



Hello Groton–Dunstable Families. Third full week of school and we are certainly feeling more and more like we are finding our way into routines.

Update from Dr. Chesson on Reopening.

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

[Your Health and Safety](#): Link to how we are keeping all learners and staff safe.

[PARENTS FLOW CHART FOR NOTIFICATION OF ILLNESS](#)

Travel Protocol for Staff and Students in Groton Dunstable

The travel protocol for staff and students in Groton Dunstable will be as follows:

- ★ Any staff or student that is traveling outside of the Massachusetts approved states will need to either quarantine for 14 days upon return or produce a negative covid test
- ★ Proof of negative covid test would need to be given to the school nurse

Student Engagement and Motivation

As mentioned in our last issue of news bites, engagement and motivation for our students is

always important, but this year it is particularly important.

What does it mean for a student to be engaged and motivated in their education? How do we define that as educators, and what might parents do at home to help students engage and be motivated about important aspects of their lives?

These are important questions and that will be the topic of this week’s VLOG. We will pause and refresh about some of the strategies you can use at home In the upcoming weeks, you will also receive a survey to report on your child (ren)’s engagement and motivation in school this year based on your perspective.

Sometimes in our lives we must simply pause, celebrate and feel grateful, especially in times of difficulty.

PAUSE AND CELEBRATE:

It is important for us to take the time to pause and celebrate the past few weeks. While everything may not feel perfect, we have done a remarkable job getting school off the ground this year. Use some time this weekend to celebrate that in some way.

Carve out some time to use the following sentence frame. Before school started we _____. Now that we have completed three full weeks of school we _____.

Get excited about the spaces for learning you have set up at home. Applaud the things we are able to do and the great job our students have done to help keep themselves and their families

safe! Way to Go Groton Dunstable Community! This “pause and celebrate” also will hopefully connect the dots for all of our students that remaining safe and following safety protocols outside of school is why we are able to be in school. Encourage your students to keep up that good work



This week you will find a VLOG about engagement and motivation. You will hear about how we remind ourselves as educators that engagement and motivation can look different for each student. You will also be reminded of some of the engagement and motivation strategies that you can use at home.

[STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & MOTIVATION VLOG](#)

[Mrs. D VLOGS ARCHIVE](#)

[SURVEY for vlog ideas](#) I would love to be able to use some data to inform my VLOG series through News Bites. Thank you for taking some time to fill out.

Remember that after the sixth week of school, News Bites will become a monthly publication that you will receive on the first Friday of every month

Have a wonderful fall week!

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