



Distance Learning Academy News

November 1, 2020

Dear Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful weekend. This past week was a busy one filled with Curriculum Night Presentations, Halloween celebrations (for some), a time change and even a blue moon!

Our teachers and staff very much enjoyed their time with you last week, and we thank you for attending and being such supportive partners during our Curriculum Night presentations. You will have an opportunity to connect with your child's teacher individually next month during Parent-Teacher conferences. However, if you have any questions, concerns or compliments:) to share before then, our teachers and staff are simply an email away.

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

Warmly,

Jen, Jodie, Kristen and Maura

Important Reminder for this Week:

All NPS schedules will be switched this week due to the Election. Students will follow their Wednesday schedule on November 3rd and their Tuesday schedule on November 4th.

Conferences:

- Conferences this year will be held between Wednesday, December 2nd and Thursday, December 10th.
- Teachers will be in touch soon with sign-ups.

Thoughts From Teachers:

- Participation in all learning activities from home is expected. This includes

logging onto Zoom meetings throughout the day, engaging in independent work, and completing assignments on Seesaw or Google Classroom.

- Teachers will monitor student engagement and be providing feedback to students daily. However, feedback may look different. It will include written feedback, recorded audio feedback (for K-3) and live feedback during Zoom meetings.
- As is the case in a typical year, students generate a great deal of work; teachers will differentiate feedback based upon student needs and areas of priority. Teachers are not expected to provide feedback on every assignment. Together with their colleagues, they will decide which tasks and assignments are most important and provide specific, deeper feedback on those items.

Zoom Visitors:

- Just like in a physical classroom, principals and other NPS service providers will enter classroom Zooms.
- Families can expect that these adults will greet students and introduce themselves when appropriate, so as not to interrupt the flow of the lesson.
- Families can also expect these adults to rename themselves to include their title for quick identification.

From Our ELL Department:

- Please see these [Distance Learning Tips for Parents](#).

DLA Family Coffee:

- Please join us on Tuesday, November 10th at 8:30AM
- Topic and Zoom information forthcoming

A Note from our Fine Arts Coordinator:

- Please read this [note](#) about fine art supplies.

Resource from our DLA Psychologists: Heartplay Program:

HEARTplay is a bereavement program that has a few upcoming Special Events in November. Participants are welcome to attend one or more of these events. Please see below for additional information.

- **Camp HEARTplay: Wednesday, November 11, 10am-2pm:** *Camp HEARTplay combines the therapeutic benefit of bereavement groups with the fun of a camp experience. This Camp HEARTplay program will include fun activities, opportunities to connect with peers, and a remembrance ceremony. Optional co-occurring caregiver support groups will also be offered.*
- **HEARTplay Grandparent Loss Group: Saturday November 7, 1-2pm**

- **HEARTplay Pet Loss Workshop: Saturday, November 14, 1-2pm**
- **HEARTplay Holiday Workshops: Monday, November 16 and/or November 30, 6:30-7:30pm: *Family workshop focusing on coping with grief and the holidays open to children & teens of all ages and their caregivers.***

All programs are offered at **no cost to all families** and will be offered via zoom. Registration is required.

For registration, visit: <https://www.heartplayprogram.org/special-events>

With questions, contact: Jennifer Wiles, HEARTplay Director 508-309-5107 or jennifer.wiles@athome.bilh.org

Important Dates

- **Tuesday, November 3rd:** Election Day - We will follow a Wednesday schedule
- **Wednesday, November 4th:** We will follow a Tuesday schedule
- **Tuesday, November 10th at 8:30am:** DLA Family Coffee
- **Week of November 9-13:** Round #3 Pick-Up Materials.
Home schools will communicate exact dates and times.
- **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**