

# LUMBERJACK LEDGER

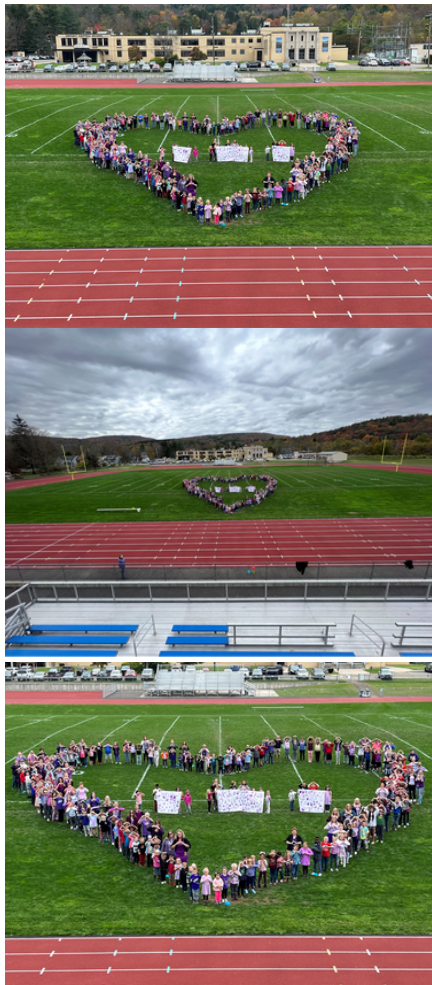
FALL '23 - FAMILY & STAFF UPDATES



DCS Families and Staff, Welcome to November! We've had a busy couple of months at DCS and we're looking forward to a lot of exciting events ahead. Please take a minute to read some of these updates. I've tried to keep them as brief as possible because I know you are all so busy. These updates will keep you in the loop about upcoming activities and some special moments we want to highlight at DCS. Fingers crossed for an uneventful winter! ~ Mrs. Denise Cook, Superintendent

## DCS COMMUNITY CARES

One of our precious children and her family are enduring a very difficult time - a medical challenge that strikes right at the heart of Lumberjack country. On Wednesday, October 18, the halls of DCS Elementary were a sea of purple and pink - Lia's favorite colors, as we showed our love and support for Lia and her family! Our students and staff put their hands where their hearts are, doing what we at DCS do best: come together for each other as a community! Going forward, we can all continue to show our support - there is a way to provide some help to this special family. Please share the link far and wide.  
<https://gofund.me/54156493>



## Emergency Practices at Deposit CSD

Like all districts, DCS is required to practice emergency drills throughout the school year. The most common of these drills are fire drills and lock-down drills. Between September and December, the school is required to practice 6 fire/evacuation drills and 2 lock-down drills. We have completed all drills except 1 lock-down drill at this point which will be held within the next month. If you have any questions about safety procedures at DCS, please visit our website for more information:  
<https://www.depositcsd.org/SafetyInformation.aspx>

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/9: Veterans' Lunch @ 12:15 in HS Cafe
- 11/9: National Honor Society Induction @ 6 PM
- 11/10: No School in Observance of Veterans Day
- 11/13: Board of Education Meeting @ 6 PM in Elem. Lib.
- 11/13: JV/V Winter Sports Begin
- 11/16: MS/HS Picture Retakes
- 11/20 & 11/21: Parent/Teacher Conf. 1/2 day dismissal for elementary only @ 11:15 AM
- 11/22-11/24: No School Thanksgiving Break
- 11/29: Elem School Picture Retakes



*Athletics*

The 2023 fall sport season is beginning to wrap up. 100 student-athletes participated from Deposit, and with the mergers from Hancock, we had 163 student-athletes representing the D-H Eagles in grades 7-12. Golf finished with a 6-6 record, which is sufficient to qualify for Sectionals that will take place in the spring. The golf team was also the recipient of the 2023 Midstate Athletic Conference (MAC) sportsmanship award. Field Hockey finished their regular season play with a 6-9 record and qualified for Sectionals. They picked up a quarter final win over higher-ranked Sidney to advance to the semi-final round, but lost to the defending state champion team, Whitney Point. This was the first ever Sectional win for the Eagles as a merged team. Volleyball finished their regular season with an 8-6 record and qualified for Sectionals. They also finished 3rd place in the MAC league. Cross Country attended several invitationals in addition to their regular season MAC contests. 8 runners competed in the Section IV Championship races, and Mirabella Sanford took 3rd place and will be moving on to the NYSPHSAA State Championships that will take place on November 11th at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill. Football has picked up 2 wins so far this season, and many of their losses were very close games. We wish the best of luck to the 20 graduating seniors from the fall varsity programs!



# Parent Café



Please Join us for Treats, Coffee,  
Conversation and Healthy Solutions

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## LOCATION:

Elementary Community Schools Room  
9:00-10:00 am

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| December 7 | Addiction and Recovery: Finding Treatment & the Steps for Help  |
| January 9  | "Parents Meeting Parents"<br>The Challenges of Raising Children |
| February 5 | "Parents Meeting Parents"<br>Follow Up                          |

Please let us know if you are coming!  
Contact: Laura Bigelow, Community School Coordinator  
Email: [lbigelow@deposit.stier.org](mailto:lbigelow@deposit.stier.org) Cell: 607-221-2977



Join us for

# Breakfast with Santa

If you are arriving with your child for breakfast, please enter through the back doors by the elementary cafeteria.

Cost  
Students: Free  
Adult Meal: \$3.00

December 21, 2023  
7:20 a.m.



# DCS Emergency Closing Procedures

## SEVERE WEATHER PLANNING

Winter weather in upstate New York can be very unpredictable. When severe weather strikes our area, our number one concern is the safety of all Deposit Central School District students and staff. Specific plans and protocols are in place to ensure that all students and staff members arrive at school safely.

### DECISION-MAKING PROCESS:

The decision to close school is made by the superintendent of schools working in consultation with the district transportation supervisor and representatives from New York State, Delaware County, Broome County, and our local towns and villages. Information provided by various weather service reports, newscasts, and computer simulations also factor into the final decision-making process. Finally, as needed, the transportation staff will drive district primary and secondary roads in order to evaluate travel safety. Variables that factor into the school closing decision-making process include, but are not limited to, the amount and type of snow or freezing rain, timing of first snowfall and anticipated end, ability to clear primary and secondary roads and school district parking lots, building conditions, temperature, and wind and wind chill. Depending on a host of circumstances and factors, the District may elect to delay the start of school by two hours until 10 a.m., close for the day, dismiss early, or cancel all after-school events at the end of the day.

### COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

In general, the decision to delay the start of school or to close for the day is made no later than 5:30 a.m. and is communicated to all stakeholders via the following media no later than 6 a.m.: Television: Channel 12 WBNG, Channel 10 YNN, WIVT/WBGH TV34, WICZ/Fox 40 Website: [depositcsd.org](http://depositcsd.org) Cell/Telephone:

Our School Messenger automated system will notify you via phone, text message and/or email depending on the information we have in our computer system. Make sure you text "YES" to 68453 to receive text messages.



## WINTER WEATHER FAQs

**Q: When is the decision made to close or delay school?**

A: In general, the following timeline is used to frame school closing and delay decisions:  
5:15 a.m.—Preliminary decision is made to close or delay school  
5:30 a.m. - Media outlets are notified of school closing or delay  
5:30 to 6 a.m.—School closing/delay decision is communicated to all district stakeholders

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**Q: Who makes the decision to delay or close school?**

A: The superintendent of schools makes the decision to close school in concert with the district transportation staff, NYS and county officials, and Village and Town officials. In addition, select television and computer weather forecasts weigh in the final decision-making process.

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**Q: If school is closed, are evening and weekend activities canceled?**

A: If the Deposit Central School District is closed due to inclement weather, then all evening activities are canceled as well. On days when school is in session but conditions deteriorate over the course of the day, a decision to continue after-school activities will be made no later than 1 p.m.

# Stay healthy this Winter

Cases of respiratory illnesses like RSV and the flu are on the rise in New York State. Chances are, you know someone who has become ill with one of these viruses. For more information about symptoms and how to protect yourself this season, you can visit the New York State Department of Health: [Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\) Infection](https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/rsv/) (ny.gov)

If you have specific questions or are concerned about your child's symptoms, don't hesitate to contact our school nurses.

Maria O'Connor (MS/HS): 467-2198 x 1122

Kaeli Rutledge (Elem): 467-2198 x 2303

If your child has symptoms, we urge you to err on the side of caution and keep your child home until symptoms resolve.

## Sign up for NY-Alert

Did you know that you can subscribe for NY-Alert to receive critical information and emergency alerts on what is happening in our area? NY-Alert contains critical, emergency-related information, including instructions and recommendations in real-time by emergency personnel. Information may include severe weather warnings, significant highway closures, hazardous material spills, and other emergency conditions.

All areas of New York State are included in the system, and you can decide which area you would like to receive alerts about.

Signing up is free, and messages can be received by phone, email, text, and fax.

Find out more about this service on the NY Alert website:

<https://alert.ny.gov/>

## WINTER WEATHER FAQs

**Q: As a parent/caretaker, can I keep my child home on inclement weather days if school does not officially close?**

A: Parents/caretakers are encouraged to use their best judgment to determine what is best for their children. Parents/caretakers are expected to notify the school district of their child's absence.

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**Q: Are we going to have to make up snow days?**

A: The school district builds additional days into the school calendar each year to account for time lost to inclement weather. However, in the event this additional time is exhausted due to extraordinary weather conditions, the Deposit Central School District Board of Education retains the right to extend the school year by scheduling school during vacations or holidays such as the mid-winter break in February or the annual spring recess. \*\* New York State now allows for districts to use a "remote instruction" day in the event that all emergency weather days have been used but more are needed. Deposit CSD will plan to switch to remote instruction if this should occur. Families will receive notice once all emergency days have been exhausted. Should you have any additional questions, please contact the District office at 607-467-5380

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# EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## Deposit Central School District – 171 Second Street, Deposit, NY 13754

| <b><u>Shelter-In-Place</u></b><br><b>(Weather - Internal)</b>  | <b><u>Hold-In Place</u></b>   | <b><u>Evacuate</u></b>  | <b><u>Lockout</u></b>   | <b><u>Lockdown</u></b>   |
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| <p>Used to shelter students and staff inside the building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen for instructions about the situation and your actions.</li> <li>• Students in hallways should return to assigned classroom, if possible.</li> <li>• Classroom teachers, take attendance.</li> <li>• All other staff assist students, as needed.</li> <li>• Move away from windows, if situation warrants.</li> <li>• If instructed, move out of classroom to designated safe area. Stay together at all times.</li> <li>• Take Attendance.</li> <li>• Listen for updates.</li> <li>• See the back of this chart for internal sheltering locations.</li> </ul> | <p>Used to limit movement of students and staff while dealing with short term emergencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen for instructions about the situation and your actions.</li> <li>• Students in hallways should return to assigned classroom, if possible.</li> <li>• Classroom teachers take attendance.</li> <li>• Continue with classroom instruction.</li> <li>• All other staff assist students, as needed.</li> <li>• Listen for updates.</li> </ul> | <p>Used to evacuate students and staff from the building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen for instructions about the situation and your actions.</li> <li>• Lead students to designated assembly or announced assembly area. Use secondary route, if necessary.</li> <li>• Bring attendance list and class roster.</li> <li>• Close the classroom door after exiting.</li> <li>• Take attendance when safe to do so.</li> <li>• If evacuating off site, take attendance before moving from and upon arrival at off site location.</li> <li>• Listen for updates.</li> </ul> | <p>Used to secure school buildings and grounds during incidents that pose an imminent concern outside of the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen for instructions regarding the situation and your actions.</li> <li>• Lock all exterior windows.</li> <li>• Leave blinds/lights as they are.</li> <li>• Take Attendance.</li> <li>• After initial instructions listen for updates.</li> <li>• Classroom instruction continues as normal.</li> <li>• All outdoor activities are terminated.</li> <li>• Listen for updates.</li> </ul> | <p>Used to secure school buildings and grounds during incidents that pose an immediate threat of violence in or around the school. In addition to the announcement of “lockdown” on the PA system, lockdowns initiate a flashing blue light system on the outside of the buildings. When you hear a lockdown announced, move quickly to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If safe, gather students from hallways and common areas near your classroom.</li> <li>• Lock the door. Barricade if necessary.</li> <li>• Move students to a safe area in the classroom out of sight of the door.</li> <li>• Leave windows, blinds/lights as they are.</li> <li>• Keep everyone quiet. Silence cell phones.</li> <li>• Take attendance if possible.</li> <li>• Do not communicate through door or answer room phone.</li> <li>• Do not respond to P.A. announcements or fire alarm (unless you see/smell smoke/fire).</li> <li>• Stay hidden until physically released by law enforcement personnel or other recognizable personnel.</li> </ul> <p>If you are outside when the lockdown is announced, proceed to a location away from the school buildings. If buses are present, adults should load all students and other adults onto the nearest bus for immediate departure to an identified location and await further instructions. Visitors to the campus should either proceed to their vehicle, a nearby bus, or one of the identified locations on campus – whichever is closest. Visitors may also choose to leave campus on foot. Additional information will be sent to all families and staff through our school messaging program.</p> |