



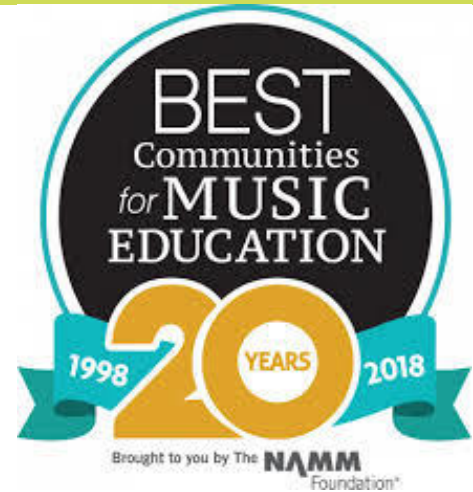
THE MOUNTAINSIDE MESSENGER

MAKING MUSIC IN MOUNTAINSIDE

Mountainside's outstanding music program was recognized by the NAMM Foundation as one of 2019's Best Communities for Music Education.

Congratulations to Mr. Wise and Mr. Rosenblum for motivating our students to

perform throughout the year and encouraging their love of music. Students will be performing in Deerfield's Winter concert in December, a spring musical, "School of Rock", in March, at the MUJC Music Festival and Music in the Park Festival in Six Flags to name a few. Students participate in Orchestra, Jazz Band, Chorus and an Acapella Group. Come out to support our talented students.



WELCOME OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Bottom Row: Janet Walling, Superintendent;
Kim Richards, Deerfield Principal

Top Row: Sheri Rouleau, Supervisor of Special Services;
Suzanne Jenks, Beechwood Principal

The Mountainside School District is excited to begin the 19-20 school year with a new administrative team in place. Mrs. Walling joined Mountainside in July, after serving her prior district for an incredible 31 years! Mrs. Richards has been Deerfield's Principal for 10 years, and is eager to welcome several new staff members, as well as existing faculty in new roles. Mrs. Rouleau hit the ground running in September, committed to staff, students and families in the Special Education Department, establishing a strong line of communication and support. Mrs. Jenks was promoted to be Beechwood's 1st Principal, after 24 years in the district. It's sure to be a busy and productive year for students and staff, and our administrative team will be with them every step of the way!



"START WITH HELLO"



In September, Deerfield students in Mountainside recognized peer connections by celebrating "Start with Hello" week, which was created by Sandy Hook Promise. This program teaches students to make a difference with their peers in a simple, fun and impactful way.

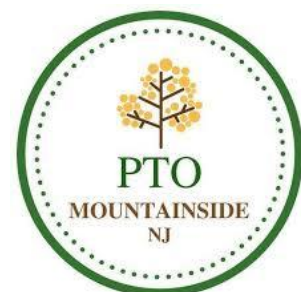
The goal was to identify people and things in and around school that make them smile. Special thanks to our Student Council, Peer Leaders, and Art Club members for brightening our sidewalks and day!

GENEROUS SUPPORT FOR MOUNTAINSIDE SCHOOLS

Throughout the year, many school initiatives are possible thanks to the generous donations from several local organizations. The Mountainside Education Foundation, Watts Foundation and PTO all contributed to the new Beechwood playgrounds and many field trips and workshops for our students to enjoy.

Additionally, the Watts Foundation awarded several grants for media center books, audio books, Maker Space kits, and PEAK FM listening systems. They also contributed to Deerfield's outdoor classroom, new stage curtains, and standing desks. The PTO is a constant source of volunteers for annual events such as the Fall Festival, GSD dances, book fairs, staff appreciation lunches, class parties and much more. They have also made significant donations in support of technology and capital improvements for both buildings.

We are so thankful for these steady supporters of our district, and encourage everyone to participate and contribute to their fundraisers, as the benefits come right back to our students. These organizations have impacted the overall learning environment and experiences for every child in Mountainside, for which the Mountainside School District is forever grateful.



GROWING & LEARNING AT BEECHWOOD



Beechwood School welcomed students and visitors with its newly renovated green awning protecting everyone from the elements as they enter the building. This was part of the final phase of referendum projects that had been approved five years ago. It provided a fresh face lift to the school's entrance for the start of the new school year.

Beechwood is also excited to welcome many new staff members this school year. Ms. Smith is our new PEAK teacher, who is joined by several new paraprofessionals: Ms. Banks, Ms. Carpenter, Ms. Kronengold, Ms. Saltalamaccia, and Ms. Tighe. It's sure to be an exciting first year for everyone. Mr. Worswick moved from Deerfield to teach Physical Education to our younger students.

Ms. Van Vliet is a new addition to the 2nd grade team, where we have expanded the use of a new phonics program developed at Teachers College in NYC. Teachers have had staff development opportunities to fine tune the addition of this new curriculum, and students will reap the benefits as they become more confident, independent readers & writers.

DEVELOPING & THRIVING AT DEERFIELD



Deerfield began the year with several new staff as well. Erica Bell is the LDT-C, working with the Child Study Team. Ms. Chiappetta is our new Spanish teacher, Ms. Cruts teaches Physical Education and Health, Mrs. Dent joined the 3rd grade team, and Ms. Williams is a new paraprofessional.

Many other staff members moved into new positions including Ms. Goldbeck as the 3-8 Coordinator, Mrs. Albanese, Ms. Blass and Ms. Keegan are teaching Special Education students, Mrs. Higinbotham moved to 3rd grade, and Ms. Dunning is part of the 4th grade team.

September began with the unveiling of Deerfield's updated science labs. These interactive, 21st Century learning centers will provide the ideal environment for exciting new learning and experimenting for our students. Be sure to check them out during our parent/teacher conferences.

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