



Weekly Parent Newsletter

January 8, 2021

Important Date Reminders

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 1/18 – School is closed in honor of MLK Day.

Winter Break Day 1/19 – No classes for students for Winter Break Day.

Inauguration Day 1/20 – School is closed for Inauguration Day.

Kids Ride Free cards pickup 1/13 – Please contact office to let us know you need to pick a card. See info below for more information.

Mary Center Therapist

Mr. Kem has moved to another position with the Mary Center. Our new therapist is Mr. Joel Edouard. Here is a little introduction from him.

My name is Joel Edouard and I am a School Based Mental Health Therapist. I am passionate about working with children and families, and I am excited to work with the families at HD Cooke! I recently moved to the DC area, and I have enjoyed my time here so far. In my free time I enjoy playing sports, hanging out with friends, cooking, and working out. I am looking forward to this new year and connecting with families and staff at HD Cooke!



My phone number is (202)569-7445 and my email address is jedouard@maryscenter.org.

Term 3 Learning Update

Please join us on Monday, January 11 at 10 am or 5 pm for a Virtual Parent Townhall. Principal Lam will give an update on Term 3 learning. The meeting will be via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93844955032?pwd=MUtGUmZ3U2N0WjFXNm9scFpmbEVVRz09>

Meeting ID: 938 4495 5032

Passcode: ONdfFR

School Calendars are Here

If you would like a DCPS school calendar, please stop by school and pick one up. They are available at the front door in English and Spanish for grab and go. Digital version can be found [HERE](#).

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.

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.

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](#)

School Year 20-21 Dietary Accommodations

If your student requires dietary accommodation for the 2020-2021 school year, please complete the appropriate dietary accommodation form. Note that the form(s) must have all applicable sections completed for the form to be processed.

New accommodation forms must be completed each school year, each summer, and if your student moves to a different school during the school year.

Forms can be found [here](#).

Kids Ride Free

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 **1/13**. 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:

WhatsApp Groups

If you'd like to be able to contact other parents, please join the WhatsApp group that was created by PTO for your grade. Download the App to join us.

Prek3 - <https://bit.ly/3jHB1yZ>

Prek4- <https://bit.ly/2GS76ph>

Kinder - <https://bit.ly/34AX1p8>

1st - <https://bit.ly/3nroull>

2nd/3rd - combined - <https://bit.ly/3jZyUm>

4th/5th - combined - <https://bit.ly/30MaVDJ>

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