

Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

January 29, 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

Upcoming

Mon. Feb 15 Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL

Tues. Feb 16 Professional Day – NO CLASSES

COMMENT FORMS...

Parents will be able to view their child's first semester comment form during the week of February 8. An email will be sent to parents on the day they are ready to be viewed with instructions on how to access.

OUTDOOR RECESS...

Except for days when temperatures make it too cold or it is too rainy for students go outside, students spend recess and sometimes snack out of doors. Parents are reminded to send their child to school with the appropriate outerwear for rainy and cold weather including a hat, gloves, and a Chapstick to keep in their pocket. Also, when it snows, children should be sent with boots and snow pants so they can go outside.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION INFO...

-5th Grade Families - Please see detailed email regarding Yearbook baby pictures, memories page and ad pages. Any questions, please contact Denielle Nunez denielle.nunez@gmail.com.

-Parents In Action Talks...

Parents In Action (PIA) parent discussion groups "Parent Talks" are led by professionally trained Facilitators from NYC-Parents in Action, Inc., a not-for-profit organization founded in 1980. NYC-PIA recognizes that effective parenting begins with good communication within the family and among families and sponsors Parent Talks and seminars designed to help build a stronger, more diverse community of parents. Facilitators are not experts, but volunteers professionally trained to allow for open discussions in a safe non-judgmental environment.

Parent Talks are different from Parent Forums. Parent Forums are run with the school administration and include the dean and/or principal. Parent Talks only include parents from your grade and PIA's professionally trained facilitators. Parents in your class can share

observations, thoughts, concerns, insights and strategies having to do with our kids and how we support them – and each other – as our children face the challenges of growing up in the NYC independent school community.

Each 60-minute Zoom meeting is spent discussing only topics that are brought up by parents in the group. Topics vary widely, depending on the age of the children in the class. For example,

- Parents of kindergarteners might discuss bedtimes and play dates.
- Lower School parents often bring up after-school activities and over-scheduling.
- Middle School parents are concerned about street safety, the Internet and social media.
- By Upper School, parents are interested in balancing home life with children's increasing demand for independence.

Of course, your class may have completely different interests and the discussion of any parenting or child development topic is welcome. Discussion intended to change school policy is beyond the scope of Parent Talks. Facilitators will explain these guidelines and a few others at the start of each meeting.

Parents have received an invite via email and should reach out to your class reps with any questions.

Upcoming Dates – All Sessions begin at 7:30 p.m.

4th grade - Monday, February 1

2nd grade - Tuesday, February 2

3rd grade - Thursday, February 4

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REFLECTIONS ON

History

D-E Office of Diversity & Equity Engagement proudly presents



A Black History Month Celebration & Conversation

featuring

Dr. Erica Armstrong Dunbar

Historian, Writer, and Professor, Rutgers University

Join D-E parents for this special evening of historical exploration and reflection with renowned historian Erica Dunbar, author of *Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge*.

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Zoom Event

7:00 PM (click here to RSVP - Zoom link to be provided)

About our Featured Presenter

Erica Armstrong Dunbar is the Charles & Mary Beard Professor of History at Rutgers University. She also served as the first Director of the Program in African American History at the Library Company of Philadelphia, and is currently the National Director of the Association of Black Women Historians.

Parents will also have a chance to meet Dr. Arika Easley-Houser, D-E's History Department Chair, who will facilitate part of the dialogue with Professor Dunbar.

*Hosted by the Black Parents Affinity Group
and the Office of Equity and Diversity Engagement.*

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Questions?

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RSVP

