



Weekly Parent Reminders

September 20, 2024



Important Dates

September 15 – October 15 – Hispanic Heritage Month
September 27 – Family Friday (8:35 – 8:45 am)
September 27 – Coffee with the Principal (8:45 am)

Family Fridays and Coffee with the Principal

Join us on Friday, September 27th for our first Family Friday and Coffee with the Principal. Starting at 8:35 am, parents can drop students off in the classroom and stay to have breakfast, chat with teachers and visit their classroom. Family Friday will end at 9 am. After, join us for Coffee with the Principal in the atrium starting at 9:05 am. We will have schoolwide updates to share and give time to parents to ask questions. See you Friday!

Attendance Matters!!

September is Attendance month! For the week of September 23rd-27th, each class that has perfect attendance will participate in an activity where they will get to stick Principal Lam to the wall with Tape! Every day your child's class has PERFECT attendance, each student in their class will earn 1 Piece of tape to use! Help your class win!

Elementary School "Self-Dismissal" and Releasing Young Students to Siblings

All students in grades *PK 3 through 5* must have a signed permission form on file in order 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. Permission forms are on our website: <https://www.hdcookeschool.org/newsletters>

Dental Cleanings

Our students are enjoying the visit to the dentist. It is not too late to sign your student up for a cleaning and evaluation if you did not complete the consent form. They will be back Tuesday, September 24th to continue seeing our students. If you have not yet submitted your student's consent form, please complete below:

Consent Forms in English:

<https://form.jotform.com/230905153879059>

Consent Form in Spanish:

<https://form.jotform.com/233075730842051>

Title 1 School Classification

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that HD Cooke is a Title I school for the 2024-2025 school year. Because 40% or more of our school population is eligible for free and reduced meals, we are eligible to receive additional federal funding to help provide our school with professional development, parent involvement activities, and other academic programming designed to help your students succeed in school this year. See attached letter for more information.

Remind App

One of our quick ways to communicate with families is via the Remind App. Please make sure you download the app so you can connect with HD Cooke and receive all pertinent information. The Remind App can be found in the Google or Apple App stores.

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 Kids Ride Free card for the new school year for the bus or metro.

Social Media

Follow us on our social media pages to get information and see what we are up to:

Facebook: facebook.com/HDCookeES

Instagram & Twitter: @HDCookeES