Weekly Parent Newsletter

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Important Date Reminders

Kids Ride Free cards pickup 5/5 – Please contact office to let us know you need to pick a card. See info below for more information.

Coffee with the Principal 5/25 – Join Principal for a virtual coffee and school updates. Meeting will be via Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/93844955032?pwd=MUtGUmZ3U2N0WjFXNm9scFpmbEVRZz09

Memorial Day 5/31 – School closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Enrollment for 2021-2022 School Year

It's that time of year! Enrollment time!! It's time to re-enroll your student for the next school year.

To enroll now, here are the steps you need to take to finalize your enrollment:

- Go to https://enrolldcps.dc.gov/
- Click the tab "Enroll"
- Click "How to Enroll"
- Click Complete the **SY21-22 electronic submission enrollment packet**

- Click on your choice of language to start the enrollment application

Make sure you attach proof of verification of address, such as:

- Current Paystub
- Financial assistance from the government (TANF, Medicaid, housing assistance)
- Embassy letter / Military housing
- License / vehicle registration
- License / lease with a separate proof of payment of rent
- License / utility bill (gas, electric, water) with the separate paid receipt showing payment of bill

Please remember that updated health forms will be required before students can return to school. Contact your health provider to make an appointment.

Need help with enrollment? Give us a call: 202-939-5390!

Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3rd – 7th)
Teacher appreciation week is almost here! We would like to gather appreciation notes to share with our fabulous teachers. Please send us shoutout, notes of appreciation, cheers or inspirational poetry for your teachers! We will pass all of them on to your teachers so they can be overwhelmed with love.

Please complete one form for each teacher you would like to send a note to.

Teacher appreciation week is May 3rd - 7th!!

Appreciation Form

H.D. Cooke Summer Acceleration Academy
We are excited to announce that H.D. Cooke will be hosting a Summer Acceleration Academy this summer! This program will be an extension onto SY 21-22 and leveraged to support our priority of a safe and strong transition back to in-person learning in the fall.

H.D. Cooke's Summer Acceleration Academy will run from August 4th through August 19th (excluding Fridays, 8/6 & 8/13). School will be from 9AM until 1:00PM (M-Th) and we are currently in the process of trying to secure aftercare partnering.

We are thankful to have so many dedicated staff who have volunteered to support this program and allow us to open two classrooms for rising PreK-4 and one classroom in rising Kinder through 5th with a limited number of seats.

Please be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

Cooke's Got Talent – Sign Up!

Please complete this form, giving permission for your Prek-2nd Grade child to participate in our Talent Show on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 @ 1:15pm in our Family Events Team. (info on 3rd-5th will come next week) If your child will be recording their talent then you will need to submit their video to Mrs. Irvin no later than Friday, May 7th @ jennifer.irvin@k12.dc.gov

Please reach out with any questions. - Inner Core Team

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7kagKk6zM0qSt5md8rwKMsTH3uLFKEJOmshmqx4Z1exUQ0ZZMFhVNVhKR1dCMUMyTURXSE1JN1U1Ti4u

Student Computer Survey

Taking care of your DCPS-issued device is important for effective virtual learning and your academic success. To ensure your device is properly maintained and is performing at its best, please take a few minutes to submit this MANDATORY Device Health Check form. The form must be filled out and submitted by no later than **April 30, 2021**. If you have been assigned more than one device (e.g. laptop, tablet, hotspot, etc.), please include them in this form. A separate form must be filled out for each student. Please complete a survey even if you do not have a DCPS device issued.

Need Internet Access at Home?

Mayor Muriel Bowser wants to make sure your student has internet at home during this virtual school term. DC Government will be paying for a year of residential internet service for eligible households provided by Comcast and RCN.

DC Government will reach out to SNAP and TANF eligible households with PK3-12th grade students enrolled at DC traditional and charter public schools. Contact the school or your student's teacher for more information.

If they missed a call from DC Government to Sign up:

Covered on Page 7 of the guide, if they do not answer they can simply call back the number and fill out the automated survey. This is the voicemail you will receive:

> Hello, this is Michelle leaving a message on behalf of Mayor Muriel Bowser calling to make sure your student has internet at home during this virtual school term. If you would like free internet at home paid for by DC Government call us back at 202-559-4065. Please make sure you are calling back from this phone number in order to request free home internet.
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> **It is important that you call from the number that is on record as this is how they verify enrollment.**

If they missed a call from Comcast or RCN:

For families who have not completed their installation or not heard from RCN or Comcast due to missed call:

> *You can email (RCN: OCTO.bulkinternet@rcn.net or call (202) 250-7842) or (COMCAST: 844-963-0178 (if the operator asks for a code please say: DC2020) to schedule an install or discuss your internet connection.*

Visiting the School
Anyone needing to come to school must have a scheduled appointment. Visitors are not allowed at school without an appointment at this time. All visitors will have temperature checks at the door. To make an appointment, please contact the main office at 202-939-5390 or you can send an email to Ms. Emma Amaya (emma.amaya@k12.dc.gov) or Ms. Jackie (Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov).

Updated Physicals and Oral Health Assessments
REQUIRED FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING -- Health physicals and oral health assessments are required annually. Medical forms must be turned in to the school as part of the enrollment process, and any updated forms throughout the school year should be submitted to the school. Students must have an up-to-date health assessment form on file with the school once in-person learning begins. This is the best time to ensure your student's health form is updated. Schedule an appointment with your doctor if you student needs a current physical.

We have also posted flyers along with this newsletter on our website for your convenience of locations to contact for more information regarding immunizations.

Students will NOT be able to return to in-person learning without an updated health and immunization form on file.

You may call the school to find out if your student has an updated health form (202-939-5390) or you can email your current health form to Ms. Emma (emma.amaya@k12.dc.gov).

You can find all the forms by visiting: School Health Requirements

Kids Ride Free SmarTrip Card
If you would like to request a new Kids Ride Free SmarTrip card, please contact the main office and we can have one ready for you to pick up. Next pickup date is **5/5**. You must contact the school to request one prior to picking up.

For more information you can visit: Kids Ride Free FAQ

Having Technology Problems?
If you are having problems with technology or login into your class, contact the Family Support line by calling (202) 442-5885 or visit: DCPS Support Page

Breakfast and Lunch for Students (and Food Distribution)
The closest location to our school for breakfast/lunch and food distribution is Columbia Heights Education Campus (CHEC): 3101 16th St NW. You can find more locations by visiting: Food Distribution

Parent University
DCPS Parent University is a workshop series for families facilitated by the Communications and Engagement Office. Each session is designed to help families play their important role in supporting

student learning and growth. The workshops are an opportunity for families to share strategies and learn new ones from each other and DCPS Central Office teams.

To view or register for upcoming sessions, visit: Parent University

News from PTO
Our need for help for our school families continues. If you are able to make a donation to the PTO to purchase grocery gift cards for families in need, please visit our website to make a donation.

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