



CURRICULUM CONNECTION

Detroit Public Schools Community District Curriculum Connection

SUMMER 2020

REMINDER

Virtual Curriculum/Academic Committee Meeting | Monday, June 22 | 11 a.m.

Academic Committee Recap

During the April Curriculum/Academic Committee Meeting, Superintendent Vitti presented on the Connected Futures Project, which in partnership with several Detroit businesses, will bring wireless devices and internet access to DPSCD's 51,000 students. Delivery of devices is planned for this summer for students

who were enrolled in a DPSCD school as of 2019. This summer be on the lookout for communication regarding access to online summer programming through summer school, enrichment, and community programming. Stay updated by visiting detroitk12.org.



CONNECTED FUTURES



DPSCD Successfully Launched Distance Learning Plan Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

This past spring, DPSCD rolled out a Distance Learning Plan to provide learning materials to all DPSCD students in response to the state-wide school closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Office of Literacy used its core curriculum, EL Education K-8 and myPerspectives for grades 9-12, to craft an engaging set of lessons that builds literacy skills through an independent "Watch, Read, Do" video lesson progression. The Office of Mathematics, in partnership with Great Minds, is offering "Knowledge on the Go" videos for students to engage in daily math lessons. Videos for all other content areas including science, social studies, high school math, and electives can be found at detroitk12.org/YouTube.

Teachers review these lessons daily in their virtual classrooms. We encourage all students to continue learning over the summer through our online resources. If you haven't already, see for yourself what your students can learn by visiting detroitk12.org/DistanceLearning.



Math Master Teacher Voncile Campbell Reads Bedtime Stories



Ms. Campbell reads "I Don't Want to Eat Bugs," by Rachel Branton

Bow Elementary-Middle School's very own Ms. Voncile Campbell has been reading bedtime stories to her students since the state-wide closure in March. Ms. Campbell models the District's Core Value of Students First, going beyond the walls of her classroom to reach students and bring literacy into the homes of children in our city. Tune in to her nightly bed time stories on social media by following @detroitk12 or Bow's Twitter channel @Bow_Warren.

Get Ahead with the Whiz Kid Challenge this Summer!

High Frequency Words (HFW) are critical to building reading proficiency with our K-2 learners. DPSCD is proud to announce a District-wide initiative called the "Whiz Kid Challenge." The program teaches students to memorize HFW so that they can recognize them immediately and read them. This fun learning competition will start next school year and is open to all K-2 students throughout the District and celebrates students for their achievements with HFW fluency. During the summer you can help your child get a head start so that they can thrive in the Whiz Kid Challenge this fall!



Families can help their children master reading High Frequency Words by:

- Making "word walls" at home
- Making/using flash cards
- Interactive activities or games like sight word bingo (hands-on)
- Online games - Try sites like ABCMouse.com
- HFW writing with sand on a tray, playdough, dry erase, etc.
- Reading text with HFW and highlighting the words
- I-Spy HFW at home on the television or in the community
- i-Ready practice

Engaging Science and Math Resources for Your K-8 Student



K-8 DPSCD students have access to i-Ready via the Clever App. i-Ready provides students individualized lessons as well as grade-level content lessons. DPSCD recommends students complete activities from *My Learning Path*. Students may also have work assigned in the *Teacher-Assigned Lessons*, which serves as enrichment to grade-level mathematics.

EUREKA MATH **Eureka Math - Knowledge on the Go Videos**
Your child still has access *Knowledge on the Go* videos that were leveraged for the Distance Learning Plans. Students should review the lessons to continue to refine, enrich and develop critical skills and knowledge essential for future learning.

 **Detroit Tigers' Summer Slugger**
EVERFI This Summer, through Clever login, students in Grades 4-5 will have access to the Detroit Tigers' Summer Slugger Program. Each week, students complete a series of fun, baseball-themed math and literacy games to practice the critical lessons learned in school. More information will be shared by the District about this exciting opportunity. In the meantime, visit summerslugger.com/mlb_clubs/tigers to learn more.

Studies Weekly **Science Family Fun!**
Studies Weekly is a science enrichment program that allows students to discover information through interactive readings, games and activities, and mini labs-requiring only common household items! These fun and engaging activities can be completed with minimal supervision and are intended to be fun for the whole family! Please continue to engage your young scientist in exploration and learning throughout the summer months. A digital version can be accessed through your student's Clever account. Visit detroitk12.org/YouTube for additional science videos.

ELEMENTARY – MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parent Guides Available to Ease the Transition into Kindergarten

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has developed Parent Guides for families of children entering kindergarten this fall. The resource is a series of tip sheets which highlight a variety of questions parents may have when their children are entering kindergarten. Please visit, Michigan.gov to download. Several language options are available.



HIGH SCHOOL

High School Math Resources for Summer Learning



Khan Academy

All DPSCD high school students have access to a Khan Academy account. Khan Academy provides instructional videos, practice, and assessments for students. Download the Clever app on your phone or visit clever.com/in/dpscd through Google Chrome. Students will login to Clever using their DPSCD login credentials. For more information, visit detroitk12.org/DistanceLearning.

CPM eBook

All DPSCD high school students have online access to the CPM eBook for their math courses. To access the CPM eBook, students first login to Clever using their login credentials. Once logged in, click the CPM Math button. A visual representation of the button is shown at right.

Desmos Graphing Calculator

Desmos is a free online graphing and scientific calculator. The calculator is available by visiting www.desmos.com/graphingcalculator. Students can also access the Desmos calculator by logging into Clever and clicking on the Desmos Graphing Calculator app, shown at right.

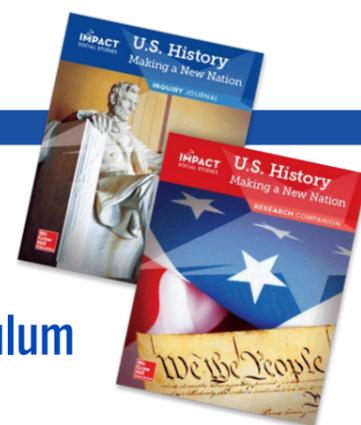
In addition, students can download the Desmos Graphing Calculator app on their mobile devices.

200 Students Earn the MI Seal of Biliteracy



Congratulations to our 2020 Michigan Seal of Biliteracy Awardees! Two-hundred seniors from five participating schools (Western International, Cass Tech, Detroit International Academy for Young Women, Ben Carson, and Academy of the Americas High School) earned the prestigious state award that recognizes high-intermediate level of language proficiency (in a language other than English) in the four skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing). The committee members at each participating school worked collaboratively with the Office of World Languages in pursuit of this ambitious and prestigious state award. Thank you, committee members and congratulations students, on your accomplishment! You can view the list of students who earned this award at detroitk12.org.

DPSCD to Roll Out New Social Studies Curriculum for 2020-2021



This fall, students will be learning from a new state-aligned social studies curriculum! The new social studies materials support teachers in helping students understand their impact on the world. Grades 5-11 will be using new curriculum that include textbooks and online learning. These materials were chosen by teachers with the input of DPSCD students, parents, and community members. Grades K-4 will be using new resources as well, which are in the process of being chosen. This fall, be sure to ask your child what they learned in social studies!

Renaissance High School Senior Sade Ried Shines Bright

When it comes to academic excellence, senior Sade Ried is an outstanding model. Sade graduated at the top of her class this spring from Renaissance High School. She served as the senior class president and is a current member of the Phoenix Chapter of the National Honors Society. Sade divided her time between being an active member of Renaissance's Academic Games, varsity cross country and track teams, while also being a super-star academic. Sade has many accomplishments to tout! Her 4.28 GPA earned her a spot as one of the Renaissance class of 2020 valedictorians and recently was accepted to Amazon's highly competitive engineering internship program for the summer of 2021. Sade shares that her former history teacher Mr. Henderson and math teacher Zachary Sweet have been positive influences during her time. Sade will be attending Stanford University in the fall and plans to study mathematics and computer science.



Upcoming Board Meetings Schedule

Due to COVID-19, DPSCD Board Meetings held in June will be hosted online by Zoom or telephone. For updated meeting info, please visit the Board Meeting calendar at detroitk12.org/board.

Regular Board Meeting (Virtual)
Tuesday, June 16, 5:30 p.m.

Curriculum/Academic Meeting (Virtual)
Monday, June 22, 11 a.m.

Finance Meeting (Virtual)
Friday, June 26, 9 a.m.

Summer School Applications

DPSCD is looking to expand last year's summer offerings to provide students with more opportunities. Pending the Safe at Home Order lifting, summer school will take place from **Monday, July 13 - Thursday, August 6**.

The following programs will be offered either face-to-face or virtually from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at select school sites.

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Students in Kindergarten through 8th grades will be offered the opportunity to participate in daily academic activities in literacy and math.

COURSE & GRADE RECOVERY

Students in 6th through 12th grades will be offered an opportunity to make-up a course(s) needed for promotion or graduation.

HIGH SCHOOL ACCELERATION

Students in 9th through 11th grades will be offered an opportunity to take a virtual course from a limited set of course options, through Edgenuity, that is required for graduation.

If you are interested in your child participating in summer learning, face-to-face or remotely, please complete the Summer School Application located on detroitk12.org by Friday, June 12, 2020.

If you have additional questions, then please contact your child's principal.

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