserved, enhanced and advertised through the two years of construction, our conversion to a true middle school, and beyond. Input from Deal families is a very valuable part of this process. If you would like to share your ideas about what works for your child or what you view as Deal's strengths, please email them to me at mdwhitener@aol.com or leave in the LSRT mailbox in the main office.

The second part of spreading the word about Deal is on-the-ground outreach efforts by Ms. Kim and parents. Ms. Kim writes, *"We are putting a lot of energy into meeting families earlier and using established elementary school networks to help new families and students make the transition to Deal. We are also enhancing our educational program. We are strengthening and expanding our foreign language programs, laying the groundwork for an IB middle years program, and refining our teaming practices to improve student achievement. We are doing a lot of good work at Deal, but we can do better. We also need to be better in telling others about it."*

Meetings are being scheduled with every feeder school so that prospective parents can hear directly and in their familiar schools from Ms. Kim, alumnae parents and students about what Deal has to offer. Some of these meetings have had to be rescheduled, but our goal is to meet with each school - no small task for super-busy principals and families!

Deal parents are reaching out to the community as we learn of events and opportunities. Susan Ullman has

organized several students to write for the School Dispatches section of *The Northwest Current*. In late October, Jude Landis spread the word at the Lafayette fall festival. Ms. Kim and Alison Wylegala held down a table in a school fair on Capitol Hill hosted by MOTH (Moms on the Hill). We will participate in the Stoddert Soccer school fair if it is organized this year.

Our open house in November, chaired by Kimla McDonald, was advertised at each of the feeder schools and attracted about 125 visitors from at least 10 different schools. We have held Buddy Days with the feeder schools which requested it. This year, Ms. McFarland made a special effort to match buddies with students in similar level classes and with similar interests, and the feedback from the feeder schools has been very positive. Deal Night is coming up on December 14th at 7 pm, when prospective parents can see presentations by Ms. Kim and the students. This will be advertised in *The Northwest Current*. There is still more to do. A fledgling Enrollment Committee will be looking into why so many families chose to try the new charter schools last fall. If any parents are interested in working on this effort, please email me at mdwhitener@aol.com.

In addition, we are asking the DCPS School Board and administration to stop double enrolling students in both charter schools and their neighborhood school. It seems that DC STARS should be able to identify the students who are double enrolled so that principals have a much more accurate idea of their enrollments by August rather than after school starts.

Our best advertising has traditionally been word-of-mouth-from-older-friends. If you have an opportunity to tell others about our great school, please take advantage of it!



After School Library Media Hours



Did you know? The library media center is open after school on Tuesday and Wednesday until 4:30 PM. No pass is required for after school use. Students should let their parents know that they are staying after school to study or do homework.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We had a busy November at Deal Junior High. We began with Career Day, where parents and community members provided our students with inspiration and encouragement as they explained their own career paths. We held student meetings to promote safe responses during emergency situations and practiced emergency drills. We opened our classrooms to visitors during Deal Open House, and parents supported our school and teachers through participation in the Politics and Prose book sale. Our students participated in the AMC-8 math competition, hosted 6th grade students during Buddy Day, and started to use the [Smartboard](#)¹ interactive technology in classrooms. The school community celebrated International Night with wonderful foods and performances, welcomed a visiting delegation from Japan, collected boxes and boxes of food items for the residents of the city with the Thanksgiving food drive, and shared thanks together during the Thanksgiving assembly. Deal administrators and department chairs met with their counterparts from Wilson High School to begin planning for the 8th and 9th transition to Wilson. Deal also hosted a high school fair to provide information for Deal students and families as they make future school choices. Many of these events required substantial commitments of talent, time, and energy on the part of parents, teachers, and students. I am proud of their efforts and pleased with their commitment to bettering the Deal community.

With all the activities that absorb our time and attention, we sometimes lose sight of the fact that we are part of a larger educational enterprise. Last week, I had the opportunity to attend the first State of the Schools [Address](#),² delivered by Superintendent Clifford Janey at McKinley High School. Dr. Janey celebrated some recent gains in the District, but emphasized that two areas in particular need urgent attention. We need more intervention for struggling students while not losing focus on high-performing students through Advanced Placement (AP) and [International Baccalaureate](#)³ (IB) programs. At Deal, we have specifically focused on closing the achievement gap this year. We are also laying plans to launch an IB program at Deal. I urge Deal parents to take an interest in and engage in upcoming citywide meetings about the future in our school district. Some meeting times are listed below.

During this busy holiday season, I hope you and your children find time to slow down to reflect on and be thankful for the many blessings in your lives. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

~~ Melissa Kim

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Education (BOE) Public Hearing on FY 2008 Operating Budget, December 11th, 3:30 – 5:30pm, 5th floor Board Room, 825 N. Capitol St, NE

BOE Public Hearing on Education Building, Dec. 11th, 5:30 pm
825 N. Capitol St, NE. 5th floor Board Room

Mayor Elect Fenty - Ward 4 Town Hall Meeting
Dec. 11th, 6:30 – 9:00 pm,
Rock North 801 Shepherd St, NW

Mayor Elect Fenty - Ward 1 Town Hall Meeting
December 12th, 6:30 – 9pm,
Garfield Terrace 2301 11th St, NW

Fannie Mae Foundation presents:
Housing in the Nation's Capital (Schools and Housing).
RSVP @ 274-8145
Dec. 13th, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm, 1615 H St, NW

Principal's Column Footnotes

¹ <http://education.smarttech.com/ste/en-US/Why+Choose/K-12+solutions/CS-Research/Case+Studies/Fairfax+County.htm>

² <http://www.k12.dc.us/dcps/CBJreports/2006%20State%20of%20the%20Schools%20Address.pdf>

³ <http://www.ibo.org/>

GREEN SALES



Don't let the warm weather fool you: the annual Deal PTA Holiday Tree and Greenery Sale is coming up! Mark your calendars for Sat. Dec. 9th and Sun. Dec. 10th to come pick up a tree, wreath, evergreen ropings, and other decorations to make your home festive and fragrant for the holiday season. And don't forget to tell your friends, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers. Last year's sale was so successful, in fact, that we have increased our order this year, and expect to be open a second weekend, December 16th and 17th, until we sell out.

If you want to do more than just buy, consider volunteering to work at the sale. It's a great way to get outside and exercise, make new friendships among the Deal Community, and share the Deal spirit with our neighbors. There's lots to do, so the more the merrier! Ninth graders who are looking to log community service hours are more than welcome to help, too. If you haven't already indicated your interest in working the Greens Sale on one of the volunteer forms, please contact Joe Scholten (PTA VP and 8th grade parent) at 237-0725, or by email at joe_scholten@yahoo.com. Even a couple of hours will be a big help.



FROM THE PTA CO-PRESIDENTS

Once again the Deal community came together for several wonderful events in November. Deal parents and potential Deal parents traveled the halls and sat in on classes during Deal's Open House on Nov. 14th. Over 125 parents and students (representing at least ten elementary schools in the city) shared in the Deal experience – meeting our students, staff and parents throughout the day. Our Deal students served as wonderful representatives of our school! Thanks to Kimla MacDonald (mom of 8th grader Kevin Kelly) and her team of volunteers coordinating this event that showcased Deal's excellence!

The 27th annual International Night was a fantastic celebration of our community's cultural heritage. A huge crowd enjoyed delicious food from around the world, great conversations with fellow parents, students and Deal staff, and wonderful performances by our student musicians, dancers and club members. Many thanks to Elissa Miller (mom of 9th grader Anika Rice), Andrea Vincent (mom of 9th grader Alejandro Salcedo) and their team of volunteers for making the evening such a successful one. Thanks also to Ms. Ginette Suarez for coordinating the entertainment portion of the evening.

As the holiday season begins, and our thoughts turn to giving – we thank everyone who has given so generously to the PTA and the Deal community so far this year. Thanks to all who have joined the PTA (it's never too late to sign up!), purchased gift wrap, purchased magazine subscriptions on-line (you can continue to do this at www.qsp.com), attended the book fair at Politics and Prose, chaperoned a dance, attended one of our community events and simply helped to spread the good word about Deal. All your contributions strengthen our community and have a positive impact on our students' learning experience.

We extend our wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season!

~~ Alison Wylegala & Malin Kerwin

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SO YOU HAVEN'T YET JOINED THE PTA?



Fear not – it's never too late to do so. Pick up a PTA dues envelope at the next PTA function – or simply send a check to: Alice Deal PTA, 3815 Fort Drive, NW, Washington DC 20016. Annual dues are \$15 – but any amount, large or small, will be accepted.



HOMework HOTLINE COMING IN DECEMBER

As returning students know, Deal JHS provides a homework hotline that allows students and families to dial a local phone number (282-0169), enter in the code for a particular teacher, follow the prompt to select their specific class (for example, 7th grade English), and hear the homework assignments for a particular class for that current week. Each teacher at Deal is assigned a code in the system.

The system is scheduled to be updated by December 8th, and up and running by December 11th. Please check the Deal PTA website after December 11th at www.dealpta.org for a roster of all faculty members and their homework hotline entry code. An information sheet with all the details will be sent home with all students once the system is up and running.

-- Jude Landis

HASSLE-FREE HOLIDAY SHOPPING THAT BENEFITS DEAL!



As you know, the annual Alice Deal Magazine Drive is in full swing! This terrific Deal fundraiser has been made even easier this year with all magazine sales being done exclusively on-line, so you can order new magazines and/or renew current subscriptions at your convenience. No messy paperwork! And with the holiday season right around the corner, please remember that magazines are a great gift. The wide selection of magazines available will allow you to satisfy everyone on your list, from the gardener to the political junkie And Deal receives 40% of the sale proceeds with each purchase you make. It's perfect – easy shopping that benefits Deal!

To order a magazine, simply visit www.QSP.com, and click on the yellow "SHOP NOW" link. You will see an orange box for school/organization # -- please enter **425007047** in that box to designate Deal (if you misplace the number, you can always click on the school/organization finder link on that page and locate Deal's number that way). A wide selection of magazines is available and the prices are competitive. *Newsweek*, *People*, *Handyman*, *Consumer Reports*, *National Geographic*, *Hispanic*, *ESPN Magazine* are a few from dozens to choose from. Even current subscriptions that were not purchased through the school drive may be renewed for the benefit of the school. Please note that you can search for magazines by title in case you don't find them in any of the listed categories. This is a great fundraiser and we appreciate your support!

Questions? Contact: Lilly Abbey -- kostyack@msn.com or 966-6437.

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN SOCIAL STUDIES

- 275 eighth graders toured Jamestown and Colonial Williamsburg in a special interdisciplinary field trip on October 13th to learn more about life in the early English colonies.
- 100 ninth graders toured historic neighborhoods of Washington, DC on October 27th.
- More than 300 students, parents, and teachers attended a special workshop to learn more about Deal's National History Day program.
- All Deal students received individual copies of the National History Day contest rule book for at-home use with parents as students complete their assignments (due in February for most classes).
- All seventh and eighth graders participated in the Deal National Geographic Bee classroom competitions during the last week of November and that each class winner competes in the school competition on December 7th.
- All ninth grade Ancient and Medieval History students will read the New York Times' best-seller *Salt* as part of their study of world history during Advisory II.
- "First Brother" Neil Bush visited Deal's social studies and science classrooms to learn how teachers and students are using the COW (Curriculum On Wheels) project this year. Ms. Mostoller is a reviewer of two newly-published Houghton Mifflin books about American History? (Her reviews are quoted among those of noted historians Spencer Crew, Joy Hakim, and Elaine Wrisley Reed.)
- All eighth grade American History students will tour the Capitol Building, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress and the National Mall in January.

SALLY FOSTER SALE NEWS

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of students and parents, the Deal PTA raised more than \$7,750 in our recent Sally Foster fundraising drive. About 100 families in the effort sold gift wrap, chocolates, and much more, especially our top sellers, eighth-graders Ashlee Briscoe and Elena Miles. And guess what? It's still not too late to purchase wrapping paper and gifts for the holidays since the sale runs through Mon., Jan. 15th. There's wrapping paper for Hanukah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and even Three Kings Day. Order online using the Sally Foster link on www.dealpta.org. It's a great way to get the stuff you need while also helping our school.



ELL STUDENTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A large percentage of ELL students participate in extracurricular activities each year. They like to learn new things that are not found in the textbook. This year, most of the members of the Recycling Club are ELL students. Yefri Gramajo, captain of the club, and several other students often help classroom teachers recycle paper and bottles. They are responsible and well-behaved, working with limited supervision when picking up materials in the classrooms. They get the job done quietly without disturbing the learning environment. In addition, ELL students also like to learn about new cultures. Maybe it is because they are mostly bilingual and have had more international exposure.

This year, four ELL students represented the Chinese Club and gave performances at International Night. Mauro Cruz and Erik Blanco demonstrated a short lesson called "I can speak Chinese", in which Mauro spoke with a perfect Chinese accent about his many interests in life. Two girls, Umu Tejen-Jalloh and Elsa Perez performed a Chinese hip-hop dance with words from a holiday song. Their performances drew loud cheers from the audience. Lastly, ELL students like to be physically active. There is hardly a school team that does not have ELL students. ELLs are well represented on the student council, cheerleading, softball, volleyball, JV football, cross country, track teams, and most particularly, the popular soccer team. Through team work, ELL students learn valuable lessons that help them succeed in the future.

From Team United Nations

-- Mr. Mark Winn-Ritzenberg & Mrs. Wang

BAT BOY THE MUSICAL

On Stage at Wilson High School, Dec. 7th - 9th

Musical theater fans (and readers of the Weekly World News) will not want to miss the performances of Janney alumni in Wilson High School's "Bat Boy The Musical", premiering Thurs. Dec. 7th and running through Sat., Dec. 9th on the Wilson auditorium stage. It's an intimate "theater in the round" production that includes former Deal students Sarah Giffin, Athena Hughes, Delia Doolan, Rosa Kelly, and Byron Grant (as Bat Boy), among others. Ripped from the headlines, *Bat Boy The Musical* is a classic love story with a serious bite, the story of a half boy/half bat found in a cave near Hope Falls, West Virginia, and his quest to find his pointy-eared place in the world.

-- Kimla McDonald

CANTARE® - A CELEBRATION OF LIFE IN LATIN AMERICA

The Music Department will be sponsoring a performance of the Celebration of Life in Latin America on Tues. Dec. 12th, at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.



The next deadline for the Newsletter is:

Fri. Jan. 12th with delivery to homes by Jan. 19th. Please leave articles in the PTA Drawer in the Main Office or send them to Jennifer.gruber@starpower.net.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a revised submission date.

CAREER DAY POETRY CONTEST RESULTS

The results of the PTA sponsored Career Day Poetry contest are in and all the winners were 7th graders. The first place prize of \$50 went to Julia Peck, second place prize of \$30 went to Christopher Jones and third place prize of \$20 went to Laura Caldwell. We received many thoughtful, creative and amazing poems. It was hard for our committee to choose from the over 50 poems submitted. Congratulations to the winners and to all who submitted poems. Keep on writing! Thanks to the PTA for sponsoring this inspiring activity.

-- Ana Hernandez, Counselor

CAREERS

By Julia Peck, 1st Place Winner

What will I be when I grow?
Is it about what I love?
Or just making dough?
So unprepared now,
But this I do know:
I will do what I love, and love what I do,
I may not get rich
But I'll make it come through.
I won't sit on my rump doing papers all day
I'll view our world
As my place to play.
I'll speak many tongues and travel the world
And lend both my hands
To aid fellow boys and girls.
Brazil, Italy, Mexico
I'll study people wherever I go.
Anthropology could be perfect for me
Considering all the people and places I'll see.
Click, click goes my camera along the way
Capturing the world, a photographer all day.
Or with a medium of food
An artist I'll be
Chef Emiril, you'd better watch out for me.
Cancer will be through
Because of the cure I will make
Saving the world of future heartache.
Dreams, dreams, which will come true?
When you love the world
Choosing how to love it
Is a hard thing to do.

BOOKFAIR SUCCESS

The Deal Book Fair at Politics & Prose was a big success and we raised \$1,981.60 for the school. That is about \$150 more than last year. Parents and friends purchased over 60 books for the classrooms and the library at Deal. Thanks to all the people who came out to shop for Deal, and to the following who volunteered their time to work at the book fair: Denise Sadler, Celia Bassols, Pam Dempsey, Lyn Kamarck, Diz Hormel, Kelly Benhase, Susan Shults-Scarlett, Carla Hillery, Amy Herrick, Fran Goldman,



Fran McCarthy, Jill Palmer, Anita Seline, Mark Simon, Mike Remez, Kim Hunter, Sharon Fishel, Christal Hair, Sally Gaffney, Gretchen Asmuth, Joy Kasset, and Jeff Neeley. A special thank you to Penny Ray for coordinating the volunteers. See you at the next fundraiser!

-- Camille Martone, Book Fair Chair

CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY 2006

The Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) designated the third Thursday of October as Conflict Resolution Day in order to increase public awareness about conflict resolution and its many benefits. This year on Oct. 19th, six 9th grade mediators (3 boys and 3 girls) from Alice Deal attended a special public event at the United States Institute of Peace to celebrate the day. The agenda for the afternoon event included two panel discussions: "Current Challenges in International Conflict Resolution Practice" and "Skills, Networks and Knowledge: Developing a Career in International Conflict Resolution". The students who attended were: Gabriel Allen, Yuhana Gidey, Michael Fische, Melanie Lawrence, Julia Lewis, and Babaak Parcham.

Marsha Blakeway accompanied the students. From the National Peace Foundation, Ms. Blakeway has worked with the Peer Mediation program at Deal for nine years. Following are some of the comments of one of Deal's participants, Michael Fische:

"We went to USIP and we heard several professional peacekeepers and mediators talk about their experiences and thoughts on peace and peacekeeping. We were invited to go – and were the only junior high students there – one out of two student groups there. There was a camera with a live link to a screen in the lobby – I think they videotaped the event. The speakers were all white, but those attending were from many cultures: I saw an Indian woman, a group of South Americans, Asians, African Americans, us, and a group of high school students."

"The speakers talked about their peacemaking experiences - for example in Iraq; and talked about peacekeeping in the field and at a desk and how it is different. It is different because at a desk everything is theoretical and you are safe; in the field, you might be a target for an attack."

"I really liked hearing A. Heather Coyne, Senior Program Officer, Center for Mediation and Conflict Resolution, Former Chief of Party, Iraq, USIP about her field experience in Iraq. I mediate in a school and she does this in an area of violent conflict. She talked about how the rules and what you do may change to get the job done. She said that sometimes a big sign with the name of USIP might become a target if people didn't like what the United States was doing; other times they thought that having the sign might protect them from harm. This was related to how people with different religions and backgrounds have different feelings about projects

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supported by the United States. Also, even if a group is a non-military group, such as USIP, some people like and welcome the U.S. and some attack because they are affiliated with the U.S.”

“The speakers talked about peacemaking and how religion was involved - how the different religions and different backgrounds of people affects their willingness to be involved with peacemaking. They talked about the way communities were involved in peacekeeping - community centers that have a focus on peacekeeping in the community are very effective in areas with lots of fighting – so people can work out their problems without violence.”

“At the break, I talked with the person who moderated the second panel – the education specialist at USIP (David Smith, Senior Program Officer, USIP Education Program). I asked him, how we can get more funds for this so that more kids can learn and use these skills?. He said that he would be going to a USIP and Board of Education meeting and he would mention it for me.”

“Ambassador Solomon (Richard H. Solomon, President, USIP) talked about some of the history of USIP and about the new building they want to build close to the Mall. We saw a model of the new building – it is a very interesting design.”

“ The second panel was about how to get jobs and how to go through high school and college to go into a career in mediation. They said that most jobs will not have the name “mediator” but will be in related fields and that it is always good to be able to incorporate mediation into jobs.”

Students met METRO’s dispute resolution specialist Horatio A. (Ray) Lanier, J.D., Senior EEO & Dispute Resolution Officer at WMATA and the incoming president of ACR. The students also met David A. Hart, CEO of ACR; David J. Smith of USIP; Susan Allen Nan, Ph.D. of George Mason University’s Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution; Craig Zelizer, Ph.D. of Georgetown University’s MA Program in Conflict Resolution; and Lewis Dabney, Mediation Program Manager at Key Bridge Foundation.

One of the other students also liked the talk by A. Heather Coyne about the different types of conditions where people mediate – especially comparing domestic to international conflict resolution. The student said that Ambassador Solomon’s talk was a very diplomatic speech about the importance of international conflict resolution and how important it is to understand cultural differences.

One student asked a question at the event about mediating religious conflicts when each side believes that they are a “chosen” people – that they are right – not wrong. The students remembers being acknowledged for the good question and the answer as being that a mediator would be fine if he or she went to the source of the issue, being specific and exact in restating issues.

Others remember the answer also including the idea that all religions have peace as a main tenet and that reframing the conflict in terms of their peace mission might assist parties in creating agreements. Another student asked a question about how peacemakers are accepted in other places in the Middle East.

The young mediators were all pleased to hear from adult peacemakers about their work and to hear about possible careers in peacemaking and conflict resolution.

-- Marsha Blakeway



THE DEAL PHONATHON NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

The Annual Deal Phonathon -- one of the biggest PTA fundraisers of the year -- is slated for **Sunday, Jan. 28th, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm** and **Monday, Jan. 29th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**. We've already received names of many volunteers (thank you!), but could use even more. If you are interested in this short and sweet time commitment to greatly benefit Deal, please email or call either co-chair: Amy Friend (asfriend27@aol.com ; 202/2449354) or Cary Griffin (griffin@griffinco.com; 202/364-0856). For those of you who have already generously volunteered your name, you can expect to hear from us soon with more details. Please help us set a new fund raising record this year!

*-- Amy Friend, Cary Griffin,
Phonathon Co-chairs*

DEAL AUCTION UPDATE

The holidays are here, and it’s a great time to ask your favorite businesses, hotels, and restaurants for a donation to the Deal PTA auction next April. Remember, when you’re shopping and spending money, you have maximum leverage. Also, think about who you know and what they might have to offer: A dinner party with a famous author? Broadway tickets? A house at the beach? You don’t have to join the committee to solicit a donation or two. (But the committee is a fun group and a great way to get to know other Deal parents! New members are always welcome.) Even if you can only do a little bit, we’d love to hear from you. Contact Linda Feldmann (FeldmannL@csps.com, 667-4465) or Malin Kerwin (malin1@verizon.net, 362-9055).

WELCOME BACK, OFFICER ARCHIE!

You may have noticed that the big smile in the blue uniform was missing this fall, and that Officer Davis looked a bit harried. One of our school resource officers, Todd Arichega (Officer Archie), was out with a broken leg for several months, and Officer Davis did the work of two. Officer Archie came back this week, and his partner and all the students, teachers and staff were very glad to see him!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thurs. Dec. 7 th	Geography Bee, Winter Concert
Fri. Dec. 8 th	Parent Teacher Conference Day
Sat./Sun. Dec. 9 th -10 th	Green Sales at Deal
Mon. Dec. 11 th	Homework Hotline On-line
Thurs. Dec. 14 th	Deal Night 6:30-9:00 pm
Sat./Sun. Dec. 16 th -17 th	Green Sales (if necessary)
Mon. Dec. 25 th	Winter Holiday
Wed. Jan. 3 rd	Teachers return to school
Mon. Jan. 8 th	Students return to school
Fri. Jan. 12 th	Newsletter submission deadline
Mon. Jan. 15 th	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Thurs. Jan. 18 th	Math Night
Fri. Jan. 26 th	Students dismissed @ 12:15pm
Mon. Feb. 5 th	Science Fair week begins
Fri. Feb. 9 th	Valentine Day Dance

NOW FORMING . . . THE "L B C" FOR 7TH GRADE STUDENTS

Do you like to read? Would you like to share some of your 'good reads' with fellow classmates?

The **L**unchtime **B**ook **C**lub is now forming and will meet every other month on Tuesdays during 3rd period beginning Dec. 12th. See Mrs. Sellars in the library to join. Participation is limited to 25 students.

FAREWELL TO MS. TARDD

The Deal family said good-bye to Ms. Tardd last week when she transferred from Deal to DCPS Special Education Department. Her 20 years of friendly and helpful service were greatly appreciated by parents, students, and her colleagues. We will miss her.

The Student Council officers will be visiting all the homerooms this week to have the students sign cards or write notes to Ms. Tardd and Mr. Beeler. If any parents would like to include their thoughts on a card or bring in one of your own, please bring them to the front office.

HELP GET THE WORD OUT:
Give this flyer to a family or friend!

**Thinking about going to Alice Deal Junior High next year?
Come get answers to your questions.**

Parents and students are invited to

DEAL NIGHT

ALICE DEAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2006

6:30 - 9:00 pm

- ❖ Learn about the quality educational experience your child will find at Deal through the eyes of the Deal students themselves!
- ❖ Deal students will talk about the transition to junior high, the classes, clubs and activities offered at the school.
- ❖ Deal Principal, Melissa Kim, will discuss the academic programs and the future plans for the school.
- ❖ Deal parents from Janney, Lafayette, Mann, Murch, Oyster, and West, will also be available to informally chat with parents.