



Distance Learning Academy News

November 9, 2020

Dear Families,

We hope you enjoyed this beautiful weekend and were able to spend some time outdoors soaking up the sunshine and warmth. The weather in New England is surely unpredictable, and we have now seen three seasons in one week's time!

We also know this past week has been stressful for many as we watched and waited for the presidential election results. We hope that you and your students were able to navigate this with as much calm as possible. However, if you feel your student(s) need(s) support, please contact their classroom teachers and/or our DLA psychologists and social worker, Dr. Gordon Weiner (weinerg@newton.k12.ma.us), Julie Gold (goldj@newton.k12.ma.us), and Rebecca Young (youngr@newton.k12.ma.us).

Last, but not least, we hope you can join us for our family coffee tomorrow, November 10th at 8:30am as we discuss supporting students with online learning. This will be an informal discussion, and we're excited Lisa McLellan (grade 1 teacher) and Anne Carey (grade 5 teacher) will share ideas they incorporate into their classrooms. We will alternate these "coffees" throughout the year between mornings and evenings, as well as days of the week in order to accommodate as many families as possible.

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

Warmly,
Jen, Jodie, Kristen and Maura

DLA Family Coffee:

- Please join us on Tuesday, November 10th at 8:30AM
- Topic: Supporting Students with Online Learning
- Zoom Link: <https://newton-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/88041816407>
Passcode: 184643

Family Communication Flowchart:

- The [Family Communication Flow Chart](#) has been updated with the help of the DLA Parent Liaisons.
- Please use this as a resource to guide channels of communication within the DLA.
- It also lists the email contact for the DLA administration, the general education teachers, the special education teachers and the specialists.

Material Distribution:

- Round 3 is happening this week, Nov. 12th & 13th.
- Home Schools will be in touch with dates and times.
- **A Reminder from the Fine Arts Coordinator:**

In the DLA materials pick-up next week, please be sure to receive the art and music materials that are available for all K-5 students (see photo). Each student will receive a dry-erase sleeve w/marker, music print materials, and a sketchbook. Students in 3rd grade will also receive a Recorder Method Book.



Conferences:

- Conferences this year will be held between Wednesday, December 2nd and Thursday, December 10th. During the conference windows, asynchronous work will not be provided.
- Teachers will be in touch soon with sign-ups.

Important Dates

- **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:** 12:00 Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving
- **Thursday & Friday, November 26th and 27th:** **No School for Thanksgiving**
- **Wednesday, December 2nd- Thursday, December 10th:** Family-Teacher Conference Window

