



Distance Learning Academy News

November 30, 2020

Dear Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Today, we welcome 22 students and their families from our hybrid classrooms into the DLA, and we wish the 42 students and their families who are transitioning to the hybrid model a fantastic week with their new classes. We would also like to thank all of the educators who are helping to ease this transition. We know change can be difficult, but we also know children are resilient, especially with the support of their families and teachers.

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. Please use this [link](#) to share any questions you may have by December 3rd.
- Please use this [webinar link](#). Passcode- DLA
- We hope you can join us!

Family Communication Flowchart:

- The [Family Communication Flow Chart](#) has been updated with the help of the DLA Parent Liaisons.
- This is a resource to guide channels of communication within the DLA.
- It also lists the email contact for the DLA administration, the general education teachers, the special education teachers and the specialists.

Conferences:

- Dates: Wednesday, December 2nd, Monday, December 7th, Wednesday, December 9th and Thursday, December 10th.

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, 11/18 - **Grades K-2** Bowen, Ward, Peirce, and Burr
 - Wednesday, 12/2 - **Grades 3-5** Angier, Bowen, Ward, and Burr
 - 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.

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
- **December 24th-January 3rd:**
 - December/January Break