



Weekly Parent Reminders

January 31, 2025



Important Dates

February 1 – 28 – Black History Month
February 14 – PD Day (No school for students)
February 17 – Presidents Day (School closed)
February 27 – Make-up Picture Day
February 28 – Family Friday (8:35 am)
February 28 – Coffee with the Principal
February 28 – Annual Black History Month Celebration (4:00 – 5:30pm)

Black History Month

We will celebrate Black History Month (BHM) all February. Students will participate in classroom activities, read a-louds, door decorations and many other classroom activities. Be sure to ask your students how they are celebrating in class!

Mark your calendars, as the BHM family celebration will be on February 28th from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. There will be plenty of food, games, music, fun, and more! If you would like to volunteer to bring a dish, serve food, or provide support with setup or cleanup, please [sign up here](#). Monetary donations for food can be sent to our Assistant Principal Keely Fitzgerald via cash app (\$KeelyFitzgerald) or Venmo (@kjfitzgerald).

Summer Learning 2025

[Registration](#) for Summer Learning 2025 opens on Monday, January 27 at 9 am. Students and families can learn more about Summer 2025 at [this site](#). Please note that only elementary schools will hold programming 5 days a week (Program Dates: Monday, June 30 to Friday, August 1). Remember that spots fill quickly.

Updated Contact Information

Please make sure that you stop by the office and update your contact information if it has changed. It is important the school has the most updated information. You may also email any updated contact info to Ms. Araceli in the main office:

Araceli.FigueroaVelez@k12.dc.gov.

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
2. **Spanish:** https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_Spanish

3. **French:** https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_French
4. **Amharic:** https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_Amharic
5. **Vietnamese:** https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_Vietnamese
6. **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

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Instagram & Twitter: [@HDCookeES](https://www.instagram.com/HDCookeES)