

Dear DPS Community:

Here are a few items of interest for the first week of May:

Congratulations: We would like to congratulate Gabe Lopes for being elected as the newest member of the Danvers School Committee! We look forward to welcoming Gabe next Monday at our May School Committee meeting. Please join us in person at Danvers High School at 7:00pm. The meeting can also be viewed on Danvers Community Access Television (DCAT) and their YouTube channel.

Light The Night Purple Reminder: DanversCARES will host the 6th annual Light the Night Purple TONIGHT. This walk and community gathering raises awareness of opiate and other substance use disorders and encourages hope, help, and recovery. The one-mile walk begins and ends at the Peabody Institute Library. This free event starts at 6:30pm. The walk begins at 7:00pm, followed by a short program. The first 150 people that show up will receive a free t-shirt.

Mental Health Awareness Month: May is Mental Health Awareness Month. We understand that the last two years have been extremely challenging for children and their families. So many restrictions and lack of social opportunities have led to a sharp increase in mental health issues. We also know that finding mental health professionals is difficult right now. If you have any concerns about your child, please bring them to their teacher's attention. They can engage a school social worker to try to help.

Healing & Unity Experience (HUE): On Saturday, June 4, DanversCARES and The Danvers Human Rights and Inclusion Committee are hosting a Healing & Unity Experience (HUE). The goal of this event is to bring people together to share cultures and promote friendship. The organizers want you to be involved. Three Danvers High School students created a [survey](#) asking if you have a skill, talent or information you would like to share with the community at the event. We hope you will take a couple of minutes to complete it.

Best Wishes,

Keith Taverna & Mary Wermers