

# ALICE DEAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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# PTA NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE DEAL PTA TO ALL : HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY !!



### CHOIRS TO PERFORM AT THE NATIONAL ZOO

On December 19, 2007 the Concert Choir and Show Choir will perform at the National Zoo for the ZooLights Festivities. The performance is at 6:30pm and will take place near the Mane Restaurant. Come out and support our talented singers as they entertain their audience with selections from the Winter Concert, as well as a couple of new songs.  
-- Mr. Frye, Music Teacher



### MUSIC DEPARTMENT SHINES

On Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup> the auditorium at school was filled with harmonious sounds of the talented students in the Beginning Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, Drumline, Concert Choir, and Show Choir. For many of our Vocal and Instrumental students, this was one of their first experiences on the stage. The audience was entertained with a variety of festive music including *Ode to Joy*, *African Noel*, *Somewhere Over The Rainbow*, *We're in a Holiday Mood*, *Niobe*, and the various beats and rhythms created by the members of the Drumline. Students in the Music Department should be proud of their accomplishments. All of their hard work and dedication really paid off. Many thanks goes out to the parents and teachers for their continued support and assistance at our concert!

### LSRT Lobbies on Budget, Boundaries Issues

Over the past month, the Deal LSRT has been active in advocating on behalf of Deal with both DCPS and the City Council.

#### Rose School

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, LSRT Parent Co-Chair Tom Israel submitted testimony before the DC City Council on the Mayor's proposed supplemental budget allocation. As a result of Deal's discussions with City Council member Mary Cheh, the Mayor had included \$150,000 in funding to begin planning for the future use of the Rose School site. The Rose School is the old building located close to the northeast corner of Deal. Once Deal's modernization is complete, the Rose School will be less than 20 feet from the new Deal Gymnasium.

The LSRT testified in support of the planning grant and conveyed Deal's interest in the building becoming part of the Deal campus for possible use as a studio and performance space for art and music classes or a world languages laboratory; either design would allow for community use, as well as to create space for an after school program to meet the middle school needs. The LSRT urged the Council, the Mayor, and the Office of  
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## LSRT LOBBIES ON BUDGET, *continued*

Planning to place a priority on the use of the site to meet the future needs of Deal – recognizing that once the modernization is completed we anticipate a surge in enrollment that may tax the capacity of the renovated building.

### **DCPS Budget**

Later that same week, LSRT Secretary Charles Lawrence testified before DCPS Chancellor Rhee at her public hearing on the 2009 budget. He urged DCPS to support an increase in the “Uniform Per Student Funding Formula” and to provide support for the kind of math vertical articulation programming that the Deal math department has initiated with our feeder schools. He also strongly urged DCPS to avoid the mid-year “equalization” process that in the past has resulted in mid-year losses of teachers and disruptions of student schedules. (The good news is that the Mayor’s supplemental budget provides funding to avoid mid-year “equalization” of staffing and its resulting disruptive teacher transfers).

### **Boundary Changes**

Perhaps most importantly, Mr. Lawrence called on DCPS not to change the enrollment boundaries for Deal. Last spring, DCPS posted on its website proposed new boundaries that would have eliminated West, Bancroft, Oyster and Mann elementary schools from the Deal feeder pattern. The LSRT believes that such a change would result in increasing segregation within DCPS and would significantly reduce the diversity of the student body at Deal. Mr. Lawrence stressed that Deal is one of the most integrated public schools in the District – and that we strongly oppose proposals that would reduce that diversity.

The boundary changes were proposed under the prior superintendent, and their status under the new governance structure remain unclear. The LSRT asked DCPS to publicize a timeline and process for community input into any boundary change proposal. To date there has been no further information. However, the new DCPS initiative to close schools necessitates a re-drawing of school boundaries – so it is essential that the community be provided with an opportunity for input before decisions are made.

The LSRT is following up with DCPS to ensure early community input into the boundary change process. Please watch for future updates – and possible “Action Alerts” if there is a need for broader community pressure to ensure that the interests of Deal are protected.

*Tom Israel*, Chair, LSRT



## **Honor Roll Errata**

Our apologies to Joshua Dorsey, a high achieving 8<sup>th</sup> grader, who was inadvertently omitted from the Honor Roll List in last month’s newsletter.

Congratulations Joshua!

## **CLOSING THE BOOKS ON DEAL DAYS AT POLITICS & PROSE**



Thank you to all the Deal families who supported Deal and its neighborhood bookstore by volunteering and purchasing books at the Deal Book Fair at Politics and Prose last month. Thanks to the generosity of the Deal community, Deal received over 115 new books and over \$1,700 in cash (20% of the proceeds of the bookstore's sales to the Deal community that day). Please join us again next year!

--*Susan Ullman*, Chair

## **COMING HOME**

In the words of Dorothy from *The Wizard of Oz*, “There is no place like home”. I think my reaction to returning to Deal Middle school was in the same vein. After nine years in the classroom in DC and California teaching history to middle and high school students, I have left the chalkboards behind to become Deal’s new Academic Coordinator. It was difficult to leave the classroom environment and the unique relationships with students that teaching provided; however, this new opportunity will allow me to work with students and staff throughout the school as we begin our application for authorization in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (IB MYP) and other exciting programs to support our students.

A large part of my job as Academic Coordinator is the implementation and coordination of the IB MYP. This alphabet soup is one of the most innovative and engaging programs in education to day. IB describes the Middle Years Programme as “a programme of international education designed to help students develop knowledge, understanding, attitudes and skills necessary to participate actively and responsibly in a changing world”. Quite simply, it will provide the students at Deal with intellectual challenges and opportunities that engage them with their local and global communities.

If you have questions about the IB MYP at Alice Deal, please contact me at [kathydryden@gmail.com](mailto:kathydryden@gmail.com). For general questions about IB please see their website at <http://www.ibo.org>.

-- *Kathy Dryden*, Academic Coordinator

## **SALLY FOSTER SALE CONTINUES ON-LINE**

Remember Families: If you didn't get a chance to order from the Sally Foster sale earlier this fall, the sale continues on-line through January. This is a good spot to get gifts for friends and teachers and there you will find enough wrapping paper to wrap all the presents you'll be giving this year. Just visit [www.dealpta.org](http://www.dealpta.org) and follow the Sally Foster link. Our school receives 50 percent of all proceeds. The school number is 507655.



**GREETINGS  
FROM THE PTA  
COPRESIDENTS**

**Thank you Deal  
Parent Volunteers.**

We want to thank all of the volunteers who sold holiday greens this month and who helped make the December 11 Open House a success, especially Chipp Jones and Hamlet Bent, who spearheaded the greens sale this year and Leigh Dingerson who graciously took on the task of organizing parent volunteers for the Open House. We also want to thank our Phonathon Chairs, Marc Pfeiffer and Kris Holland, and the roster of parent volunteers who are busy getting the Phonathon underway. We hope that when you receive your call from them, you will consider all the ways our PTA dollars support your child's education at Deal and will give as generously as you can.

**Auction News!** After consulting with the parent fundraising chairs for the Auction, the Raffle and the Phonathon, we have decided to postpone the Deal Auction for a year in order to take advantage of the opportunity that our temporary 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades-only structure gives us to try something new in 2008. As part of the Deal Raffle this year, we are organizing two cocktail parties for this April – one for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade parents and one for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents. At each event you will be able to buy raffle tickets to win cash prizes and get a chance to meet other parents of students in your child's grade. Then, in late April or early May, we are going to hold an old-fashioned ice cream social for the entire Deal Community at which we will draw the winning raffle tickets. Contact either of us if you are interested in helping put together these events. We would especially appreciate knowing of any contacts anyone may have with local restaurants that might be willing to serve as the location for the cocktail parties or might be interested in donating refreshments for the events. And we are organizing now for the 2009 Auction, so let us know if you are interested in working on that.

**Upcoming events.** Our next general PTA meeting and Parent Education Workshop will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2007.

**Thank you Deal Teachers and Staff.** As the first half of the 2007-2008 school year comes to a close, we want to thank our wonderful Deal Teachers and Staff for all of their hard work in 2007 and for the gifts of knowledge and caring that they give to our children each school day.

We hope everyone has a joyous holiday season in the many diverse ways our community observes.

~ ~ Sally Greenberg & Ruth Ernst

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**FROM THE  
PRINCIPAL**

I write this message in a glowing state. Tonight, I had the pleasure of being part of the audience at the



Winter Concert. Our choir students sang like angels, the show choir dazzled us with song and choreography, the concert band performed like pros, the jazz band moved us to tap and sway, and the drum line had us sitting at the edge of our seats! This will be one of my treasured memories of the 2007-08 school year.

Such beauty and skill does not come magically. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Frye have put in many long hours to build relationships with students to inspire them to love music as much as they do. The students have dedicated themselves as well. Because they made the choice to do well and be a part of a team, they put in the practice hours to excel individually and as part of the larger ensemble. And the results – after just three months – are impressive.

It is at moments like the Winter Concert that I am reminded again of what can be possible when we work together – parents, teachers, and students. So as we prepare to part for the winter holidays, I would like to propose a challenge:

- Teachers & staff, I ask you to stay the course. I know you are working harder than ever. I and others can see the fruits of your constant engagement with your content and with your students.
- Parents, I ask you to get involved with the PTA and support the work of your teachers. If you haven't been to school this year, please come and meet us, whether it's at an open house or a student activity.
- Students, I challenge you to push yourself academically and socially. Push your boundaries and limits to see how exciting learning can be when you really let yourself get engaged with the material and with your classmates. You have so many opportunities at Deal – get involved!

Our school succeeds collectively when each of our students is succeeding individually! Have a wonderful winter break! See you in the new year!

-- Melissa Kim, Principal



### **MIX IT UP LUNCH**

“Mix it Up” is a nationwide campaign that supports students who want to identify, question, and cross social boundaries that separate them from each other and help build inclusive, welcoming learning environments. It’s a simple call to action: take a new seat in the cafeteria. By making the move, students can cross the lines of division, meet new people, and make new friends. The Mix It Up At Lunch is a once per year activity. This activity was held on Tuesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.

Here are some student reactions: Lukas Canan observed, “I thought “Mix it Up” day was a really good experience. It had us sitting with people that we don’t normally sit with.” From Airen Washington: “It was interesting when I asked other students questions.” Nathan Cordes said, “I met some new people and learned new things about my current friends.” Sophia Fedeli shared, “It was very fun because we got to sit with people that I have never spoken to before.” Chris Doherty concluded, “I thought “Mix it Up” was a fun thing because I met new people. It made me realize that everyone is nice, not just my friends.”

The administration would like to thank the counselors, Mrs. Blakeway, Mrs. Mostoller, Mrs. Washington, the Peer Mediators, and the Student Council for their help in putting together this activity.

-- Mrs. Logan, Assistant Principal

### **HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES**

Woodrow Wilson High School continues to host Open Houses for prospective students and their parents on the following Fridays, from 9:00 am-11:00 am: Dec. 21, Jan. 11 & 25, 2008, Feb. 8 & 22, March 7 & 14, April 4 & 18. Academy applications will be available on-line January 9, 2008 at [wilson.org](http://wilson.org). To find out your boundary school go to [www.k12.dc.us](http://www.k12.dc.us) and click on schools. For school profiles including charter and private schools go to [www.fightforchildren.org](http://www.fightforchildren.org).

-- Ana Hernandez, 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, 373-8282



## **School Modernization Update**

The work taking place on the interior of the building (Area 3A) is well underway. The demolition is nearly completed and new walls are being framed up on the second floor with the first and third floors to follow next week. The footings for the new monumental stair in the west light court have been poured and the stairs will be installed late next month. The new building systems (plumbing, electrical, sprinkler, etc.) have been installed throughout most of the 3A area. One of the biggest challenges of this project has been the installation of new systems while maintaining service from the old systems without disrupting school operations. Thus far, the issues have been minimal and service has been maintained throughout the building.

The masonry walls for the gymnasium are underway and should be completed in early January. The ground floor slab for the gymnasium will be poured over the next two weeks and the north and south walls will then be erected.

Many obstacles were encountered regarding the construction of the cafeteria and gymnasium, the biggest of which was the existing underground electrical service which was located beneath the footprint of the new cafeteria. A new electrical ductbank was constructed to re-route the electrical service around the new construction and still maintain electrical service to the rest of the building. The switchover occurred with no interruption to school services. Accomplishing this milestone will allow the rest of the footings for the cafeteria to be constructed.

In spite of some delays, we are still anticipating completion of the gym, cafeteria and Area 3A by March of 2008. To accomplish this task, portions of the work will be accelerated, including working Saturdays and possibly some Sundays. A contingency plan is being developed in the event that this initial completion date cannot be met. If necessary, the execution of the contingency plan will still allow the Phase II work to begin in March, 2008 as planned with minimal changes to school operations.

-- Submitted by Heery International, Inc.

## **SOCIAL STUDIES NEWS**

### **National Archives Saturday Workshop Reprised on January 19th!**



Students who missed out on the first National Archives and Records Administration workshop for National History Day can still take advantage of this special opportunity to learn more about using the government’s documents. Contact Missy McNatt at [missy.mcnatt@nara.gov](mailto:missy.mcnatt@nara.gov) to schedule an appointment for Sat., January 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## Social Studies News *continued*

### Progress in National History Day

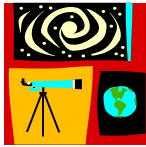
The Department of Social Studies encourages students to take advantage of the long winter break to get a lot of the research done for their National History Day projects. The National Archives, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Museum of American History Archives, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, and many local university libraries will be open and available for students while teachers and staff return to work immediately after New Year's Day.

Students are expected to follow the due dates below in order to complete their projects in a timely and thorough fashion:

January 11:	Annotated Bibliography
January 18:	Research Outline: Thesis statement and conclusion
January 28:	Project Proposal with sketch, script, outline, or storyboard
February 1:	Revised Research Outline
February 11:	Project Rough Draft
February 21:	Final Project with annotated bibliography and process paper

Individual teachers may alter the due dates slightly to fit classroom schedules, but all Deal students are required to complete all parts of the project.

-- Ms. Mostoller, Chair, Social Studies Dept.



### THE DEAL SCIENCE FAIR IS COMING UP !

Deal will host its annual Science Fair on Thurs. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. This means two important things for parents and guardians:

1. Be aware and supportive of your student's progress on his/her project. A letter was mailed home in October outlining the steps of the project and important due dates. It is crucial that students complete each step of the project on time so as not to fall behind.
2. We are seeking judges! One of the most important aspects of the Science Fair is the opportunity for our students to interact with multiple judges. We welcome adults with a science background to join us for 2-4 hours on the morning of the fair. Please spread the word.

Visit our website: <http://dealscience.googlepages.com>  
Instructions, grading rubrics, due dates and information for judges can all be found on one easy site! Thank you for your support. -- Ms. Lerum, Science Teacher

**The next deadline for the Newsletter is: Fri. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
with delivery to homes by Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. Please leave articles in the PTA Drawer in the Main Office or send them to [Jennifer.gruber@starpower.net](mailto:Jennifer.gruber@starpower.net)



### FALL SPORTS TEAMS FINISH UP STRONG

#### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

The 2007 girls volleyball team completed their season in fine form by finishing first in the DCIAA west division. In the city championships, the lady Vikings came in third place. Coach Jenkins wants to thank the parents who came to the games for their support and a big congratulations to the team for a fine season.

#### **BOYS SOCCER**

After going undefeated for the entire season, the boys soccer team fell victim to an inspired Lincoln team in the championship game which was played under the lights at the Wilson stadium. It was a hard fought game with excellent demonstrations of skill and hustle by both teams. Our team played in the DC-Scores Middle School Soccer League for the first time this year with the following results. In all 33 goals were scored and 4 goals conceded. An average of 5.5 goals per match and 3 goals per player were achieved on the field. Coach Mbayu (French Teacher and PLEG) congratulates the boys -- the "soccer powerhouse" of the metro area.

#### **GIRLS SOCCER**

The girls soccer team completed an undefeated season by winning the Middle Schools soccer championship under the lights at the Wilson stadium. Coach Ngwa had the girls prepared and they responded with the determination that a championship team needs. Congratulations to the girls for a fine soccer season.

-- Mr. Jenkins & Mr. Mbayu, Coaches

## Need a Letter of Recommendation?

As Deal 8<sup>th</sup> graders begin the process of applying to high schools the Deal staff would like to remind both students and parents of some important points regarding letters of recommendation.

**Who to ask:** Some high schools or programs require recommendations from specific course teachers. If your application allows you to choose your teachers, select teachers whose classes you have done well in and who know you well.

**When to ask:** Ask a teacher no later than two weeks prior to when you want the letter completed. Please remember – teachers are very busy people and will be able to do a better job if they are not rushed to meet your deadline!

### How to ask

1. Approach the teacher outside of class time. Tell him/her where you are applying and ask if they would be willing to write you a recommendation.

2. If they say yes, give the teacher the paperwork. Make sure to include:

- \* Recommendation paperwork with your portions completed
- \* An addressed envelope (stamped if the letter is to be mailed)
- \* A cover letter, resume, or note describing you and your accomplishments

3. Make sure you explain to the teacher when the letter needs to be completed.

**After asking:** Teachers will either mail a letter to the school or give it to the counselor. No letters will be given to students or parents. To show your appreciation, you should write the teacher a thank-you note.

*Note: A more in-depth handout on this topic is available from your child's counselor.*



## DEAL DEBATERS DELIVER DEPTH

The Deal Debate Team had an unprecedented three squads go undefeated in the December 8<sup>th</sup> DC Urban Debate League tournament at Friendship Collegiate Public Charter School. There were thirty-six teams from public, charter, and private schools from throughout the region and as far away as the Bronx, New York. Deal finished with five teams in the top fifteen overall. The topics were: (1) the U.S. should make a preemptive strike on Iran; (2) D.C. should keep the zone fare system for taxis; (3) giving money to panhandlers is justified; and (4) all DCPS high schools should have free, on-site childcare for the children of teen mothers. Each team debates four times at a meet.

David Landay and Nick St. Amand remained undefeated for the year, this time teaming up with Skyler Hughes for third place. League leader Paul Banks joined with Joe Haberman and Derek Levinson to also go undefeated and finish second. These powerhouse teams were edged out on speaker points by Deal debate newcomers Noah Klose, Reid Rumelt, and Kyle Monteilh.

Other strong results were the ninth-place squad finish of Christina Harn, Noah Howard, and Lena Shapiro; and the fifteenth-place finish of Jaimie Loney, Clara McGinn, and Justin Trabue. Out of 108 individuals entered, Deal had eight in the top thirty-one, including newcomers Julia Peck, Jaimie Loney, Kyle Monteilh, Derek Levinson and Noah Klose. Paul Banks was first for Deal, coming in 3rd overall. Noah Klose was 4th; Kyle Monteilh came in 9th; Reid Rumelt snared 15th; Jaimie Laney got 19th; and in the 20th position was Christina Harn.

The team has already begun training for their next competition in February. As the season stretches until the end of the school year, Mr. Hughes, the coach, still welcomes any Deal student to participate in Deal Middle School's newest winning tradition.

-- Mr. Hughes, Debate Team Coach &  
Derek Levinson, 7th grader, Debate Team Member

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Fri. Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Student Council Winter Assembly Wilson Open House 9-11:00 am
Mon. Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Break begins
Wed. Jan. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Teachers return to school
Mon. Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Students return to school
Thurs. Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting/Parent Workshop
Fri. Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of 2nd advisory PTA Newsletter Submission Deadline
Mon. Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Fri. Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	12:15 dismissal
Thurs. Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Deal Science Fair
Mon. Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup>	NHD Project Rough Draft Due
Thurs. Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Student Council Valentines Day Event
Thurs. Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Final NHD Projects Due



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For further information visit:

[www.cfcnca.org](http://www.cfcnca.org).



## STUDENT COUNCIL VALENTINE'S DAY SALES

It isn't too early to start thinking about Valentine's Day. Student Council will begin taking orders in mid-January for roses, teddy bears, carnations, and lollipops for delivery to friends on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Students prepay for the Valentines, write personalized heart-shaped cards, and address them to friends using homeroom numbers as delivery sites. Orders will be taken in the cafeteria during the lunch periods only.

### ELL STUDENTS STUDY THE CONSTITUTION

On November 7, twenty-six 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, FDR 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 answered a question correctly, they received a small chocolate prize. 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 the "I Have a Dream" speech. After students were treated to a hot lunch in the cafeteria of the Department of the Interior, they 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".



-- Mr. Mark Winn-Ritzenberg  
& Mrs. Jihong Wang, Team United Nations

### PHONATHON ALERT

It's a tradition... Deal parents calling other Deal parents to raise money for Deal during one weekend in January. The phone calls have raised a significant amount of money for the PTA (over \$20,000 last year), helping to fund many school activities: the 7th grade Hemlock trip, sports uniforms, the spring musical, workshops for parents and teachers and much more. Questions? or to volunteer: Marc Pfeiffer 363-9217 [marc.pfeiffer909@gmail.com](mailto:marc.pfeiffer909@gmail.com) or Kris Holland 966-8715 [banksholland@starpower.net](mailto:banksholland@starpower.net).



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

In anticipation of our eight grade students being promoted to high school next school year, the guidance department conducted high school readiness workshops with each team. The core teachers along with Ms. McFarland, Mr. Santiago and I were present to assure that the information will be reinforced. Students received a handout as we reviewed basic concepts such as community service and academic requirements. Most importantly, we discussed some of the high school options available to them and the steps necessary that each student, along with their parents or guardians, needs to take.



We also discussed the procedure and approach students should take when requesting letters of recommendations from their teachers. We advised all students to write a cover letter or brief resume and attach an addressed, stamped envelop. Some schools like Banneker, McKinley, and Wilson prefer that the counselor compile all the documents for each student. In those cases, stamps will not be required.

The teachers will return their recommendations in a sealed envelope to Ms. Hernandez. It is extremely important that these letters of recommendation be requested in a timely manner. Teachers and I will be writing letters for our 270 eight grade students. Last minute requests may not be completed in time by the teachers and this will hold up the application process. Incomplete applications are put aside until all documents are received. Please also keep in mind that students will need copies of their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade report cards and standardized test scores for each application. This process will also take time, so request your records with ample time.

The presentations were lively and students had many questions. It was our hope that this event helped motivate students to discuss their future with their parents. Deadlines are soon approaching and we certainly want to avoid last minute jitters.

-- Ana Hernandez, 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor

## Have Your Work Published

Beginning in January we need additional Deal students to write a School Dispatches column for the *North West Current*, a weekly newspaper. Each student will only need to write a short (2-3 paragraph) article every 6-8 weeks. Please volunteer to join the reporters for the fall: Lily Cortez, Austen Hamilton, Ruthie Lewis, Maggie Roos, and Derek Levinson. Contact Susan Ullman, 966-81789 [ullmansk@yahoo.com](mailto:ullmansk@yahoo.com)



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