



## Distance Learning Academy News

March 8, 2021

Dear Families,

Well, March certainly came in like a lion! Frigid temperatures, more guidance from DESE and MCAS changes! We know this has caused stress for many families. We appreciate your feedback and will continue to communicate as soon as we have new information.

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

Warmly,

Jen, Jodie, Kristen and Maura

### **Learning Model Changes:**

- The Board of Secondary and Elementary Education voted on Friday to give Commissioner Riley the authority to require K-5 students already attending in person to increase to 5 days per week beginning in April.
- NPS is awaiting further guidance from DESE this week regarding implications for remote program models and any changes that may be needed.
- **The DLA program model will continue through June of 2021.**

### **MCAS:**

- On Friday, DESE changed the dates for MCAS administration this spring.
- The testing window is now **May 10th- June 11th.**
- Please stay tuned for more information about specific administration dates for DLA students at their home school buildings.

### **Incoming Kindergarten Students:**

- If you have an **incoming kindergarten** student for the fall of 2021, please [click here](#) for more details about registration, NEW Family Information Night this week **(3/10)** and a [kindergarten census form](#).

### **Schedule Change:**

- Due to a **special election** in Newton on March 16th, we will swap our Tuesday and Wednesday schedules that week.
- This means **Tuesday, March 16th will be a Wednesday schedule, and Wednesday, March 17th will be a Tuesday schedule.**
- Thank you for your flexibility.

## **Important Dates:**

- **Wednesday, 3/10** - [Kindergarten Information Night for NEW Families](#) (PW=Kinder)
- **Tuesday, 3/16 and Wednesday, 3/17**- Schedule switch for Newton's Special Election. Tuesday will be a Wednesday schedule, and Wednesday will be a Tuesday schedule.
- **Wednesday, March 31st**- Spirit Day! Grade Two will choose our theme!
- **Monday, April 19th-Friday, April 23rd**-April Vacation

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