

Dear DPS Community:

Here are a few items of interest for the week:

**MCAS Testing:** MCAS testing began this week at Danvers High School with the first two sessions in English Language Arts administered on Tuesday and today. The elementary and middle schools will begin ELA testing next week. *Please refer to your school's recent update for a schedule of MCAS testing dates for your child.*

**Kindergarten Orientation:** The Danvers Public Schools will host a Kindergarten Orientation Meeting for the parents/guardians of incoming Kindergarten students on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Danvers High School Auditorium. At that time, teachers and administrators will present you with specific information about the academic and social curriculum of this important kindergarten year. Notification concerning school assignments for kindergarten children will be given to families at this meeting.

If you have not yet registered your incoming Kindergartner for the 2022-2023 school year, please contact us at [Kregistration@danvers.org](mailto:Kregistration@danvers.org) to make an appointment.

**Free Training – students, staff and community:** [Northeastern University Center for the Study of Sport in Society](#) will be at DHS on April 1st and 2nd from 9:30am to 2:30pm to provide training for students, staff, coaches, teachers, and members of the community. Programs include:

**Toxic Speech Prevention (TSP):** By engaging participants specific to the threat of language that encourages factional or genocidal behavior, TSP enables participants to distinguish and discuss the differences between playful, derogatory, and toxic speech in order to prevent the linguistic realities that have led to ethnic, political and religious genocides in the past.

**Don't Hate the Player (DHP):** DHP uses the immense influence of sport to confront biases and address the institutionalization of racism and discrimination that exists in all societies.

**Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP):** By empowering participants through our unique bystander approach to prevention, MVP enables communities to stand up against all forms of gender-based violence and challenges participants to understand and embrace their roles as leaders when faced with these issues.

If you are interested, please email Mr. St. Pierre at [stpierre@danvers.org](mailto:stpierre@danvers.org).

**Town Wide Spring Clean Up:** This year the Danvers DPW, in partnership with the Rail Trail Committee, will be organizing the Town's first Town Wide Spring Clean Up event to help celebrate Earth Day. On Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00am to 12:00pm, members of our community are asked to help organize groups to participate in the clean up. The goal of this event is to help clean up litter in public areas around town – not only to help maintain Danvers' beauty, but to help promote community pride.

Group leaders will be asked to organize their volunteers and sign up their group for the event. Groups are free to choose where they would like to participate and DPW will provide all

necessary supplies for all volunteers. For more information on the event, please visit:

<https://www.danversma.gov/2022-town-wide-spring-clean-up-event/>

**Light The Night Purple:** DanversCARES will host the 6th annual Light the Night Purple on May 4th. The one-mile walk begins and ends at the Peabody Institute Library. This free event starts at 6:30pm. The walk begins at 7:15pm, followed by a short program. This walk and community gathering raises awareness of opiate and other substance use disorders and encourages hope, help, and recovery. For the first time, family and friends can show their support of a loved one in recovery from substance use. For a donation of \$25 (or more), you will be able to share a message of hope and recovery on a personalized sign along the Rail Trail segment of the Light the Night Purple walk. Download the form [here](#).

Best Wishes,

Keith Taverna & Mary Wermers