



## P.S. 307 Daniel Hale Williams Magnet School for STEM Studies

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Dear 307 Families:

Happy Friday!

Before the start of your much-deserved weekend, here are some updates that may make you feel like we are moving towards normalcy:

- I am happy to announce that we will welcome more students into the building starting April 26th, because of the new opt-in window allowing families another opportunity to register for in-person learning. We are completing the programming and assignments for our returning students, and you will receive your schedule on Monday, April 19th.
- As you know the state testing window for ELA begins next week. We will be administering the one-day ELA exam to students who have opted in to test on **Tuesday, April 27th**.
- Earth Day is on April 22nd. Students will be engaging in Earth Day activities throughout the week. Through a virtual platform students will be able to enter an Earth Day festival, create their own avatar and explore different exhibits in an interactive experience. We have also created a folder with several activities and projects to choose from. It should be a fun week of more hands-on creative learning experiences for students.
- Starting on Monday, students will learn visual arts and music in the art and music rooms. The students have already begun expressing their excitement.
- We received a CASA grant from Councilmember, Stephen Levin, which allows us to bring in cultural programming. We are partnering with the Noel Pointer Foundation to bring violin instruction to our 1st and 2nd graders. Two years ago, we offered this program to our 2nd graders, so we are thrilled that we can extend it to two grades this go around.
- Our Diamonds are back at practice in the building! They have a lot of catching up to do and they are eager and just as beautiful as ever. Ms. Tracy is extra busy these days.
- L&M Dancers dance enrichment led by Ms. O'Neal is also back! It really is beginning to feel like we are moving towards normalcy – well, a newer version of normalcy 😊.
- Last but certainly not least, we continue to celebrate Autism Awareness and Acceptance. Next week, both our in-person and remote kiddos will engage in a special day of celebration **“Celebrating You”** There will be morning and afternoon activities – fun ways for students/community to engage (safely) together. We are looking for 10 volunteers to assist with clean-up, photo and video, and coordination. Please let us know if you are interested in lending a helping hand. Also, we want to invite our remote kiddos and families to join us. However, we must limit the number of people in the shared space. For this reason, we are asking folks to rsvp on a first come, first serve basis. Please view the flyer we shared earlier and will share again.

I still cannot believe that it is mid-April. I look forward to next week's Family Connect to share added updates that positively affect our community and the work that we are doing to cultivate strong community. Hope to see you tonight at Family-Staff Trivia Night hosted by the PTA! I am ready to get my trivia on.

Sincerely,  
Principal Carroll