

Dear Danvers School Community:

Happy June! As the calendar turns to the last month of this school year, we want to keep you updated on some of the things going on during this very busy time.

Healing & Unity Experience (HUE): *HUE is at Danvers High School on Saturday, June 4th, from 10:00am to 2:00pm!* We hope you will join DanversCARES and the Danvers Human Rights and Inclusion Committee for this brand new event – [The Healing & Unity Experience \(HUE\)](#). The goal of this free, family friendly event is to bring Danvers residents together to share cultures and promote friendship.

Here is a list of fun things to do at the event!:

Entertainment: Dominican pop duo, Irish folk singer, Grupo Fantasia, Odaiko New England, R&B band.

Activities: African Drumming & Dancing, Origami, Flower Power Identity Exploration, Storytime, Create Your Own Flag, Therapy Dogs, Learn Sign Language, Learn Spanish and French, Tie a Ribbon on the Tree of Hope, and much more.

Food: Trucks and tables will offer gyros, falafel, tacos, empanadas, roast beef and chicken sandwiches, ice cream and bottled water. The first 300 people that register are guaranteed free food

Register HERE: <https://danverscares.org/hue/>

It's been a week since the tragedy in Uvalde and the Danvers administrative team would like to take this opportunity to remind our families that we have safety plans and protocols in place. Teachers have reviewed Enhanced Lockdown Drills with students and these drills were conducted in all buildings in the fall, and again in the spring. The district will continue to collaborate with the Danvers Police and Fire Departments to review these plans on an ongoing basis. The administrative team is working to ensure that our safety plans and protocols are being followed. Most notably, we are re-emphasizing our focus on visitor entry/exit procedures and securing exterior doorways in all our schools. We encourage all members of the Danvers school community to report concerning situations to our school principals.

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: Connecting Unconnected Students – The Danvers Public Schools would like to make you aware of the **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)**, a federal government program that provides:

- Up to \$30 a month **discount on Internet service** per eligible household, and,
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a connected device (such as a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet) purchased through a participating provider. Each participating household is limited to a single device discount.

Internet access has become an important part of full participation in school, and we want to make sure that all students have reliable, affordable access at home. As a district that participates in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), **your household is automatically eligible to receive the ACP benefit**. If you are interested in applying for this benefit, you may find more information and apply online at [ACPbenefit.org](https://www.acpbenefit.org), by mail, or by [contacting a participating service provider](#). While applying, you may use a district-issued student ID for your student's identification in the ACP application process. Other acceptable forms of identification include a birth certificate, driver's license, passport, or other government ID.

Danvers Recreation Summer Programs: Summer will be here soon! **Today is the last day to get a \$10 discount** by registering for one of the exciting [programs](#) that are being offered by Danvers Recreation! Danvers Public Schools is partnering with Danvers Recreation for 6 weeks of the Falcons program. We will enhance the program with morning project-based learning sessions for rising first through eighth graders.

On a final note, last Friday, we said goodbye to Keith Taverna, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Personnel. Keith started in Danvers as a college intern in 2009, and went on to become one of the leaders of the school district. We will miss his institutional knowledge, talent at juggling

many responsibilities, and, most of all, his humor. We offer Keith our best wishes as he joins the Andover Public Schools on June 7th as their Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Administration.

Mary Wermers
Acting Co-Superintendent

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