

Dogtown Happenings

ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK: FALL 2024

Dogtown by Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko

This fall all Deer Park students are reading ***Dogtown*** by Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko. It is the heartwarming tale of a shelter dog that finds friendship in an unlikely place and learns to never give up hope. Students will be learning a little bit about what it's like to be a shelter dog.

1. We are spotlighting our Deer Park students and staff by sharing photos of them with their pet! Send in a hard copy of your child with their pet to display on a bulletin board for everyone to enjoy! ***(Pictures will be pinned or stapled to the board.)*** If you would like the photo returned, be sure to include your child's name and HOMEROOM TEACHER on the back. Photos can be turned in to the homeroom teacher or Mrs. Farfan in the library. (Please do not email digital copies.)
2. Please consider donating your spare change to ***Coins for Critters!*** All money collected will be donated to the Fairfax Animal Shelter. A jar to collect coins will be in the library through October 18th.

3. One School, One Book Service Project 2024

In support of the FCPS goal of raising ethical and global citizens, Deer Park will be hosting a supply drive to collect needed items for the animals at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. ***Your family can help by donating items, purchasing items off an Amazon wish list, or donating money to Coins for Critters.***

Items the shelter is able to accept:

New or gently used:

- Fleece blankets of any size
- Bath and hand towels
- Stuffed dog and cat toys
- Collars, harnesses, leashes (please no extendable leashes)
- Collapsible dog crates
- Ceramic food bowls, small bowls for cats and small animals
- Pet beds (please no extra large beds)

New only:

- Tennis balls
- Cat carriers and scratchers
- Soft treats
- Flea/tick and heartworm preventatives
- Pee pads
- Cat litter

Items they are unable to accept:

- Bedding (including sheets, comforters, pillows, cushions, sleeping bags)
- Any damaged or heavily used, dirty or ripped/torn items
- Used plastic crates, carriers or cages
- Used litter boxes
- Dog diapers
- Homemade treats or toys
- Used cat scratchers
- Cat trees
- Prescription medications
- Pet ramps/stairs
- Retractable leashes and prong collars
- Hard treats - bones, rawhide, etc.

To purchase something off the shelter's Amazon wish list,
please click [here](#).