



Weekly Parent Reminders *January 9, 2026*



Important Dates

January 19 – Martin Luther King Day (School closed)
January 26 – Professional Development (No school for students)
January 29 – Picture Day
January 30 – Family Friday (8:45-9:00 am)
January 30 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00-9:30 am)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

New DCPS Middle School Survey

DCPS is opening a new middle school in School Year 2028-2029 at 800 Euclid St NW. The building will undergo a two-year modernization. Plans for the modernization were presented to a community working group on Jan 7, 2026 - you can find materials from that presentation at dcpsplanning.com.

This survey asks for your feedback on draft plans for the modernization, specifically colors, use of space, and overall impressions. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and give feedback.

Go to [New Middle School on Euclid St: Plans for the Modernization – Fill out form](#) to complete survey or use the QR code.



Picture Day: Save the Date

Freed Photography will be at Cooke on January 29th for picture day! Please save the date. We will send out more information about package prices as it gets closer.

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!

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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