



Weekly Parent Reminders

May 17, 2024

Important Dates

May 23: Prek Hungry Caterpillar Musical & Art Experience (2:30pm)

May 24: 2nd grade My Planet Performance (9:30 am)

May 31 – June 7: School Book Fair

June 5: Move-up Day (3:45 pm)

June 7: Family Friday & Coffee with the Principal (8:45 am)

June 7: Field Day

June 12: 5th Grade Promotion (10 am)

Girls on the Run 5K

season comes to an end with a celebratory 5K. This closing event gives program participants of all abilities a tangible sense of accomplishment. Crossing the finish line instills confidence through completion and is a joyful moment program participants always remember! Join us this Sunday to cheer them on!

Location: Anacostia Park,

Date: May 19th

Time: Race starts at 8 am

Scholastic Bok Fair

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Here's what you need to know about the big event, which will take place:

- May 31st – June 7th in the computer lab

Visit the Cooke bookfair website:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/hdcookeelementaryschool>

It's Time to Re-Enroll for SY24-25!

Enrollment season is here. This year enrollment will be online through the Aspen Parent Portal.

Please complete SY24-25 enrollment by following three steps:

1. Complete the DCPS enrollment packet using [online enrollment](#) or [paper forms](#).
2. Gather and attach supporting documents.
3. Submit the packet and supporting documents to your student's school enrollment team.

If you need assistance with your enrollment credentials to log into the portal, please email Ms. Cruz (olga.cruz@k12.dc.org) or call the main office (202-939-5390). Ms. Cruz will also have later enrollment hours on April 2nd and 4th from 3:30 – 5:30 pm.

2nd Grade My Planet Performance

My Planet, Your Planet, our spring musical presented by the Second Grade on May 24th at 9:30 am. Come out and hear the students sing and share several songs and skits all about keeping our earth beautiful and clean for everyone to enjoy!

Pre-k Hungry Caterpillar, The Musical

Hungry Caterpillar, the musical, is a musical and art experience presented by our Pre-k students. The event is scheduled to be held in the gym on Thursday, May 23 at 2:30 pm. Questions please contact Ms. Irvin via email at jennifer.irvin@k12.dc.gov

Field Day Volunteers

We are happy to announce that the Parent Teacher Organization, in collaboration with the teachers of H.D. Cooke Elementary School is organizing an exciting Field Day on June 7th. This event will offer a day filled with fun activities across various stations, on the school premises. To ensure every child's enjoyment, there are two scheduled sessions: a morning session for PK-2nd grade and an afternoon session for 3-5 grades.

To make this Field Day a great experience, we need volunteers to assist with supervising the activity stations and to grill the school provided hot dogs and veggie burgers. Please take a moment to check your availability to volunteer and sign up for a time slot that works best for you in the attached sign-up sheet. Please return to your student teacher or the main office.

Coffee with the Principal

Our Final Coffee with the Principal is June 7. We want to close-out the year with a bang!! Come chat with Principal Lam as he gives out update about the wonderful year we had and what to look for in the coming year! We will have coffee and pastries to share.

Attendance Reminder

Reminder for all families of the importance of attendance for all our students. Being at school on time every day prepared to learn is important. Part of preparedness is arriving to school on time! The doors open promptly at 8:35 am. Please make sure that your student arrives at 8:35 am to have time for breakfast and be ready for morning meeting. Students arriving after 8:50 am are late and MUST stop by the main office to receive a tardy pass.

Pantry Program

Do you have a student that goes to H.D. Cooke? Would you benefit from having a little more food and/or toiletries at home this month?

H.D. Cooke is partnering with DC Food Project to receive monthly donations of minimal food and toiletries. If you have a student at H.D. Cooke and your family could benefit from receiving a little extra food and/or toiletries this month, please complete this referral. A staff member will be in touch upon receipt of the referral in the next 7-10 school days. Thank you!



Referral link for families - <https://forms.office.com/r/aXyzHV9FJi> or use the QR Code below.

“Self-Dismissal” and Sibling Pickup Permission Form

All students in grades *PK 3 through 5* must have a signed permission form on file to walk or take public transportation home alone or with a sibling. No student will be allowed to leave school alone or with a sibling until the attached form has been signed and returned to the main office.

This form is only required for students who are walking or taking public transportation home without their parent, guardian, or another adult who is authorized by you to pick them up. Please return a separate signed form for each of your children.

Students will not be allowed to walk home at dismissal if this form is not returned.

To complete the form online, visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/jHiWsvahne>

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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