

Dear DPS Community -

The start of a new year brings some exciting programs for the district. Here is a reminder of a few upcoming events and their dates:

Intergenerational Holocaust Symposium - A reminder to the 36 high school students and 31 adults who registered for the six-week Intergenerational Holocaust Symposium being presented by the Lappin Foundation, the start date is tomorrow, **January 6th at 6:30pm**. Due to current Covid numbers the first session will take place virtually. If you are registered for this event, you will receive a link via email from the Lappin Foundation. We were very pleased with the overwhelming response to this program and look forward to sharing our learning with the community.

Workshops for Elementary School Caregivers, Elementary Educators, and School Committee Members - A two-part series of adult workshops will explore the big ideas of anti-bias and anti-racist work at the elementary school level. Sessions will be held at DHS on **January 18th and 25th from 6:30 to 8:30pm**. If you are interested in attending one or both of these sessions, please email Diane Thibault, thibault@danvers.org, no later than **January 11, 2022**. Masks are required.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration - The annual celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Junior was originally scheduled to take place at Danvers High School on **January 17th**. Due to the current COVID numbers, the celebration will be held virtually. We will share more information as it becomes available from the Danvers Human Rights and Inclusion Committee.

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.

As mentioned in the message we sent out on Monday, the numbers of COVID cases are extremely high and we need everyone to do their part to reduce the spread of the virus. Please remind your children to wear a mask while in school buildings, and stay home when sick. For your reference, 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.

Happy New Year!

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