



## **April Upcoming Dates:**

- March 28-April 1: No School (Spring Break)
- April 13: Parent Teacher Conferences (Elementary School)
- April 14: Parent Teacher Conferences (Middle School)
- April 15: No School

## **Spring Facts by Afrah Jabar**

- Spring days are longer.
- In Spring weather is warmer.
- Before Spring took the name of its season, it was called Lent.
- In Spring flowers grow faster and bloom.
- In Spring baby birds learn to sing.
- The first day of spring is called the vernal equinox.
- This year, the first day of spring was on Sunday, March 20.
- For the Japanese, the cherry blossom signals the start of spring.
- In 1948, there were 558 sunshine hours in the spring.

## **Ramadan by Mohammad Mosawi**

Muslims believe that Ramadan is meant to strengthen their relationship with God. The religious holiday involves fasting, praying and being around loved ones. Ramadan is the holiest month of the year. Many celebrate by gathering regularly in the evenings, trying to read the whole Qur'an during the month and fasting from sunrise to sunset. A common observance is to avoid eating and drinking, including water, while the sun is up. Ramadan begins with the sighting of the crescent moon, which usually appears one night after the new moon. Children of the Muslim faith are expected to begin fasting once they have reached puberty, usually by the age of 14.



**Dearborn Public Schools**  
**Virtual K12**

**Congratulations** to the following students for having their beautiful, well crafted artwork selected for the 2021-2022 Dearborn Public Schools City-Wide Art Show! Thank you to all who submitted artwork! It was a very difficult decision for my jurors!

Kindergarten: Retal

First Grade: Illa

Fourth Grade: Aisha and Zahraa

Sixth Grade: Mela and Najwa

Eighth Grade: Kole

Tenth Grade: Hasenaat, Zeinab and MaryClare

All are welcome to attend the opening ceremonies and/or to visit the show APRIL 5-26.

### **Eid by Ayatt Shohatee**

Eid is a holiday that Muslims celebrate twice a year. More than 1 billion Muslims celebrate Eid around the world. The first Eid is called Eid al-Fitr; it is a reward for the Muslims who fasted during the holy month of Ramadan. It lasts about 3 days. The second Eid is called Eid al-Adha it is the 10th day of the-hija which is where we sacrifice sheep. Family and friends get together, exchange gifts and money have a celebration.

### **Quote of the Month of April**

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.”

-BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

# Last-minute Ways to Lift your Grades Before the Semester Ends

## By Weaam AlAliyi

- **Go to your teacher and go over old tests**

Asking for teachers help is one way. I highly recommend to go over tests and missing assignment with your teacher. It gives you a better understanding of everything you missed and will definitely boost your grades!

- **Create a study schedule and stick to it**

Schedules are a way to get students started. It starts you with a fresh start and a better organized studying routine. I also highly recommend this method for boosting your grade because having a schedule for studying or for working on something will really help you increase your grades.

- **Study with a your Bestie!**

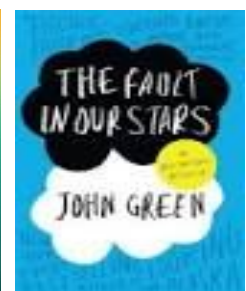
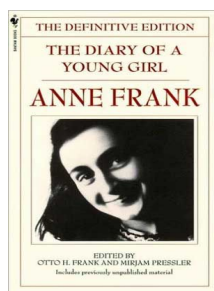
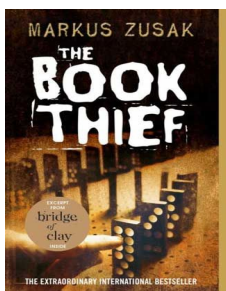
Grab your bestie, pull out the study guide for your test or pull out an assignment and have each of you make up 10 to 20 questions. Write them on index cards with the question on one side and the answer on the back. This is a fun way to boost your grades and have fun at the same time!

- **Do any extra credit if possible**

Doing extra credits is SO helpful! It will really lift your grades by a lot. I highly recommend asking your teacher for extra credit. Extra credits really do have a good effect on your grades.

## ★★★★★/5 Books! By Weaam AlAliyi

I highly recommend to read at least one of these books. These books were recommended by many of my friends that have different interests in different genres and they absolutely loved them. Some of these book will make you very emotional so, get the tissues ready. They are really popular on Booktok and I am sure that you will enjoy them!



## Fun/Weird Facts by Rowa Mozip

- Did you know that you can't hum while holding your nose? Go ahead, and try it!
- Did you know that lobsters used to be so cheap that they were frequently used to feed prisoners?
- I know this is a shock but did you know that toilet seats are cleaner than your cell phone?
- Flamingos turn pink due to the sheer amount of shrimp they consume.
- Your heart beats about 100,000 times a day.
- Hot water will turn into ice faster than cold water.
- The most common name in the world is Mohammed.
- When the moon is directly overhead, you will weigh slightly less.
- Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from the blowing desert sand.
- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- A snail can sleep for three years.
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- Most lipstick contains fish scales.
- Dolphins sleep with one eye open.
- The world's rarest cheese is made from donkey milk.
- Honey is the only food that does not spoil.

## Math Facts by Maiar Baaj

- If you multiply 6 by any kind of EVEN number it'll have that number at the end. Example's  $6 \times 2 = 12$ ,  $6 \times 8 = 48$ .
- On a number line positive numbers go on the right side and negative go on the left.
- In a room of 23 people there's a 50% chance that two people have the same birthday.
- The word "hundred" comes from the old Norse term, "hundrath", which actually means 120 and not 100.
- "Forty" is the only number that is spelt with letters arranged in alphabetical order.
- Most mathematical symbols weren't invented until the 16th century. Before that, equations were written in words.
- From 0 to 1000, the only number that has the letter "a" in it is "one thousand"
- Every odd number has an "e" in it.
- Four' is the only number in the English language that is spelt with the same number of letters as the number itself.
- Markings on animal bones indicate that humans have been doing math since around 30,000BC.
- "Eleven plus two" is an anagram of "twelve plus one" which is pretty fitting as the answer to both equations is 13. Also, there are 13 letters in both "eleven plus two" and "twelve plus one".

## Manipulation, Anger and Bad Habits by Fatima Nasser

There's people everywhere all with different characteristics with problems, skills, thoughts and opinions and so on. Each person has something bad that they may hide and one thing that people hide is manipulation. Manipulators, they like to control people by tricking them by lying, guilt tripping things like these. They can do it without the other person knowing, take a moment right now, and think has anyone ever done something like that? Will if you do or don't it you need to know how to know if someone is or isn't. You need to be more aware. For example your friend asked you to help with her homework. She pleads and says she'll return the favor if you agree. And you both sit down. She starts asking for answers instead and then leaves. Then they start to ignore or even keep this on. Some people actually know when they're being manipulated but don't say anything. If you're being manipulated in any way please tell an adult or even confront them even if it's a sibling. It doesn't have to be your parents, anyone in fact. Really think about this, maybe they aren't manipulating you and you just misunderstood. Another characteristic someone can have is anger, it's normal to be angry, anyone can be angry. It could be because your little sibling is annoying you, someone is being rude, you get your stuff stolen, there's many reasons why someone gets angry. But some people have anger as a characteristic and they get angry a lot. Over the smallest of things if you're the person who is getting angry then try to get up and just walk away. Just tell them you need to calm down and leave and this can let the other person calm down. You could also breathe in for 10 seconds and let it out and repeat. Even getting your pillow and letting anger out can also help. Maybe even a game can help. I recommend "Therapy" where you can stack colors. If all fails then think about why you're getting angry to begin with and if you can or can't fix that. If you can't. because of a bully, or even an adult, then I again recommend telling a different adult someone you can trust. If it's completely necessary to need to. There's even anger management! They help you manage your anger and how to hold it in. Maybe do some research for one that's near you, has a good rating, and a fair price. This next one is not a characteristic but is something worth mentioning. I see many people with bad habits and I've done some research and came upon this ted-talk in which I'd like to tell what they talked about. Habits are something that you keep doing and you have a hard time stopping it. What's the trigger? What's causing this habit? Let's say you can't get off your phone, the trigger would be your phone. Or you keep on biting your toenails the trigger would be long nails. Now behavior: what's the habit itself? Someone had this habit of scratching their necks. People get one of their phones all the time. And others have a habit of overeating. The reward, what's the reward? If you get on your phone all the time your reward would be entertainment. If you eat a lot your reward would be that you would have something yummy and you'd be full. Now that you know what your trigger, behavior and rewards now think about a way to get away from your trigger. How about you ask someone to take your phone away? Or power it off? You'd need to charge it again to turn it on. And if you have a habit of biting your nails how about you cut them off so you won't bite on them. And if you don't know how to stop your trigger then always try youtube! That's how I learned about this. And That's it, folks.



## Middle School Teacher Interviews by Mela Mohamed

Ms. Robinson has been a teacher in Dearborn for over 20 years. She has taught 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math, science, and technology. In virtual, she teaches 6th and 8th grade math and enrichment (coding). Her favorite food is Mexican. Ms. Robinson loves teaching math because students enjoy learning new ways to solve problems and oftentimes find new ways to solve their problems. She loves teaching virtually; it's something new and she is always up for a challenge. She tries to make class fun. She wants the students to enjoy her class while learning the content of the subject. She became a math teacher because she always loved math and solving problems. She has two dogs named Lil' Buddy and Chuck that she loves to take on walks. Ms. Robinson has one daughter, and she loves watching her play volleyball. In her spare time, she enjoys being outdoors, whether that be on nature walks, riding her bike or reading a book. She also likes to read "Mitch Albom's" books. She also enjoys virtual teaching and getting to know her students. In 2021, Ms. Robinson published her first children's book



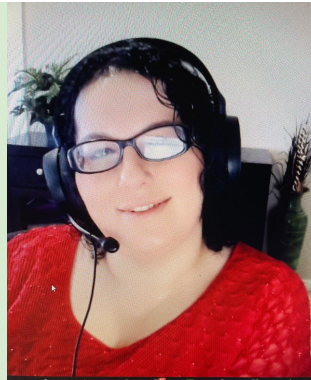
Dr. Ryan Lazar is teaching middle and high school students virtual physical education (PE). He is a product of the Dearborn Public Schools and this is his 24th year teaching and educating (in which he has taught every grade from preschool through university graduate school). In that time, Dr. Lazar has worn a lot of different hats for the district, including Interim Principal and Directing all District Athletics, PE, Health, and the New Teacher Mentor Program. Most recently, prior to making the move into our Virtual Learning Program this school year, he was working with our special-needs students in adaptive physical education (APE). In addition, Dr. Lazar is a professor in the Kinesiology Department at Wayne State University. He is also a City of Dearborn Commissioner and sits on several local boards of directors of organizations that are committed to the betterment of youth in our community.

Ms. Dean has been teaching for over 19 years. She taught k-12 general education in the third, fourth, and sixth grades. She was a Title I teacher for K-6 and a Special Education teacher working with K-12. She has one dog named Snoopy. Her hobbies are traveling, being outdoors, doing DIY projects, and photography. Ms. Dean's favorite book to read is "Giraffe and Hat". She is currently the middle and high school resource room teacher. She also teaches 6th grade advisory. In her free time, she likes to play with Snoopy and catch up on sleep. Ms. Dean loves to teach Advisory with Ms. Haddad because they have a great group of students. Her favorite movie to watch is "Bull Durham". In advisory, Ms. Haddad and Ms. Dean collaborate, and they take student input to design our lessons. This year, Ms. Dean's favorite subject is advisory. Something she enjoys about being in-person is that it allows her to see more of the reactions on the students' faces and if they understand what you are teaching. Something she enjoys about being virtual is working with her students that she has this year. Ms. Dean's favorite food is lobster. Ms. Dean likes to be a fun teacher because it makes class better for all of us!



Mrs. Bacarouch is in her seventh year of teaching. She taught elementary school for four years and three years of middle school. She is teaching sixth through eighth grade social studies. She likes to teach about ancient civilizations. Her favorite movies are about World War II, and she loves fries. She likes to teach in person and virtually. They both have their advantages and disadvantages. Being virtually, she is able to utilize the latest technological tools in education. She also enjoys getting to know my students on a different level because we have more time to talk. She has a dog named Yukon who will pop up in class just to say hi! She also has a beautiful baby daughter, Salma, who was born in March. One of her favorite hobbies is reading books! Her favorite books are non-fiction, but that makes sense since Mrs. Bacarouch is a social studies teacher, right? She also loves long walks and bike rides around her neighborhood with Yukon and Salma. And she loves to travel. Mrs. Bacarouch's favorite sports are basketball, swimming, and track. Mrs. Bacarouch has always loved politics, and that's why she decided to become a social studies teacher. Mrs. Bacarouch makes her lessons engaging and lets students love the subject that she teaches.

Mrs. Hojeije has been teaching for 15 years. She has taught elementary school (all subjects) and middle school ELA and Science. She has a pet Himalayan cat named Simba. Now, Mrs. Hojeije is teaching 6th–8th grade ELA virtually. She has four kids, one son and three daughters (she also has one grandson that is almost 10 months old). Her favorite foods are sushi, chocolate, ice cream, and coffee. Her hobbies are enjoying taking walks and riding her bike. Mrs. Hojeije's free time is spent with family, household chores, or watching movies. Mrs. Hojeije's favorite movie to watch is Titanic, although she hasn't watched it in years. Now, she finds herself watching more Marvel movies. Mrs. Hojeije enjoys teaching both in-person and virtually. In person, it allows her to interact with students and have more hands-on projects while teaching virtually eliminates many distractions. She enjoys both virtual and in-person teaching because both have their benefits. When teaching virtually, there are fewer interruptions, which means more learning can take place. On the other hand, in-person allows Mrs. Hojeije to create more hands-on projects and walk around the classroom to assess student learning in progress



Ms. Haddad has been teaching for five years as a special education paraprofessional and eleven years as a teacher. She has 2 boys (Joseph, 15, and Matthew, 8). Her hobbies are clogging, acting, and traveling. Ms. Haddad's favorite foods are sushi and pistachios. Ms. Haddad has a lot of favorites, but "Taken" is one of them. She teaches science to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in virtual. Ms. Haddad loves teaching science! Science comes up with answers that we really need. It helps us develop a better understanding of the world around us. Ms. Haddad loves science because she loves to know how things work. She doesn't believe it is enough to accept everyday phenomena at face value, and she gets great satisfaction from developing a deeper understanding of things we take for granted, whether they be on the scale of the stars and the universe, or as small as the inner workings of the atom. Something she enjoys about being in person is that it supports forming stronger connections with students. Ms. Haddad would be thrilled to be a part of Virtual. She likes the flexibility of virtual teaching because the students have the freedom to study and finish the coursework anytime and anywhere! She is enjoying sharpening her digital skills and being creative with teaching science online. In her free time, she listens to music, watches her favorite shows, reads, travels, bakes, and cleans. Ms. Haddad chose to be a fun teacher because she loves learning and being in a learning environment. She enjoys being around students! Teaching is a job with a lot of variety, and it is a way to serve others! Science is Ms. Haddad's passion! She loves to encourage students to be curious about what surrounds them.



Mrs. Thomas has been teaching for 25 years. She has five boys. Her hobbies are hiking, art, and paddleboarding. In virtual, she teaches K-6 and 8-12 art. Her favorite food is sushi. In her free time, she likes to be in, on, or near water. Mrs. Thomas likes to teach art the most because most students want to make stuff and it is fun. Her favorite movies are "Holiday" and "Sound of Music". Mrs. Thomas enjoys being virtual because she enjoys the kids in virtual AND it presents a new set of challenges to master. The favorite subject to teach is art because it is fun and it connects all other subjects and helps kids do better in their core subjects and in life. She also likes the therapeutic aspects of art for students. Something she enjoys about being in person is that she misses the hugs from her students. She also misses being able to quickly and easily point out to a student how and where to adjust their artwork. Something she enjoys about being virtual is that she likes how easy it is to be silly with students and still be able to accomplish a lot of work. She also liked that the majority of my students are super focused and eager to learn. Mrs. Thomas chose to be a fun teacher because it beats being a boring teacher! She wants to laugh and have fun as much as kids do, if not more! Life is too short to not have fun! Mrs. Thomas loved art, and she had a teacher that inspired her to become an art teacher



Mrs. Talluto has been teaching for almost 6 years. Mrs. Talluto has taught kindergarten, first grade, and now 6th through 8th grade. Mrs. Talluto has one beautiful daughter, Gemma, and she is 2 and a half. Mrs. Talluto's hobbies are crafting, watching TV and movies, and reading. Mrs. Talluto teaches 7th-grade math, 7th and 8th-grade study skills, and enrichment. Mrs. Talluto's favorite food is soup, and her favorite soup is lobster bisque. In her free time, she plays with her daughter. Mrs. Talluto likes math and random facts. She likes math because she loves math, and she is a curious person herself and likes to help students. Mrs. Talluto's favorite movie to watch is "When Harry Met Sally." She likes to be virtual and be in person because, in virtual, she likes to work with the students that she has this year, and in person, she likes to get to know her students on a personal level. Mrs. Talluto's favorite subject is science, because she like to see students figure things out for themselves. Mrs. Talluto chooses to be a fun teacher because it is hard to learn if you are not having a good time. Something that made Mrs. Talluto become a teacher was that when she was little, her aunt was the principal of Dearborn Public School, and she went to school in the summer and delivered supplies to the classroom. She saw her aunt loved her job. Mrs. Talluto loves to spend time with her family.



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توفر المدرسة الافتراضية الروضة- الثاني عشر للطلاب فرصة للنمو والتعلم والتفوق في بيئة افتراضية.

- مدرسة عن بُعد بالكامل- يسجل الطلاب الدخول يومياً لحضور دروس حية ومباشرة مع نخبة من المدرسين الخبراء والمختصين.
- مدرسة عن بُعد بالكامل- تتوافق مع الجداول الزمنية وأوقات مدارس ديربورن الرسمية.
- نقدم مواد تعليمية لكافة المستويات لتلبية احتياجات مجموعة متنوعة من المتعلمين. نقدم مجموعة واسعة من المواد الاختيارية من الروضة- الثاني عشر.
- بيئة متضيفة خالية من المشتتات الخارجية
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