



Distance Learning Academy News

January 25, 2021

Dear Families,

We hope you enjoyed this brisk but sunny weekend!

This past week was an important one as we began implementing DESE's new scheduling guidelines, witnessed a peaceful transition of power on Inauguration Day, celebrated the historic moment the first woman of color was sworn in as Vice President and all shared memes of Bernie Sanders! As if that wasn't busy enough, many of us watched as Tom Brady once again won his way into a Super Bowl but this time for the NFC.

This coming week is another DLA Spirit Day! Our fourth-grade students generated the ideas and voted on the theme for this month, and the winner is....GAME DAY (and bring a stuffed animal friend if you like:). Classroom teachers will decide how this day will be structured within their own rooms.

Lastly, progress reports will be available to families on **February 10th** via Aspen.

Please find some important information and updates below, and thank you again for your support.

Warmly,

Jen, Jodie, Kristen and Maura

Family Forum:

- Thank you to all who were able to join the Family Forum last Wednesday evening.
- For those who were unable to attend, [here is the recording](#) if you're interested.
- You may also find these [additional SEL resources](#) helpful as well.

Snow Days:

- During inclement weather, please note that Dr. Fleishman may announce a remote learning day OR a traditional snow day.
- This will be clearly articulated on the district website, through a message sent to families and through local media.

Reminder of Expectations for Student Participation, K-5:

- All students are expected to attend the morning meeting and participate in all of the teacher-assigned, synchronous and/or asynchronous learning activities on each school day. This includes specialist subject classes: library, art, music, and PE.
- *Consistent absences from or lack of participation in specialist classes will be reflected in the student's mid year and/or end of year progress report.*

Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, January 27th** - Spirit Day=Game Day!
- **Wednesday, February 10th** - Progress Reports are available to Families
- **Monday, 2/15-Friday, 2/19** - February Vacation

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