



## Weekly Parent Reminders

December 13, 2024



### Important Dates

December 14 – EdFest, @ Stadium-Armory (10 am)  
December 16 – 20 – Holiday Spirit Week  
December 17 – Open House (9 am)  
December 20 – Prek Sing-A-Long (2:30 pm)  
December 20 – Family Friday (8:35 am)  
December 23 – January 1 – Winter Break

### Annual Coat Drive

It's that time of year!! Winter is here and the weather can get very cold. Some of our students and families are in need of coats to stay warm in the cold temperatures. If you can, please consider donating a new or gently used child or adult coat to our Annual Winter Coat Drive! You may drop off any donations in the main office.

### Holiday Spirit Week

Remember that all next week, school is in session. Please plan all your holiday travels during winter break. To help students stay motivated during the week before winter break, we will have a fun Spirit Week!

**Monday** – Pajama Day (Wear your funnest PJs to show your holiday spirit!)

**Tuesday** – Grinch Day (Wear your grinchiest attire or all green!)

**Wednesday** – Winter Wonderful (Wear all your wonderland colors, white & blue!! Or Do you celebrate Diwali or Tres Reyes?)

**Thursday** – Winter Sports Day (Love football, hockey, skiing? Wear their jersey or any sport jersey!! Go commanders!)

**Friday** – Holiday Hat Day (Wear a holiday hat! Great day to get creative with your arts and crafts if you don't have a hat! Make a candelabra hat for Kwanzaa or Christmas tree hat!

### Prek Sing-A-Along

Join prek on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> sing some holiday songs! The event will take place in the gym starting at 2:30 pm.

### Lost and Found!!

We have many items hanging by the main office waiting to be found by the person who lost them! If you child has misplaced a jacket, shirt, weather or other items, please stop by the lost and found located outside the main office to see if it's there. All items that are left during the winter break, will be donated.



### Immunization Forms

Health physicals and oral health assessments are required annually. Students also must be current with their immunizations to attend school. As outlined below, a series of medical forms should 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 nurse.

The following documents are part of the [DCPS School Enrollment Package](#):

- [Universal Health Certificate](#) (required annually for all grades, documenting immunizations, tuberculosis assessment, lead screening and a physical exam). If you have questions about DC's immunization requirements, please discuss them with your child's physician. You can also contact DC Health's Immunization Division at (202) 576-7130.
- [Oral Health Assessment](#) (required annually for all grades)

### Impact Aid Surveys

Each year, DC Public Schools asks all families to complete a Student-Parent Survey so DCPS can provide the U.S. Department of Education information for Impact Aid. The Impact Aid law provides assistance to local school districts with concentrations of children

residing on military bases, low-rent housing properties, or other Federal properties and, to a lesser extent, concentrations of children who have parents in the uniformed services or employed on eligible Federal properties who do not live on Federal property.

Here are the survey links:

1. **English:** [https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid\\_English](https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_English)
2. **Spanish:** [https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid\\_Spanish](https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_Spanish)
3. **French:** [https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid\\_French](https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_French)
4. **Amharic:** [https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid\\_Amharic](https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_Amharic)
5. **Vietnamese:** [https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid\\_Vietnamese](https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_Vietnamese)
6. **Chinese:** [https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid\\_Chinese](https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_Chinese)

### **Kids Ride Free Metro/Bus Cards**

The Kids Ride Free program allows students enrolled in DC Public Schools, DC Charter Schools, and DC private/parochial schools to receive a KRF SmarTrip card for free travel to and from school and school-related activities within the District of Columbia, using Metrorail, Metrobus or the DC Circulator. Please contact the main office (202-939-5390) if your student needs a Kids Ride Free card for the new school year for the bus or metro.

### **Social Media**

Follow us on our social media pages to get information and see what we are up to:

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Instagram & Twitter: @HDCookeES