Dear DPS Community,

We hope you are having a nice first week back from break!

As a reminder, as we transition to a mask optional environment, we are working hard to create a culture where individual choice is respected and to support all members of our school and district community as each individual makes their own personal choice of whether or not to wear a mask. We ask our families to partner with us to help all students understand and value each other’s personal choice. We hope that you will take an opportunity to talk with your child and reinforce this with them.

Holocaust Symposium Recap:
The six-week long Intergenerational Holocaust Symposium concluded on the Thursday before February vacation. This six-week long program included 39 students and 34 adults learning together about the Holocaust. The Jewish Journal featured an article about the Symposium which can be found here. Each session brought a guest speaker or a poignant video about the different aspects of the Holocaust. The most notable were the sessions that featured Holocaust survivors. All participants were significantly impacted by the harrowing stories of these survivors.

The following are the topics for each of the six sessions:

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| January 13, 2022    | Stages 1-3 that led to the Holocaust and Stories from Holocaust Survivors  
                       Dr. Hans Fisher and Judith Sherman                                       |
| January 20, 2022    | Stages 4 - 6 that led to the Holocaust and Holocaust Survivor          |
| February 3, 2022    | Book Discussion: Say The Name                                       |
| February 10, 2022   | Lecture by Dr. Rachel Fish: Anti-semitism Today: What it Looks Like and Sounds Like |
| February 17, 2022   | Lecture by Professor Chris Mauriello from Salem State University       |
Anti-Hazing Workshop:
On Thursday March 10th, Danvers High School is hosting a presentation from Anti-Hazing Collaborative’s Dennis Goodwin on the topic of hazing which will include its attributes, prevention, warning signs, and other key discussion points. There will be a session for parents and community members from 6:00-7:00 PM in the DHS auditorium. This training is mandatory for athletes and coaches and will happen on the same day from 1:00-2:00 pm and 4:00-5:00 pm respectively. We hope that families and community members take advantage of this opportunity.

March is Women’s History Month
There are a variety of activities planned to highlight Women’s History month in March. Specifics of these activities will be detailed in future weekly communications.

Best wishes,

Keith Taverna and Mary Wermers
Acting Co-Superintendents

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