

Dear DPS Community,

We hope you are having a good week! This week we are sharing a few updates from events that are happening in the District and in our schools.

Anti-Hazing Workshop – Reminder: Thursday, March 10th (tomorrow), Danvers High School is hosting a presentation by the *Anti-Hazing Collaborative's* Dennis Goodwin on the topic of hazing. The presentation will include its attributes, prevention, warning signs, and other key discussion points. This training is mandatory for athletes and coaches and will take place from 1:00 to 2:00 pm and 4:00 to 5:00 pm, respectively. **There will also be a session for parents and community members from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the DHS auditorium. Please join us for the evening session tomorrow night!**

National Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Day: This Friday, March 11th, is [National SEL Day](#). Many of our schools are recognizing this day through mindfulness activities at the start of the day. HRMS will honor this day through a celebration of **PEACE, UNITY and KINDNESS** by wearing their favorite colors to school to represent inclusion, acceptance, and a peaceful hope for the future.

March is Women's History Month: Several schools are celebrating *Women's History Month* with activities highlighting the important accomplishments of women. Students in the DHS *Women of the World Club* are presenting important females in history each morning during the announcements, and have included visual presentations that can be viewed during lunch and passing time. At the elementary level, the Media Block (at all grade levels) will have read-alouds that celebrate important women in history.

In closing, we wanted to share a moment this week where we were reminded about the importance of community. The 4th and 5th grade chorus students at Thorpe School planned and implemented a choral concert which included this touching poem read by Sally Souza and Mia Ciancarelli:

Community is a Shooting Star *By the Lake Erie Poetry Workshop*

Community is a shooting star.

It brightens up everything, from far and wide

It creates teamwork which is good.

Like a constellation it brings people together.

Sometimes it's hard to see, but it's always there.

Community makes people more beautiful.

It brings people from other cultures together, all under the same sky.

We all are stars, and we all are together.

Remember: Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour so students are not late for school on Monday.

Best wishes,

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