



Weekly Parent Reminders

December 16, 2022

December 20 – Winter Showcase with 2nd & 3rd grades
December 19 – 22 – Spirit Week
December 23 – January 2 – Winter Break
January 2 – Take COVID Test to Return
January 3 – Back to School from Winter Break
January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (school closed)
January 25 – Professional Development for Teachers (no school for students)

Dismissal Reminder

All students are dismissed at 3:15 pm. If you need your child for early dismissal, you must call the office by 2:45 pm. No students will be dismissed from 3:00 – 3:15 pm. If you have an emergency, please contact the main office.

COVID-19 Test to Return

To support a safe return from Winter break, all students and staff will be expected to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test. Families should test their students and [upload their test results](#) on Monday, January 2, 2023.

We are sending test kits home on Friday, December 16th. Please check your student's backpack.

Additionally, families can pick up a test kit from any District COVID Center, located in all 8 wards. You can find the COVID Center locations and hours here: <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/covidcenters>.

2nd & 3rd Grade Winter Showcase

Come celebrate the holiday season and the learning that our Second and Third Grade students are doing in their Inner Core classes. Our Inner Core Winter Showcase will be **Tuesday, December 20** from **2:30pm-3:00pm** in the **H.D. Cooke Gym**. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating all that these students have accomplished so far this year. If you are a parent of a second or third grade student, as well as Ms. Pratt and Ms. Flood's classes, your child may wear fun holiday attire on December 20.

Winter Coat Donations

If you have any new or gently used coats or uniforms, please consider bringing them to school and donate them. We have students that could use the warmth this winter. Please leave any donation items at the main entrance door or main office.

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 Smartrip card for the new school year for the bus or metro.

Social Media

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