



## Distance Learning Academy News

January 4, 2021

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and joyful break and are as excited as we are for 2021!

One of our dedicated staff shared this with families before break, and we think it sums up our time together this school year beautifully:

*...Our DLA students continue to amaze me with their good attitudes, great humor, work ethic, focus, and ability to make friendships during this challenging time. I look forward to seeing those smiling faces in their little zoom boxes every day! We have managed to get to know each other, learn so much, and have many good times and laughter. I am thoroughly enjoying them all and somehow, as different as it is, there is a warmth and coziness being in each other's homes. We have met parents, siblings, and pets. We have had tours of new basements and have laughed as there are strange interruptions, unexpected background noises, freezes, and glitches.*

This year certainly is different and challenging, but there are some wonderful parts to it as well.

On another note, next week we will host a Family Coffee on Tuesday, January 12th from 8:30-9:15AM. After a brief introduction, we will offer three breakout rooms from which to choose:

- Supporting your student(s) in literacy with Deana Lew, elementary literacy coordinator
- Supporting your student(s) in math with Jen Ortega, interim elementary math co-coordinator
- Supporting your student(s) with attention, stamina and work production with psychologists Dr. Julie Gold, Dr. Gordon Weiner and Social Worker, Rebecca Young

The Zoom link is below, and we hope you can make it!

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

Warmly,  
Jen, Jodie, Kristen and Maura

## 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:

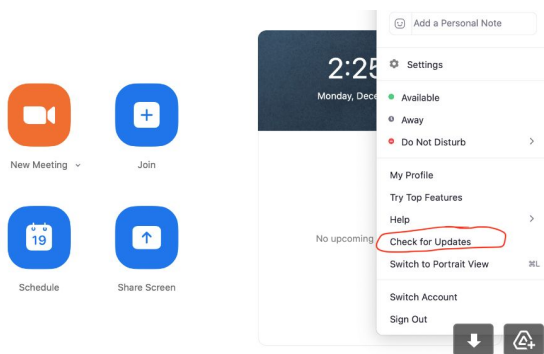
- All students are expected to attend the morning meeting and participate in all of the teacher-assigned, synchronous and/or asynchronous learning activities on each school day. This includes specialist subject classes: library, art, music, and PE.
- *Consistent absences from or lack of participation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

## 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.**
- The last performance in this series will take place at 9:15 AM:
  - 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:

- **Tuesday, January 12th: 8:30 to 9:15 am:**  
[Family Coffee](#) (PW-Joinme)- Supporting Students in Literacy, Math and Attention/Stamina and Work Production- **Please update your Zoom account, so you have the latest features, including the ability to CHOOSE a breakout room!**



- **Monday, January 18th**-No School in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.