



Distance Learning Academy News

November 16, 2020

Dear Families,

Thank you to all of you who were able to join us last week for our family coffee. We had over 100 participants, which was wonderful! We enjoyed presenting strategies for online learning and appreciated the thoughtful questions from all of you. We would like to thank our teachers, Lisa McLellan and Anne Carey for their presentations, as well as Principal Guzzi (Bowen), Principal Johal (Burr) and Principal Brogadir (Ward) for joining us. Our next coffee will be Tuesday evening, December 8th at 7PM and the focus will be on Special Education.

Believe it or not, it's that time of year again; teachers will soon be sending conference sign ups (if they have not already), and they look forward to meeting with you. Conferences are always a source of excitement for teachers as they connect with you, share your student's progress thus far and set goals for the upcoming months. They also take an immense amount of planning on the part of our teachers and time to meet individually with every family in class. Thus, on Monday, December 7th and Thursday, December 10th, from 2:00-3:00, asynchronous work will not be provided as teachers meet with families.

Lastly, as a DLA community, we are committed to supporting every family. Sadly, one of our families experienced a horrible loss this past week when a fire ravaged their home. We are incredibly grateful that no one was hurt, and we are already impressed with the support Newton is wrapping around everyone involved. However, we feel it is important to give all families an opportunity to show their support if they are interested in doing so. If your family would like to contribute, the GoFund me link is here: <https://gf.me/u/y8qd88>. (Note: We are withholding the name of the family out of respect for their privacy).

Below, please find some important information and updates, and thank you again for your support.

Warmly,
Jen, Jodie, Kristen and Maura



DLA Spirit Day:

Announcing our first whole school **DLA Spirit Day** for Wednesday, November 25th! It will be a **DLA Pajama Day!!!** (Shhhh... Teachers will be sharing the news with students in fun ways soon, but we wanted you to be able to mark your calendars!)

Gratitude FlipGrid:

Additionally, we have created a **DLA Flipgrid** (directions below) for students to record messages of gratitude. If your child records, other DLA families, teachers, and students will be able to view the messages, and some might even be shown-off in a class morning meetings during the week leading up to Thanksgiving! We cannot wait to see our #WearetheDLA messages of gratitude and kindness. Of course, family participation is optional for both the mentioned events.

Gratitude FlipGrid Directions:

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