

Morris-Union Jointure Commission
Developmental Learning Centers

Superintendent's Spotlight

October 2020

Welcome back! We have a new design for our newsletter which will contain brief updates about events at the DLCs. We hope that you read and enjoy this streamlined version.

What's Happening at the DLCs

The **Week of Respect** is October 5 – 9. Both DLCs will be observing the Week of Respect with activities pertaining to social and emotional learning as well as character education. On October 5, all students and staff are encouraged to wear blue for Blue Shirt Day to represent World Day of Bullying Prevention.

The third week in October, October 19 – 23, is designated as **School Violence Awareness Week**. Age-appropriate instruction for keeping schools safe from violence as well as school safety and security plans and recognizing students in need of help will be featured.

Schedules of events for both of these weeks will be shared with parents shortly.

DLC – New Providence students will also be celebrating **Hispanic Nationality Month** the week of October 5 through a video/song about the Color of Me; viewing portraits by two Hispanic artists, Picasso and Frida Kahlo; and drawing a picture of themselves. During **Dancing with the Stars Day** on October 5, students will stop multiple times during the day for 30-second dance breaks as classes take turns requesting music of Latin and Indigenous People origins. During the week of October 12, students will celebrate **Indigenous Person's Day** by reading the Seven Grandfather Teachings and participating in a related activity.

Both DLCs will have new Halloween celebrations this year. On October 30, DLC – New Providence students will be participating in exciting classroom activities for Halloween. Teachers will send a Google Meet for parents, so they may watch the activities. Please send in a costume for your child if you wish. DLC – New Providence has also planned a **movement/dance activity in addition to a Halloween special activity**. If you do not wish your child to participate, there will be alternate activities available in the classroom. DLC – Warren will host a **Google Meet Costume Show**. Students will also be participating in a variety of games and activities with a Halloween theme. Everyone is looking forward to a **spooktacular** day!

Health and Safety

The health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. The MUJC Property Services Department is ensuring that our buildings are safe with building level protocols tailored to meet the specific needs of our students and buildings. Our custodial staff are thoroughly sanitizing and disinfecting the buildings each night (as well as on an as needed basis) using 72 Multipurpose cleaner and disinfecting with 64H neutral disinfectant. Thanks, MUJC Property Services, for keeping us healthy!

Please submit the Student Health Survey daily either electronically or using the paper forms. It helps to keep our students, staff, and everyone's family and friends safe.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our DLC students, staff, and schools!

Janet L Fike
Superintendent