



Hello Groton–Dunstable Families. This week we have a BONUS edition of News Bites! It is two pages long this week. Mrs. DeFrancisco will vlog in her usual update. Don't miss the VLOG on the second page as well on Getting Your Family Ready for Both In School and Remote Learning spaces. [News Bites UPDATE from Kristin](#)

[Your Health and Safety Instructional Model Description Sheet Update on Reopening Plan](#) (8/26)
[DESE DPH Joint Memo](#) 8/19
[DESE DPH Alignment Presentation](#) 8/19

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Boutwell:

Hello Boutwell Community! School is around the corner and we are getting ready to go! Here are some things you can expect to come your way over the next few weeks.

- We will be inviting each family for individual orientation visits to see the classroom and meet the teachers.
- Soon, we will be sending out pictures of Boutwell staff with and without masks.
- Before school begins, you will receive videos and pictures to help your child know what to expect at school. We'll give families previews of the classroom, outdoor spaces and more.

- Teacher assignments will be shared over the next two weeks.

Florence Roche:

Hello Florence Roche Community! September 16th is the day and we are looking forward to seeing you. Here are some things you can expect to come your way over the next few weeks.

- We are finalizing our class placement and will share teacher assignments in the next weeks.
- Many new staff have joined our Florence Roche community this year. Be one the lookout for a “virtual meet the staff!”
- Stay tuned for a collection of photos and videos highlighting the various changes taking place in and around our school building this year!

Swallow Union:

Hello Swallow Union! We are getting ready for you. We can't wait to hear about your summer adventures. Here are some things you can expect to come your way over the next few weeks.

- You will be notified as to your child's classroom placement
- Teachers will be sending home a welcome back informational letter
- Videos that highlight areas of the school will be sent home
- Information regarding our new drop-off and pick-up protocols

GDRMS:

Hello Middle Schoolers! It is hard to believe that the time is almost here for our new year launch! In the next few weeks we will send you

and your parents more details about what to expect this year!

- ABCs of returning back to school
- IA courses for the year, and homerooms in SchoolBrains
- Arrival and dismissal information
- Schedules for remote and hybrid picture days
- Information for virtual “Back to School Night”
- How remote only students may pick up materials

GDRHS:

Hello High Schoolers! We are getting ready to launch a great year at Groton Dunstable Regional High School. Here are some things you can expect to come your way over the next few weeks:

- Informational videos outlining the new protocols at GDRHS
- Details for Juniors and Seniors regarding signing up for PSAT and SAT testing available at GDRHS in October.
- Details on Fall Athletics
- For information on some of these items and more, please check out last week's newsletter.

<https://www.smore.com/7dwyk-weekly-news-summer-edition>

Technology & Digital Learning:

Hello Parents/Guardians! Friendly reminder that if your child requires a device for remote or hybrid learning, we ask that you complete a [GDRSD Chromebook/iPad Loaner Form](#), one for each child, no later than August 31st.





So happy that many of you tried out the activities in Five Things To Do With Your Family. I have moved that to the archive. Feel free to check out all the content on [The Doctor Weighs In](#) Youtube Channel. There is a full list under Educational VLOGS and Webinars.

This next VLOG is the first featured specifically for Groton-Dunstable and will provide some ideas for how to get ready for both in person learning and at home learning. It is important to remember that the information in the archived VLOGs is important for getting ready for fall too.

Growth Mindset: Children and their families will need to be able to grow their mindset and have a positive attitude about school.

Flipping Your Lid: It is helpful to understand what is happening when we are anxious and stressed and what to do in those moments.

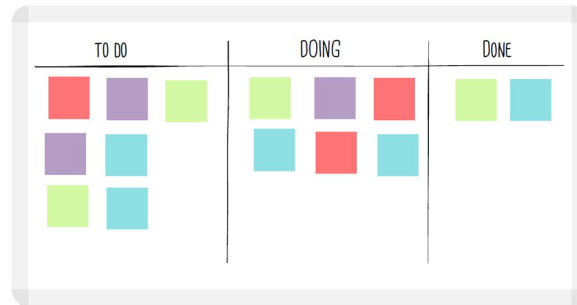
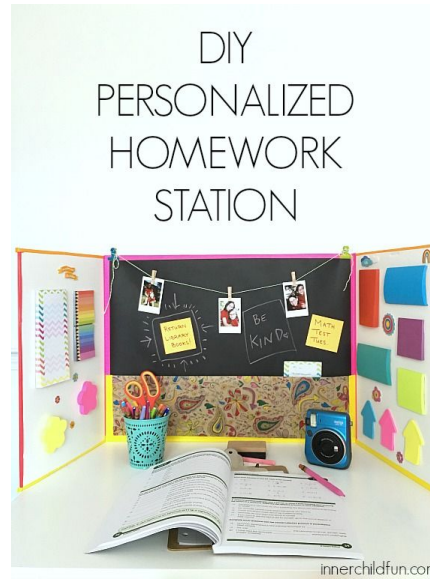
Behavior Has A Reason: Be watching for signals from your children and remember there is a reason behind the way we act.

Enjoy [Getting Your Family Ready for Both In School and Remote Learning Spaces](#)

The graphics that you see here on this page relate to the information in the VLOG. Looking forward to hearing your feedback.

VLOG ARCHIVE:

- [GROWTH MINDSET](#)
- [Flipping Your Lid](#)
- [Behavior Has A Reason](#)
- [Five Things To Do With Your Family](#)



HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND,
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