



Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

May 22, 2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 25	Memorial Day - NO CLASSES
Wednesday, May 27	2nd Grade Taro's Origami Sessions – Zoom link to follow Mrs. Koteles' Class – 11:00-11:45 a.m. Mrs. Dijkstra's Class – 1:00-1:45 p.m.

UPCOMING

Wednesday, June 3	5th Grade - Lunch with Dr. De Jarnett
Thursday, June 4	Third Graders Making a Difference Family Gathering 2:00 p.m.
Friday, June 5	Kindergarten Animal Habitat Presentation
Thursday, June 11	Last Day of School

Class Placement:

Ms. Lewis has received several emails from families regarding class placement for the 20-21 school year. She will be reviewing those emails this weekend and will reply accordingly. Thank you for sharing your perspective.

D-E Bulldog Club...

The D-E 360 ACE Team is offering a digital hang-out for Lower School students from 2:30-5:30 p.m. each day. See attached flyer with the link for the **schedule for week of May 26**. These offerings are gratis (free) and focused around giving students interactive recreational time, supervised space to talk and stay connected, as well as a curated collection of online resources that children may tap into anytime to reinforce learning or explore something new.

The offerings will be updated on a weekly basis to provide students with a variety of experiences. No registration is required. Secure Zoom IDs and passwords will be provided each week to LS families via email. For information on the fun activities

available, please visit the D-E 360 webpage at de360.d-e.org under the LS Aftercare and Enrichment tab.



The Bulldog Club Theme for the Week of May 25: **The Hero's Journey**



The D-E 360° ACE Team will be providing a Digital Hangout for ALL Lower School students from 2:30 – 5:00 PM. Everyone has a favorite childhood fictional hero and hero stories endow our lives with meaning and reveal how a human life is meant to be lived. So we thought we'd kick off this week with the Hero's Journey in the Bulldog Club. The Hero's Journey is a pattern of human experience reflected in literature and film. The stages of the Hero's Journey usually follow a standard sequence.

- You will go on a journey
- You will grow from adversity
- You will assemble a team of allies
- You will give back to society

We're inspired by the Hero's Journey as we all experience this pandemic together; we are all going through our own journeys in our lives right now. From it, we grow and learn because each phase of life has its own demands to which an individual must adapt. Obsolete thinking and ways of life must be laid to rest. New mindsets and capabilities must arise. And the challenges we face function as a new rite of passage and offer potential for personal growth. But not without our allies as well as the moral conviction to return to society what it has imbued in us.

Over the course of this Memorial Day week, which has been in past years for many of us, the kickoff for summer, we'll celebrate fallen heroes as well as our own metamorphosis and uncover the superpowers that lie within us. The hero's journey is not just illustrated in fiction but also in the real lives of the world's greatest heroes, such as Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and Rosa Parks. And with the everyday heroes who are on the frontlines of this pandemic, we are witnessing history unfolding by observing how true heroes use their powers to forever change the world. We believe in the power of our own personal agency and that each

human life is meant to be a heroic life. We're delighted to be on a Hero's Journey this week with students in the Bulldog Club.

New This Week: We're introducing Study Buddies. Our Programs Director, Sharon Keigher has been working with the Upper School Dean, Debbie Murphy, to coordinate US students who will be available during Bulldog Club time to help LS students with school work. Check out the times in the schedule for Study Buddies and log on during that time. Ms. Sharon will introduce students to their Study Buddies and let them get to work right away in a Zoom Breakout Room.

The offerings are gratis (FREE!) and focused around giving students interactive recreational time, a supervised space to talk and stay connected, as well as a curated collection of online resources that children may tap into any time to reinforce learning or explore something new. We thought we'd also share some fun AnyTime Activities. Check out the videos that feature read alouds for preschoolers through kindergartners about our daily themes as well as inspirational activities for students in grades 1-5.

We have made this week even easier - all of our activities are in one room! Log in once and you can come and go as you'd like! The Bulldog Club is live from 2:30-5:00 pm every school day.

See next week's schedule by scanning the QR code below. We will email the Zoom ID and password to Lower School families for secure access on Sunday. You may also check your grade level LS launch pad for access to the schedule as well as any updates. For questions regarding Chess and/or Study Buddies, please email Sharon Keigher, D-E 360° Programs Director at keighs@d-e.org.



Scan the QR code here or go to de360.d-e.org/bulldog-club for the latest Schedule Details and Links.