



Hello Groton Dunstable Families!

We have made it to December and thanks are in order to everyone! We are all working hard to make sure we are following protocols and rules that continue to change. Thank you to students, educators, building leaders and district staff for all doing their part! Below you will find updated links for at your fingertips information.

[Update 12 2 20.pptx](#)

[Travel Policy for Staff and Student 10/2020](#)

[News Bites Archives](#): Archives of all issues.

[Your Health and Safety](#):

[Student Protocols, COVID-19](#)

FLU SHOT REMINDER

Massachusetts Department of Public Health officials announced on August 19, 2020 that the influenza immunization (flu shot) will be required for all students attending Massachusetts pre-school and grades K-12 by December 31, 2020, regardless of whether the district is providing instruction in-person, hybrid, or remote learning model. Please send

your child's school nurse proof of their flu vaccine record as soon as possible.



We have been up to some great out and about visits! As previously mentioned throughout the school year, we have been paying particular attention to student motivation and engagement this year. We designed lots of teacher professional development to support this work. Over the past few weeks, building leaders and district coordinators were able to join Kristin DeFrancisco during walk arounds to notice all the ways that educators are motivating and engaging their students. We wanted to share some of what we saw with you!

Educators helping students reimagining their spaces by turning crates into "offices" and separating personal space so students feel ownership

Educators using the power of their words to encourage students to use different problem solving strategies in mathematics by acknowledging that our brains make sense of things in different ways

Opportunities for students to work on one digital presentation together using their chromebooks and then presenting the final product together gave them a sense of accomplishment and academic ownership.

Creating systems and structures that stay the same for students sharing educators so that

student expectations remain the same from educator to educator.

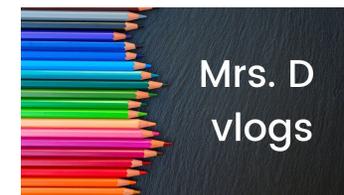
Using programs like Pear Deck to help students use technology and understand the expectations for the daily lesson.

Our littlest learners at Boutwell have everything at their fingertips with the use of table trays with side compartments that hold musical shakers and drawing supplies.

Students taking risks in classrooms demonstrated the trust and the relationship building during the first six weeks of school because students felt safe to make mistakes

Reimagining book groups so that students can still read together and share about what they are reading.

We will continue to have walkarounds and are looking forward to supporting even more ways to support educators. We are currently having Katie Novak provide professional development to this end and will be soon offering a graduate course around using technology in mathematics. We are also getting ready to launch think tanks for educators working on specific engagement strategies this year for their professional goals. Stay tuned!



Look forward to new VLOGS in 2021! In the meantime, please enjoy already released VLOGS from the archive

[Mrs. D VLOGS ARCHIVE](#)

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