



Student Council 2022 Fall Newsletter



This year has already been so fruitful! Classroom elections have occurred and we have our new members added. In the following tables, you will see the students whom their classmates have elected to represent the students at Deep River in leadership and service, both within our school walls and in our community.

3rd grade – 10 members

Yatziri Casarubias Valtierra	Cristofer Ramos	Colby Bullard
Olivia Blakeley	Averie Bennett	Leila Conley
Hudson Lundy	Evelyn Steiner	Cody Johns
Brooklyn Bodenhamer		

4th grade – 16 members

Adriana Horton	Bella McNickle	Alexandra Martinez
Oliver Wagner	Syniya Britton	Chailai Douglass
Meryl McElreath	Landon Reed	Josyln Rodriquez
Lily Atkins	Jhon Tomas	Katelynn Smith
Cameron Price	Dorian Tapia	Lucas Riddle
Kylie Stephens		

5th grade – 18 members

Jewel Langston	Julie Walker	Deionna Johns
Emma Barbour	Lily Stec	Maci Evans
Greyson Cagle	Isabel Mace	Saida Espino
Yaretzi Salgado	Ah'Niya Jackson	Jaimie Collazo
Bryanna Velasco-Gutierrez	Ty'Jahnae Lewis	Kendall Lewis
Rubi Pecina	Emory Harrel	Edith Rivera Ximil

Already this year, we have begun many outreaches within our school:

Goal Getter Gators—a weekly drawing for K-2 and 3-5 students who have met academic or personal goals. They win a choice of a new book from Scholastic, sponsored by the Student Council.

Reading Buddies: Many of our 3-5 Student Council members partner with a K-2 teacher and work with students in Reading and Math each morning before instruction begins.

Recycle Team: Picks up full recycling bags and delivers empty bags to classrooms each Thursday.

School Clean-Team: ALL student council members clean the campus each Wednesday during their recess. With bags and gloves, they cover the entire campus cleaning up trash and keeping our “River” clean!

Flag Teams: We are blessed to have many students interested in putting up our blessed American flag, along with the NC state flag and an air quality banner. The council recently purchased solar panel lights that will be installed so that our flags will be able to fly proudly 24-7 each school day. The council will replace flags as needed due to exposure.

Morning Announcements: We have a media team that helps make announcements each morning, including leading our students in the Pledge of Allegiance.

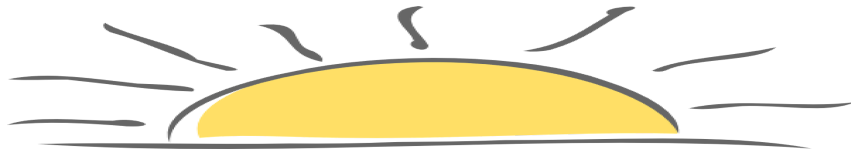
Guides: Our SC members serve as guides for visitors such as our *Back to School* night and *Curriculum Night*. They also served as guides for our new Kindergarteners on their first days—showing them their rooms and the cafeteria for breakfast.

Weekly Meetings: Our members meet weekly on Wednesday mornings where we discuss upcoming projects and events.

Staff Appreciation Goodies: Because our staff works so hard SC likes to help their day go a little smoother with nice soaps, wipes, lotions, and sprays in each of the staff restrooms. It’s not a lot, but sometimes it’s the little things that make the day go by nicer.



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Upcoming Events and Projects

*Officer Elections in October

Now that we have our 44-member Deep River crew it will be time to choose who will captain the gang. Elections will be conducted in October when 3rd-5th graders will choose which council members will be the best leaders. Each potential candidate will be required to present their platform to the student body (2nd-5th grade). Offices available are Student Council President, Vice-President, Secretary, Media Coordinator (and assistant), K-2 Coordinator (and assistant), and Activities Director (and assistant). There will also be members applying for the flag team, recycling team, and announcement team. We will be adding 4th graders to these teams via the election so they can step up and lead next year until the new election.

Fundraising



The Student Council holds fundraising throughout the year to help fund projects for our staff and students. For example, the solar lights for the flagpoles cost over \$500.00. In our first year, we purchased a “Buddy Bench” for our K-1 playground that was over

\$800. Purchasing books for our Goal Gator Getters and teacher appreciation treats for the staff can get pricey! That being said,

please consider participating in our fundraisers as we present them. We will be conducting a “Penny War”. Top classes K-2 and 3-5 will receive a pizza party. We will be hopefully opening up our school store this year where students will be able to purchase mechanical pencils, erasers, markers, Smencils, books from Scholastic, and etc. Student Council members will be expected to serve in the school store during their allotted time. It would be great to have a parent volunteer to come in on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to assist with the school store. We will be conducting a “Fun Run” schoolwide in the spring. I hope that this will not only raise money for SC but encourage our students to a healthier lifestyle. We are thankful for our new PE teacher Mr. Matsik who has agreed to help us with this project! While this will be a Student Council Fundraiser and we will retain 50%, we will be distributing 10% of the profits to each of the five resource classes we have: Art, Media, Music, PE, and World Language. We appreciate all they do to give our students a well-rounded education.

Student Council T-Shirts

The Council members have voted on a new Student Council t-shirt logo (*See the Good. Be the Light. Make the Difference.*) that we will wear on Wednesdays for our meeting and school service. The student council also has lapel pins that we use when we are serving in the community or within our school. We are looking forward to finding more ways to be leaders and to grow in our skills as communicators and servants to our communities and families. Thank you for taking this journey with us.