

Dear DPS Community -

Here are a few items of interest for the week:

**Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration** – If you didn't get the chance to see the Danvers Human Rights and Inclusion Committee's annual celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, it can be viewed online at <https://youtu.be/Dlcot3zioH8>. Since the event changed from being in-person to virtual with short notice, we thank DPS teachers Julie O'Neill, Heather Carnevale and Amy Fessette for their efforts in making it so successful. We also thank our student speakers: Nora Nickerson (8th grader - HRMS), Andreas Pierce (8th grader - HRMS), Camila Ferrer-Gomez (9th grader - Essex Tech), Ty Langlais (10th grader - DHS), Jewo Jatta (11th grader - DHS) and Milena Aggelikas (12th grader - DHS). Finally, we thank DCAT for their continued support.

**Kindergarten Registration** – Kindergarten Registration will be held from January 24 to 28, Monday through Friday, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, for children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2022. Evening hours will be held on Tuesday and Thursday (January 25 and 27) from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Registration is in the atrium at Danvers High School and is by appointment only. Please click on this link to sign up for an appointment: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054DACAA29A3FC1-kindergarten1>. Please bring your COMPLETED [registration packet](#), that includes ALL the supporting documents, to your scheduled appointment. You will find a checklist at the beginning of the registration packet that will help you understand the required documentation. If you have any questions about the registration packet or process, please email [kregistration@danvers.org](mailto:kregistration@danvers.org).

**Elementary Community Learning Workshop** – The first of two adult workshops exploring the big ideas of anti-bias and anti-racist work at the elementary school level was held last night with thirty people attending. The group engaged in identity work and heard from two teachers about As a reminder for those that previously registered, the next session will be held at DHS on **Tuesday, January 25th, from 6:30 to 8:30pm**. Masks are required.

**COVID-19 Update** – Like the rest of the country, the Omicron variant has impacted Danvers. We thank you for helping to reduce the spread of this highly contagious virus by reminding your children to wear a mask while in school buildings and keeping them home when they are sick.

**School Committee Meeting** – The School Committee meeting scheduled for January 24, 2022 at 7:00pm has been moved to the Multi-Purpose Room at HRMS.

Best Wishes,

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