



Distance Learning Academy News

December 7, 2020

Dear Families,

We hope you enjoyed the weekend and stayed warm and dry!

We also know how much our teachers enjoyed connecting with families this past week for conferences. Partnering with families is the key to student success. We thank you for your continued support, and we thank our teachers for the energy and time it takes to plan for and hold these conferences. Conferences will continue this Wednesday afternoon from 1-3 and Thursday from 2-3. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have not scheduled one yet.

Hanukkah begins this Friday. We wish a very happy holiday to all of our families who celebrate.

Below, please find some important information and updates, and thank you again for your support.

Warmly,

Jen, Jodie, Kristen and Maura



Family Presentation and Q&A on Special Education Topics:

- Our Family "Coffee" this month will be on Tuesday, December 8th from 7-7:45PM.
- The focus of our time together will be special education. NPS Administrators from Student Services will join the event.
- Please use this [webinar link](#). Passcode- DLA
- We hope you can join!

Materials Pick Up:

- The next pick up of materials in the DLA is scheduled for next week.
- You will be hearing from your home school if you haven't already.

Conferences:

- Dates: Wednesday, December 9th and Thursday, December 10th.
- Please note, there will be no live Zooms or work assigned on Thursday afternoon this week.

Creative Arts:

- ***Women in World Jazz*** webinar-style virtual concerts* for schools that missed their spring performances. Included during the presentation will be live and pre-recorded performances, and virtual collaborations. Members of the ensemble will share information about the music of the featured composers.
- ***DLA students will attend the performance with their neighborhood school hybrid classmates, unless the classroom teacher has multiple schools represented. In that case, the classroom teacher will decide which performance the class attends.***
- All performances will take place at 9:15 AM:
 - Wednesday, 12/16 - **Grades 3-5** Cabot, Peirce, Underwood, Zervas, Horace Mann
 - Wednesday, 1/13 - **Grades K-2** Angier, Cabot, Underwood, Zervas, Horace Mann
- **Creative Arts & Sciences** enrichment programming is made possible by generous contributions to each school's PTO. Thank you for your support!
- Webinar links will be distributed to students by the school's administration prior to the performance date.

DLA Spirit Day-#weareDLA!

- Our next spirit day will be on Wednesday, December 23rd.
- DLA fifth graders are currently brainstorming ideas and will vote next week on the theme.
- Stay tuned for an announcement soon!

Important Dates

- **Wednesday, December 2nd- Thursday, December 10th:**
 - Family-Teacher Conference Window
- **Tuesday, December 8th:**
 - DLA Family Presentation and Q&A on Special Education Topics from 7-7:45PM
- **Wednesday, December 23rd:**
 - DLA Spirit Day!
 - Stay tuned for the theme generated and chosen by our DLA 5th graders!
- **December 24th-January 3rd:**
 - December/January Break