

Please see a revised version of the Superintendent's Weekly Update with the Town Election date corrected to Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

Dear DPS Community:

We hope that you had a wonderful vacation week! Here are a few items of interest for the week:

Safe and Supportive Schools

Massachusetts Partnership for Diversity in Education Job Fair: The Danvers Public Schools is joining the Massachusetts Partnership for Diversity in Education in a Job Fair on Saturday, April 30, at Milton High School. Anyone seeking teaching, teacher aide, substitute or support staff positions are welcome to attend the job fair. Use this [link](#) for further information.

For your information, here is a list of [open positions](#) in the Danvers Public Schools. If you are interested in any of these positions, please apply through [SchoolSpring](#).

Autism Acceptance Month: April is Autism Acceptance Month. Currently, the Autistic Community recognizes the infinity loop with rainbow or gold colors as a replacement for the puzzle piece in celebration of neurodiversity. In addition, instead of wearing blue in recognition of Autism Acceptance, we are encouraged to **“Wear Red Instead for Autism Acceptance”**. The District would like to encourage all staff and students to participate in #WearRedInstead Fridays in Danvers throughout the month of April in honor of Autism Acceptance.

Healing & Unity Experience (HUE): On Saturday, June 4th, DanversCARES and The Danvers Human Rights and Inclusion Committee are hosting a Healing & Unity Experience (HUE). In the wake of the recent media coverage that has caused pain and division in the community, the goal of this event is to bring people together to share cultures and promote friendship. The event, made possible by an initial grant from the Boston Bridges Initiative, will be held at Danvers High School from 10:00am to 2:00pm. A variety of groups, organizations, and entertainers from all different cultural backgrounds are being invited to share with the residents of Danvers. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn and interact at different tables/activities and enjoy lunch provided by one of the food trucks that will be on-site. The planning committee is looking for volunteers and sponsors/groups to be involved. To learn more, please contact Andy St. Pierre at stpierre@danvers.org.

Meeting Updates

Kindergarten Orientation: The Danvers Public Schools hosted our Kindergarten Orientation Meeting for the parents/guardians of incoming Kindergarten students on Tuesday, April 12. We were excited to welcome over 150 families to the Danvers Public Schools. If you have not yet registered your incoming Kindergartner for the 2022-2023 school year, please contact us at Kregistration@danvers.org to make an appointment.

Town of Danvers Election: The [election](#) for the Town of Danvers will take place at Danvers High School on Tuesday, May 3. We encourage you to vote and, if you plan to vote before or after school hours, we recommend that you bring your child(ren) with you to see the democratic process in action.

School Committee Reminder: Our May School Committee meeting is Monday, May 9th, at 7:00pm and we will be welcoming a new School Committee member.

Best Wishes,

Keith Taverna & Mary Wermers