

## **New to Deer Path Middle School? What families would like to know!**

*Frequently asked questions:*

### **How do I make sure that I hear about everything going on at DPM?**

It is essential that you sign up for the listserve to receive important email updates and calendar information every Friday as well as important announcements during the week. Go to <http://www.lf67.org/schools/listserve.html> to sign up!

### **What is Edline and who is the main user?**

Edline is a web-based resource used by DPM teachers to post important information about their class. This information may include a calendar of assignments/activities, resources and web links, and posting of worksheets/presentations. Both you and your child will have access to this valuable resource and we encourage our students to check Edline on a daily basis.

### **What about Power School?**

PowerSchool is Deer Path Middle School's student information system that allows parents and students access to attendance and grades. DPM teachers update grades on a regular basis, which allows for close home-school communication. Both you and your child will have access to this resource.

### **What if I have a problem accessing either Edline or PowerSchool?**

Parents and students receive separate logins for both Edline and PowerSchool - the DPM office will be mailing letters with the login information to families the week of August 22nd. If you encounter a problem accessing either resource, please contact the school office and we will be happy to assist.

### **What is my child spending all of his lunch money on?**

You can track your child's spending easily. From the District website, go to Food Service, then Mynutrikids.com and sign on with your user name and password. After you log in, go into Mykids and click on "transaction History" to view your child's purchases. You can also deposit money here. If you want to see the menus and a la carte menu, you can access it on the Food Service page.

**Where can I find the DPM Student Handbook?**

From the district web site, go to Deer Path Middle School and then “DPM Handbook”.

**What do I need to do if I want to pick-up my child early from school for an appointment?**

If your child has an appointment that requires them to be picked up at school, the best way to accomplish this is to send your child to school with a note. This note will serve as your permission and therefore will not require you to sign your child out for the appt. If a note is not provided, you will need to come into the school office and sign out your child.

**What DPM sports can my 5<sup>th</sup> grader participate in & how do I know when try outs are? What days will the activities fall on?**

Fifth graders can participate in tennis, in-door golf, floor hockey, fitness center, cross country, wrestling and track/field. From the district web site, go to Deer Path Middle School, and then “Athletics” to learn more.

**What about extracurricular activities? How do they sign up? What days?**

From the district web site, go to Deer Path Middle School and then “Extra-Curr. activities” to see a list and description of activities. From there, click on the DPM Activities Brochure, which lists contact names and meeting times.

**Do the kids go outside for recess or can they stay inside? If they go outside, where do they go?**

The students have 30 minutes each day for lunch. Within that time period, they can also go outside for recess (weather permitted) or stay inside and talk with friends. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders go outside by the playground equipment and the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders gather outside in the patio area or walk across the parking lot to play in the Deer Path Park fields.