

DCPS Community,

As we shared last week, DC Public Schools (DCPS) will continue learning at home through the [end of the school year](#). We acknowledge that May 29 is prior to our anticipated end of the 2019-2020 School Year in June. Further, we realize this is not ideal for many of our families as it may disrupt other arrangements you have planned.

Please know that we do not take adjustments to our calendar lightly, and, as a district, we are doing all we can to take into account the needs of our students and families while also balancing the planning that is necessary due to our public health crisis. This calendar shift will give us the opportunity to preserve time for the option of additional, targeted summer learning, as well as the start of SY20-21 when health conditions are more favorable.

We know you may have questions about what the end of the school year looks like on topics such as graduation, summer school, and enrollment for next school year. This situation is new ground for all of us and thank you for your patience as we work to provide more details on how the school year will conclude.

In the more immediate, we want to know how we are doing. Your partnership during this unprecedented moment has allowed our students to continue their learning even while our classrooms are now phone calls, video lessons, and Teams chats.

Family Survey on Learning at Home

During this period of school building closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are reaching out to families to get an understanding of how learning at home is going for you and to [receive feedback](#) to help our teachers and staff continue to provide support.

Please take a few minutes to complete our [learning at home family survey](#). You'll be asked about student learning activities, technology you may be using, and support structures you may need, as well as general feedback. Select the language you wish to take the survey in by using the menu in the upper-right hand corner.

Families may also take the survey over the phone by calling 202-671-2617 on weekdays between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. If you have multiple children enrolled in DCPS, please fill out the survey for your oldest child first. You will have an option to fill it out for additional children at the end. The [survey](#) will close on Wednesday, May 6.

Thank you in advance for [sharing your thoughts](#) on how your school and DCPS can best serve you during this time of learning at home.

TV Lessons Expand to All Grades

As we embark on six more weeks of online learning, I encourage you to check out our video lessons — now available for all grades — airing daily on local cable TV. Beginning each morning at 9:30 am, you can

turn on DKN, DCTV, or DCTV Enrichment for lessons from teachers and educational partners that align to learning at home materials your school provided.

Students can learn more about rhythmic accompaniment in their music lesson; expand their research and writing skills in English Language Arts; and deepen their understanding of probability in mathematics. School librarians are also presenting great stories for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders that are connected to life and learning with DCPS Story Time lessons.

Use the schedule below to find the channel for your grade or check out all videos on [YouTube](#).

Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

- DKN: Comcast 99; RCN: 18; Verizon 12
- DKN Live Stream: <http://video.oct.dc.gov/DKN/jw.html>
- Lessons on air: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Kindergarten to 5th Grade Lessons

- DCTV Flagship: Comcast 95, 1070 HD; RCN 10; Verizon 10
- DCTV Live Stream: <https://www.dctv.org/live>
- Lessons on air: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

6th to 12th Grade Lessons

- DCTV Enrichment: Comcast 96; RCN 11; Verizon 11
- DCTV Enrichment Live Stream: <https://www.dctv.org/live#ENRICH>
- Lessons on air: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Over the past six weeks, we printed millions of pages of learning packets, served nearly 200,000 meals to students, and distributed a total of 26,000 technology devices or personal hotspots to families in need — not to mention the countless hours of enrichment and learning led by our educators both online and off — all in our commitment to place students first.

We'll see you in our hallways and classrooms, playgrounds and ballfields, theaters and labs once again. In the meantime, stay well, stay strong and stay connected at ceo.info@k12.dc.gov.

With appreciation,

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