



## *Weekly Parent Newsletter*

January 22, 2021

### ***Important Date Reminders***

Professional Development Day for Teachers 1/28 & 29 – No classes for students.

Kids Ride Free cards pickup 1/27 – Please contact office to let us know you need to pick a card. See info below for more information.

### ***Term 3 Learning Update***

Our new CARE classes will begin on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be on the lookout for more information if you have accepted a seat for a class.

If you have any questions regarding seats, please contact the main office at 202-939-5390 or email: [Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov](mailto:Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov).

### ***School Enrichment Model (SEM) is Back!***

Are you interested in your child receiving interest-based instruction with other HD Cooke students? Looking for an after-school activity for your child?

After school interest-based clusters will be happening on Teams on Tuesdays at 3:00 from February 9-April 6. All materials will be provided! For more information, please see [SEM flyer](#) on our website.

### ***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](mailto:emma.amaya@k12.dc.gov)) or Ms. Jackie ([Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov](mailto: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 your 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](mailto: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 **1/27**. 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 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:***

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](#).

*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/3jIZyUm>

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

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