



Weekly Parent Newsletter

October 30, 2020

Important Date Reminders

PTO Treat Distribution 10/31 – Come in your favorite costume (scary, funny or loving) or no costume at all. Distribution will be from 12 – 3pm.

Election Day 11/3 – No school for students. Do you have your voting plan ready?

Kids Ride Free cards pickup 11/4 – Please contact office to let us know you need to pick a card. See info below for more information.

Professional Development for Teachers 11/6 – No school for students.

Veterans Day 11/11 – School closed for holiday.

Thanksgiving Break 11/25-27 – No school for students for Thanksgiving Break

Reopening for Term 2 FAQs

DC Public Schools plans to reopen elementary schools at the start of Term 2 on November 9. For our elementary school students in grades PK3 and PK4, as well as K-5, this means they have two opportunities to return to school, and the availability of each option is staff dependent. For more information regarding what the options are for families, please visit the [DCPS website here](#).

If you received a seat through the DCPS lottery for in-person learning, you were notified by email or phone call. The timeline is very tight and DCPS is asking that you must make decisions very quickly as the date is fast approaching. If you have received a seat and wish to accept or decline, please contact the office ASAP if you have not responded yet.

As a reminder, only one class in each grade level will be opening with a maximum of 11 students. Not all students will be returning in person.

We will have parent meetings for families who have accepted seats next week. Please be on the lookout for more information.

Virtual Grading Policy for Inner Core

During quarter 1 if your student did not have a specific Inner Core class on their schedule or did not attend and complete work in their assigned classes, they will receive a No Mark (NM) as their grade for this quarter. This grade (NM) will have no bearing on their overall Inner Core grade for the year or their overall GPA.

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

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. Next pickup date is **11/04**. 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 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

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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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