

  
**Weekly Parent Newsletter**  
October 2, 2020

**Important Date Reminders**

Students will NOT have classes on the following days:

October 9<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Conferences. Teachers have begun to send information to families about conferences. Please reach out to your student’s teacher for more information.

October 12<sup>th</sup> – School is closed for Indigenous People’s Day.

**Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations**

Join us for our schoolwide **“HISPANIC HERITAGE HOME FIESTA”!!!!**

Date: Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5pm

See attached flyer for more information.



Also...

Come and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the Inner Core Teachers. We'd love to have you share your personal connections, a special outfit, an artifact, a favorite recipe or a story! We look forward to singing together, sharing, and connecting as a school community! This week we will be celebrating with our Kinder, First and Second Grade families.

Date: October 7<sup>th</sup>

Time: 1:15pm

Both events will be on our [Microsoft Teams](#) page!!

**October is Principal Appreciation Month**

In October we want to say a huge Thank You to Principal Lam! Please take a few minutes to send Mr. Lam a thank you note or video! You can tag us on social media, or you can email him directly: [ryan.lam@k12.dc.gov](mailto:ryan.lam@k12.dc.gov). You may also stop by the school and leave a note or drawing from student on the bulletin board by the entrance (M-F, 10 am – 2 pm).

Principal Lam has worked hard to make sure our students have all the tools they need to learn, feel inspired, feel a sense of belonging and feel loved whether we are at school or in the virtual world. We want to show him how much we have appreciated his hard work and dedication to all our students.

**School Materials Pickup**

We will continue to distribute school materials for students to use in class for ALL grades (PreK – 5<sup>th</sup>).

Dates: October 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

Times: 10 am – 2 pm

Masks must be worn and please observe social distance while waiting (6 feet apart).

### ***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](mailto:emma.amaya@k12.dc.gov)).

You can find all the forms by visiting: [School Health Requirements](#)

### ***Kids Ride Free***

Kids Ride Free cards for the current school year (SY20-21) have arrived. School Year 19-20 cards have expired as of 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 **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](#)

### ***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 16<sup>th</sup> 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***

Please see attached flyer for information regarding food donations.

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