



Weekly Parent Reminders

May 30, 2026



Important Dates

- May 29 – Family Friday (8:45-9:00 am)
- May 29 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00-9:30 am)
- June – RE-ENROLLMENT CONTINUES!!
- June 1-5 –Scholastic Book Fair!
- June 5 –ECE End of School Year Celebration (9am)
- June 9 – Field Day!
- June 10 – Move Up Day (Pre-K - 4th, 3:15-4:15pm)
- June 10 – 5th Grade Promotion (10am)
- June 11 – 5th Grade Game Day
- June 11 – 2nd End of Year Celebrations
- June 12 – Kinder & 1st End of Year Celebrations
- June 15 – 3rd Grade End of Year Celebration
- June 16 – No School for Students (Election Day)
- June 17 – 4th Grade End of Year Celebration
- June 18 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!!
- June 19 – School Closed (Juneteenth Observation)

SY26-27 Elementary Dismissal Family Notification and Next Steps

Beginning in School Year (SY) 2026-2027, all elementary-aged students must have an Elementary Student Dismissal Authorization form on file by the first day of school. [Fillable forms](#) are available on the [DCPS website](#) and can be submitted to your student's school electronically, or you can pick up a paper copy of the form in the school's main office. Parents must submit a separate dismissal form for each student.

The Elementary Student Dismissal Authorization Form has two parts:

- Part 1: Authorization to Release - Required for all students in Grades PreK through 5, including those who dismiss to an afterschool program and/or transportation provided by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE).
- Part 2: Permission to Self-Dismiss - Required for any student in Grades K through 5 who will self-dismiss alone or with an older authorized student. Please note that only students in Grades K through 5 can self-dismiss; students in PreK3 and PreK4 should be released only to a parent or authorized adult and may not be released to another elementary-age child.

Local School Advisory Team Family Survey

🌸 We'd love to hear about your experience at our school this year. 📄 Your Local School Advisory Team (LSAT) put together a short 6-question survey, and it only takes a few minutes to complete. 😊 Your feedback helps us continue to grow and improve H.D. Cooke. [Click here](#) to fill out the survey. Thank you so much! 🙏

Garden Assistance 🌱

We need to plant some seedlings in the ground, and we need help! Do you love to be one with nature? We are working on growing our garden and need your help to maintain it. Come help us make it beautiful and bountiful! Any questions, see Ms. Jackie in the office or talk with Ms. Courtney in PreK.

Kids Ride Free Metro/Bus Cards

If you have a card from last school year, please request a new one. The ones from last school year will expire at the end of September. 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. **Reminder that these cards are for student use ONLY!!**

Immunization Forms

If you have not turned in your health forms, please do so right away! 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)

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