



# RANGER STATION

Deer Park Elementary PTA | 11605 Citrus Park Dr. Tampa, FL 33626

## Mark Your Calendars:

### April 13

Skate World Party (6-8pm)

### April 17

Spirit Night @ PDQ (5-8pm)

### April 18

PTA Dress Down Day

### April 20

Mother & Son Event (5-7pm)  
PTA Treat Day

### April 22

Golf Tournament @ Eagles Golf Course  
(8:30am)

### April 27

All Pro Dad's Breakfast (7am)  
Box Tops Due

### April 30 – May 4

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

### May 4

Volunteer Appreciation  
Breakfast/General Assembly Meeting  
(8:30am) @ the Cafeteria

### May 16

PTA Dress Down Day

### May 25

Last Day of School

## President's Letter

Happy Spring, Rangers! Can you believe how fast the year is flying by? Only two months left of school... we're on the home stretch to summer. However, we have a couple of fun events to look forward to before the school year is over.

Our Mother & Son event is April 20th! This year we're bringing back dodgeball, plus we'll have water activities and lacrosse. I look forward to playing with my boys at this event every year and getting to hit them a time or two (lol!) with a dodgeball is just an added bonus!

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week will be April 30th-May 4th. I truly believe every teacher deserves to be acknowledged for their hard work and dedication. As a former teacher myself, I know that a small note of gratitude goes a long way to make you feel appreciated. The optional teacher appreciation schedule is on the following page.

Another big day is May 4th; it is the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in the cafeteria. Please join us in celebration of YOU! If you helped make copies, read to students, or volunteered at any school or PTA event, please join us because volunteers need to be appreciated too! Without our wonderful volunteers, Deer Park would not be as successful.

I can't wait to see you at some of these awesome events!

~Kelly

## 2017-2018 Deer Park Elementary PTA Board

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### Fundraising Opportunities



**Earn our school 10 cents for every box top collected!**

**How to participate:**

1. Collect Box Tops each month.
2. Place Box Tops in baggies of 50. Label each baggie with student's name, teacher and grade level.
3. Turn them in monthly to your teacher.

**Earn prizes:**

Prizes are awarded each quarter and at the end of the school year to the student who submitted the most box tops and the class with the highest percentage of participation.

**Upcoming Collections – April 27th**

### Ranger Walk Update

Over \$42,000 raised!

47 laptops and hard drives were purchased, formatted by the county, and are currently in use in our Deer Park classrooms.



**Hey dads & kids...**  
 JOIN US FOR THE  
**Deer Park All Pro Dads**

*Tony Danza is the national spokesman for All Pro Dad*

**ALL PRO DAD.**  
 Dad's Day

**When?** Friday 4/27  
 7am EST

**Where?** Cafeteria

Team up with other  
**Deer Park Elementary**

dads and kids for a quick, before-school breakfast and a 45-minute program of fatherhood and family topics. You'll take away some great tips and resources to help you be the best Dad you can be, and you'll strengthen your relationship with your kids at the same time.  
**It's fun, and it's FREE! See you there...**

**Please RSVP here**  
<http://allprodadsday.com/chapters/80>

For information email  
[davidfcoyle@hotmail.com](mailto:davidfcoyle@hotmail.com)

**Can't make it?** Jo in us next time on to be determined

## Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week



**May 2nd (Wed)** - Send your teacher a note or make a card to thank them for being awesome.

**May 3rd (Thu)** - bring your teacher's favorite treat.

**May 4th (Fri)** - bring your teacher a small gift.

(Due to testing, nothing is scheduled on Monday & Tuesday)

**PTA Treat Days & Dress Down Days**

*PTA Treat Days & Dress Down Days* are included with your PTA Membership this year! If you are a PTA Member, your student will be provided a special treat during the school year on pre-determined days. ALSO, your student may enjoy uniform-free days scheduled once a month. They can wear their favorite sports, holiday, or spirit shirt, as well as jeans or any other attire that follows Deer Park Elementary and Hillsborough County dress codes.

**Treat Dates:**  
April 20



**Dress Down Days:**

April 18  
May 16



**2017-2018 Business Sponsors**

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- Durrett Orthodontics
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- PDQ

**Green Ranger**

- Westchase Jazzercise
- Pediatric Dentistry of Westchase
- Impact Martial Arts

**Friend of Deer Park**

- Under the Lights Sports Leagues

**Deer Park Skate Party**



**Friday, April 13th 6-8pm**

Location: 7510 Paula Drive, Tampa FL 33615

Golden Skate award to the homeroom with best attendance!

Admission is \$6 including skate rental (a portion of the proceeds will benefit Deer Park PTA programs).

Stay for free for the following skate session!

**Deer Park Spirit Night**



**Tuesday, April 17th from 5-8pm**

Location: 8730 W Linebaugh Ave, Tampa FL 33625

Stop in for a chance to win prizes & receive homework passes!

**Hospitality Corner**

We want to give a huge THANK YOU to the new PDQ in Westchase for your generous donations toward our last teacher-conference dinner. The teachers were very appreciative of the support and fantastic food.

We'd also like to thank PDQ, as well as Smallcakes in Oldsmar for co-sponsoring our daddy-daughter dance, making the girls' night so very special. In addition, a huge thanks goes to Kelly Szarek Photography for capturing the night's special moments.



Teacher and Staff Appreciation week will be here before you know it!

If you are interested in helping provide food and snacks during our Appreciation Week, please visit [deerparkpta.org](http://deerparkpta.org), click on the General Info tab, and sign up for the Hospitality Team. This is a GREAT way for parents with small children, working parents, or those just short on time to help show our amazing teachers and staff our appreciation for all they do for our students and school. If you have any questions, please email Jen Lingo at [jenlingo77@gmail.com](mailto:jenlingo77@gmail.com). I look forward to working with you!

**Mother & Son Event**



**Friday, April 20th from 5-7pm**

Location: Deer Park Elementary

An evening of water balloon games, lacrosse, and dodgeball! Refreshments (including pizza & snow cones) will be provided. An RSVP form has been sent home by your child's teacher.

Please contact Carmen Rapson at [programs@deerparkpta.org](mailto:programs@deerparkpta.org) with any questions.

**Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast**



**Friday, May 4th from 8:30am**

Location: Deer Park Cafeteria

Come join us to celebrate YOU! We'd like to say thanks for all your hard work!

## 2017-2018 Spirit Shirts



Now available on the school's website.

## Stay Connected

WEBSITE: [www.deerparkpta.org](http://www.deerparkpta.org)

FACEBOOK:  
Deer Park Elementary PTA



## Contact Us

Ranger Station is published around the 3rd Thursday of every month from August through May. If you would like to include information in the newsletter, the submission deadline is three weeks prior. Please email submissions to [communications@deerparkpta.org](mailto:communications@deerparkpta.org) for consideration.

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## Become a PTA Member

### ***First, what is PTA?***

A Parent Teacher Association is a partnership between parents and educators who strive to enhance student learning and enrich the lives of the students within the school. It is also a forum for parents to obtain knowledge and voice their opinions about what is happening in their school.

### ***Why join PTA?***

PTA sponsors programs, events, and awards for students and is the link between parents and Deer Park Elementary School. Your membership dues will help support Deer Park Elementary School PTA and support the events and programs listed below, as well as many others:



- ❖ ***Back-to-School Night***
- ❖ ***All Pro Dads***
- ❖ ***Grandparents' Week***
- ❖ ***Ranger Round Up***
- ❖ ***Veterans Day Program***
- ❖ ***Movie Night***
- ❖ ***Daddy-Daughter Dance***
- ❖ ***Mom-Son Event***
- ❖ ***Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast***

Membership in the PTA also includes ***Dress Down Days*** and PTA sponsored ***Treat Days*** throughout the year. We will NOT be accepting dollars for dress down days or treat days in the courtyard this year. The only way to participate in these events is through your membership.

Membership forms can be filled out online through the Deer Park Elementary website: [http://www.deerparkpta.org/?page\\_id=8320](http://www.deerparkpta.org/?page_id=8320) or fill in the attached form (last page) and turn it into the front office.

