

F.A. Day Middle School Newsletter

December 21, 2020

PURPLE WEEK

Quote of the Week

“For last year’s words belong to last year’s language

And next year’s words await another voice.”

T.S. Eliot

THIS WEEK’S QUOTE

As each of you prepare to embark on what must feel like a long-overdue break with your families, I hope you will join me in a moment of reflection.

None of us could have foreseen the challenging events that 2020 would interject into our lives. The courage and resilience of Day Families in the face of diversity is much to be proud of. Like many of you, I hope 2021 is a year that has no use for words like asynchronous, hybrid, quarantine and “close contact.” While we may find room in our new year to bring forward some positives such as the power of technology to connect and collaborate and a deepened look at equity in education, in the coming year, I look forward using words grounded in joy, inspiration, promise and hope.

I wish you and your families a safe and peaceful holiday season and New Year and join the Day Faculty in looking forward to a future together free of the fog of despair and worry to pursue our passion and commitment to the education and care of your children.

UPCOMING DATES:

Monday, Dec. 21 and Tuesday, Dec. 22: Cohort B in Person Learning (Instead of Cohort A)

Thursday December 24, 2020 – Friday, January 1, 2021 Winter Recess

Monday, January 4, 2021- Classes Resume

Wednesday, January 6, 2021: Parent conferences

Thursday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.: PTO Parent Forum

Wednesday, January 20, 2021: Parent Conferences

Friday, February 5, 2020: Term 2 Report Cards

Friday, February 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.: Day PTO and School Committee Meeting

QUICK UPDATES

- Cohort B will be attending school in person this Monday, Dec. 22nd and Tuesday, December 22nd instead of Cohort A to create more equity of in-school time.
- Wednesday, December 23rd is a full school day. It is fully remote (unless your child is in person for service delivery) and school ends at 1:30 p.m.
- Parent Teacher Conference Sign-Up Portal will be live now through Sunday, January 3, 2020. Parent Conference information is linked below:

[Parent Conference Information](#)

- Progress Reports are available this week. Please check your child's Schoology account. Please email your child's teachers will any questions about grades or difficulty accessing your child's Schoology account.

ADVISORY THIS WEEK

Advisory this week will be a great opportunity to continue conversations around our school and community theme, while also adding in some pre-break celebrations. We'll cap off the theme by brainstorming ways to continue to improve our school culture, while also taking the chance to celebrate with our advisory group.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE HOURS

This week's Principal Office Hour has been rescheduled to Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.. Please see the Zoom link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://newton-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/89503643279>

Meeting ID: 895 0364 3279

Passcode: 821878

Questions can continue to be added to our Parent Questions Parking Lot linked below:

[Parent Hybrid and Distance Only Questions](#)

REMINDERS

- [Charging Computers and Headphones](#)
- The 2020-2021 Term dates for report cards are linked below:

[Term Dates 2020-2021](#)

POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS

- [Absences From School](#)
- [Holiday and Vacation Travel](#)
- [Distance Only Requests](#)

RESOURCES

- **Day Flex-Block Enrichment Offerings 9:35 - 10:00 a.m.**

[Wednesday Flex-Block Enrichment Offerings](#)

- **Day Clubs and Extracurricular Activities**

[Extracurricular Activities at Day](#)

[Day Middle School Clubs Fall 2020](#)

- **Day PTO**

Day PTO Announcements

- **FORJ (Families Organizing for Racial Justice) Events and Announcements**

FORJ Happenings

- **Newton-Wellesley Hospital Resiliency Project**

Newton-Wellesley Hospital Resiliency Project December Newsletter

- **Boys and Girls Club Out of School Time Program**
<https://www.newtonbgc.com/outofschooltimoprogram>

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