



Distance Learning Academy News

October 26, 2020

Dear Families,

We hope you had a wonderful weekend, soaking up some of the warm weather and sunshine! We enjoyed some time with our families at soccer games (Maura), carving pumpkins (Kristen), hiking the Blue Hills (Jodie) and even getting in a round of golf (Jen)!

It's hard to believe that we are already in the final week of October, and we continue to be amazed with the creativity and talent of our staff, as well as the hard work and joy of our students. We also appreciate your partnership greatly.

This week, we have a few important updates to share. Please find them below, and as always reach out with any questions.

Warmly,
Jen, Jodie, Kristen and Maura

Curriculum Night:

- We hope you can attend this week to hear about your child's/children's classroom(s) and the year's curricula.
 - **Curriculum Night Dates and Time***, 7:00 to 7:30pm:
 - K-1 on Tuesday, 10/27
 - 2-3 on Wednesday, 10/28
 - 4-5 on Thursday, 10/29
- *Due to conflicts, some teachers have adjusted the date of their event.**
- Note: This is not a time for individual questions for teachers about your student. If you have specific questions, please email your child's teacher.

Conferences:

- Conferences this year will be held between Wednesday, December 2nd and Thursday, December 10th.

- Teachers will be in touch in November with sign-ups.

Zoom:

- The district has issued Zoom Guidelines and Etiquette to help families successfully navigate this new learning environment. Here are a few highlights:
 - Please try to have your child set up for the meeting in a space where there will be minimal disruptions.
 - Once your child is set up for their Zoom meeting, please allow them to attend the session by themselves, as would happen with an in-person classroom session.
 - Please do not join your child's classroom Zoom or participate from the background. This is confusing to other students, disruptive to the teacher and changes the dynamic of the classroom community.
 - If a parent wishes to speak with a teacher, please make an appointment via email. Do not linger in a class to speak with the teacher who has other obligations when a session ends including their lunch, teacher meetings or their crucial planning time.
 - Please ensure that your child participates in all parts of their school day (morning meeting, asynchronous work, specials, closing meeting) when they are remote. It is important to note that attendance and participation is required. Of course, we understand that everyone has an "off" day or two sometimes. Please reach out to your child's teacher directly if you need help or support.

Important Dates

- **Tuesday, November 3rd:** Election Day - We will follow a Wednesday schedule
- **Wednesday, November 4th:** We will follow a Tuesday schedule
- **Wednesday, November 11th:** Veteran's Day - **No School**
- **Wednesday, November 25th:** Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving
- **Thursday & Friday, November 26th and 27th:** **No School for Thanksgiving**