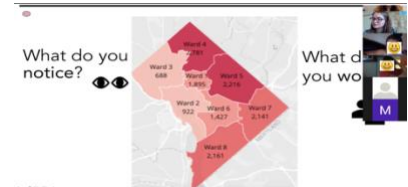



Weekly Parent Newsletter
September 18, 2020

Fourth Grade Highlight

We are proud of how our fourth-grade mathematicians are working hard to better understand how the coronavirus has affected DC. They used their understanding of place value to break down the big numbers of cases to better understand the differences between wards. This data has them asking important questions about COVID in DC.



Family Virtual Learning Survey

As we continue to learn together, we want to hear about distance learning from your perspective. Please take a few moments to record your thoughts/reflections below to support us in a better understanding of how we can adjust to excel in this virtual environment.

Click here for [SURVEY](#).

Updated Physicals and Oral Health Assessments

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 your student needs a current physical.

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](#)

Saturday Reading All-Star Returns

Reading All-Stars, our reading mentoring program, will begin sessions this **Saturday, September 19**. If you are a returning student, the sessions for this fall will happen virtually over Zoom and will run from 10:30 – 11:50 am on Saturday mornings. Please have your student join using this link:

<http://bit.ly/HDCookeRAS>

If you have not already let us know and would like to return, please let your student's teacher know. The program is for students in kinder – 5th grade. We look forward to reading with your student again! The Reading All Stars Coordinating Team, Jeff, Alex, Sarah, and Julie

Kids Ride Free

Kids Ride Free cards for the current school year (SY20-21) have arrived. School Year 19-20 cards are effective through September 29, 2020. If you would like to request a new card, please contact the main office and we can have one ready for you to pick up. Pickup days are **ONLY on 9/23, 9/30, 10/7 and 10/14**. You must contact the school to request one prior to picking up.

For more information you can visit: [Kids Ride Free FAQ](#)

Ice Cream with the Inner Core

3rd-5th grade families come and celebrate the start of the school year with the Inner Core team! Bring your favorite treat and come build our Cooke Community virtually!

Wednesday, September 23rd @ 1:15pm

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

[+1 202-539-1291](#) United States, Washington DC (Toll)

Conference ID: 730 625 822#

What to Bring: Your families favorite treat – be ready to show us! We are looking forward to meeting with you and getting to build our Cooke Community Together!

Upcoming events for 3rd-5th on September 23rd. More info in coming weeks!

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)

Even though we will be starting the year with virtual instruction, DCPS remains committed to supporting our students with meal distribution during the pandemic. Ensuring access to nutritious meals means that students are set up for success and ready to learn.

Grocery sites are available throughout the District to provide fresh fruits, vegetables, and non-perishable groceries to families. Residents are encouraged to bring a cart and/or tote bag to transport groceries at home. Masks are required at the grocery sites. Grocery sites are open 10 am – 11:30 am (Friday's at CHEC).

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](#)

Family Microsoft Teams Training Sessions!

Microsoft is partnering with DCPS to offer free training sessions for families!

Join the webinar where you will learn from an experienced educator, trainer and parent how to use Surface and Teams to promote independence, engage with teachers and peers, support various learning

preferences and styles while providing a simple and safe remote learning experience for all. Q&A will be available.

Every Wednesday through the end of September at 10am and 6pm.

- Sep 23: [Live Event 10am](#)/[Live Event 5pm](#)
- Sep 30: [Live Event 10am](#)/[Live Event 5pm](#)

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