


Weekly Parent Newsletter
October 8, 2020

Important Date Reminders

Students will NOT have classes on the following days:

October 9th – 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 12th – School is closed for Indigenous People’s Day.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations

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

Date: Thursday October 15th

Time: 5pm

Join us on [Microsoft Teams](#)

See 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 3rd – 5th grade families.

Date: October 14th

Time: 1:15pm

Join us on [Microsoft Teams](#)

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](#).

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. 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.

Last Chance School Math Material Pickup

If you have not had a chance to pick-up materials for students, next week will be the final pickup time. These are for ALL grades (PreK – 5th). Please remember these are important for students to use during class time.

Dates: October 13th – 16th

Times: 10 am – 2 pm

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

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.

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](#)

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 **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 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

Hello families, 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/3nrroul>

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

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



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