



## Weekly Parent Reminders

November 21, 2025



### Important Dates

November 20 – Middle School Night (4-6 pm)  
November 21 – Family Friday (8:45-9:00 am)  
November 21 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00-9:30 am)  
November 23 – Girls on the Run 5K  
November 24 & 25 – Thanksgiving Spirit Week  
November 26 – 28 – Thanksgiving Break (No school for students)

**\*\*\*Thanksgiving Break: No school Wednesday, Thursday and Friday\*\*\***

### Dressing for the Weather

Please remember that our students have recess everyday, weather permitting. We go out to play and run and have fun as long as it's not raining and as long as the temperature is over 32 degrees. Please send your student in layers as the sometimes the weather fluctuates.

### Girls On the Run 5K

Our Girls on the Run team has been preparing all Fall to run their 5K! The race will take place on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pre-race hype starts at 9 am and the race will begin promptly at 10am. The race will take place at The Fields at RFK. Closest metro stop is Stadium-Armory just a couple of blocks away. Come cheer our girls on or sign-up to be a buddy runner (<https://www.gotrdc.org/5k>).

### Thanksgiving Break Spirit Week

We want to remind families that attendance is important every day, even the days before a holiday. Students are always learning. Please make sure to make travel plans during the days that school is closed. To help motivate everyone the days leading to our break, we will have Spirit Week:

- **Monday (11/24)** – Come warm and cozy in your favorite hoodie!! Bright colors are welcome!
- **Tuesday (11/25)** – Winter Hat Day!! Wear a fuzzy hat or a crazy hat or a baseball hat or furry hat!!

### SY25-26 Impact Aid Survey

The SY25-26 Impact Aid Survey is available starting November 10, 2025. Each year, DCPS asks all families to complete the Impact Aid survey to generate additional federal funds for DCPS. This year, the surveys will be fully electronic using the Seamless platform. All eligible applications received by December 19, 2025 will be submitted as part of the initial application due on January 30, 2026. Using the surveys linked below, all DCPS families should complete one survey per child, not household, in their preferred language. While December 19th is our initial deadline, families will have until April 30, 2026 to complete the survey. All additional eligible surveys will be included in our application amendment due June 19, 2026.

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Amharic](#)
- [Chinese](#)
- [French](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)

### The SpEd Hub 2025- 2026 Training Calendar is [HERE!](#)

Ready for another round of engaging, informative, and valuable trainings with the DCPS SpEd office?

They have packed the year with family favorites and NEW trainings, all requested directly by YOU, our families, caregivers, and community members! They're thrilled to share their new lineup, designed to help you learn more about special education and connect with their team for support, resources, and guidance.

Explore their website's [events page](#) to discover the list of trainings available in the new year and register to join them! They can't wait to see you there!

### DC Public Library Winter Family Festival

DC Public Library will be hosting its annual Winter Festival on Sunday, December 7 from 1 - 4:00 pm at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library.

The event will take place in the auditorium and on the 5th floor in the Event Space and surrounding corridor. The Washington Ballet Southeast Ensemble and Blue Sky Puppets will be performing in the auditorium. There will be a family photo booth, face painting, crafts in the event space and other activities. For more information please click [HERE](#).

### 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)

### Social Media

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