

Dear DPS Community -

We hope you are staying warm during this cold snap. Here are a few items of interest:

Mask Mandate Extension - With the increase in the number of COVID cases, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has extended the mask requirement for public schools through February 28, 2022.

Please remind your children to wear a mask while in school buildings, and stay home when sick. We would like to highlight the four bold symptoms from our family covid information sheet of:

- **Fever (100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills.**
- **Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath**
- **New loss of taste or smell**
- **Muscle aches or body aches**

It is important that all families monitor their children for these symptoms prior to school each day. As a reminder, our [DPS Family Covid Information sheet](#) and the Mass.gov [Covid-19 Updates and Information site](#), are available resources. As always, please contact your child's school principal with questions.

Intergenerational Holocaust Symposium - Our six-week Intergenerational Holocaust Symposium presented by the Lappin Foundation got off to a great start last Thursday. The next session is tomorrow, **January 13th at 6:30pm**. The session will be virtual. The Lappin Foundation is offering several other programs that may be of interest, including:

- **Terezin: Children of the Holocaust – Film Screening and Cast Discussion** will be held on **Thursday, January 20th at 7p.m.** on Zoom. Everyone that registers for the Zoom discussion will receive a link to view the film anytime from Jan. 14-20.
- **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** will be held on **Thursday, January 27th at 7:30pm** on Zoom. The featured speaker will be Michael Gruenbaum, survivor of Terezin and author of *Somewhere There is Still a Sun*. The guest moderator will be Josh Kraft, President of Kraft Family Philanthropies.

These events are open to all. Learn more and register at [Upcoming Programs | Lappin Foundation](#).

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration - The Danvers Human Rights and Inclusion Committee will host their annual celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Junior on **January 17th at 4:00pm**. The virtual event will be filmed by DCAT and can be viewed online at <https://youtu.be/Dlcot3zioH8> or on Comcast Channel 22/Verizon Channel 41.

School Committee Meeting - The School Committee meeting originally scheduled for January 10th, has been rescheduled and will be held on January 24th at 7pm in the Francis Mills Center, Room E105, Danvers High School.

Best Wishes,

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