

Morris-Union Jointure Commission
Developmental Learning Centers

Superintendent's Spotlight

November 2020

What's Happening at the DLCs

The **Interim Executive Union County Superintendent**, Daryl Palmieri, visited DLC – New Providence on October 29. From the doorway to each classroom, he enjoyed seeing the Halloween festivities that were being prepared by the students and receiving waves from everyone in the class. We were honored to have Mr. Palmieri visit!

DLC – New Providence students celebrate Daylight Savings Time (“Fall Back”) on November 2 with **Backwards Day** when students and staff will wear their clothes backwards. Students will celebrate **Election Day** on November 2 by reading and acting out “Duck for President” through a Google Meet, which all classes will join. Students will also learn about voting by completing a voting survey regarding a color to wear for a special event. Ballots will be placed in the DLC mailbox and students will count them. Some students will graph and share the results. **National School Psychology Week** is November 9 – 13 and DLC – New Providence’s theme for that week is “The Power of Possibility.” To celebrate **Thanksgiving**, students will be making cards for the first responders and grocery store workers during the week of November 23. They are our heroes! Happy Thanksgiving to all from DLC – New Providence! 

DLC – Warren students will celebrate **Election Day** during November by learning about and practicing how to vote as they select a special activity for the classroom. Students will engage in many fun activities for **Thanksgiving** and the harvest, such as exploring how Thanksgiving is celebrated, playing Bingo games, and engaging in interactive puzzles and games. On **Computer Security Day**, November 30, students will participate in interactive lessons about how to protect our computers.  Happy Thanksgiving to all from DLC – Warren!

Breakfast and Lunch at No Cost

Due to the pandemic, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is offering a program through the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) in which DLC students are eligible to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost effective September 2, 2020. This program has now been extended through June 30, 2021 and applies to complete meals only, a la carte items are excluded. Please continue to complete the in-person breakfast and lunch order forms. Virtual learning students may order five days’ worth of free grab-and-go meals on a weekly basis, which may be picked up at your child’s DLC. Any breakfast and lunch meal charges in your child’s cafeteria account for the months of September and October will be voided.

Mark Your Calendar



The DLCs are **closed on Tuesday, November 3**, for Election Day and on **Thursday, November 5, and Friday, November 6**, for New Jersey’s annual Teachers’ Convention. To celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, school will be **closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27**.

Parent/Teacher Conferences this year will be held virtually through Google Meet and are scheduled for November 16 – 20, 2020. This time is set aside for you to meet with instructional staff on a scheduled basis to discuss your child’s progress at the DLC. Each DLC will distribute the conference schedule.

As a reminder, our monthly **virtual Parent/Administration Chat Conference** will be held via Zoom on **Monday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m.** This evening Chat provides parents an opportunity to discuss topics of interest with DLC principals, MUJC administrators as well as the MUJC Board of Education President, Dr. Elizabeth Jewett, superintendent of Watchung Hills Regional High School. Login information may be found in the Electronic Book Bag prior to the conference date. We hope you can join us! 



We wish all of our DLC students and their families a very joyous Thanksgiving with family and friends. We are so thankful for your support of our programs.

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