



## Weekly Parent Reminders

June 6, 2025



### Important Dates

May 13 – June 18 – ABC End of School Year Countdown  
June 3 – 6 – Grade Celebrations & Move-Up Day  
June 10 – Field Day  
June 12 – Six Flags for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
June 13 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance  
June 16 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion  
June 18 – Last Day of School!!!!  
June 19 – School Closed (Juneteenth Day)

### Attendance Matters!!

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. Your partnership makes all the difference.

This last month of the school year is a time for review, enrichment, and preparation for the next grade level. Daily attendance is more important than ever. Teachers are completing assessments, providing critical instruction, and engaging students in meaningful learning activities every day that will support their success next year.

As a friendly reminder, the last day of school is now Wednesday, June 18. While summer is near, and schedules get busy, you can help your child finish strong by ensuring they are present and on time every day through June 18, because every day counts.

### ABC End of School Year Countdown

We are continuing all the fun as we count down for summer break! Here is what we have coming up next week:

**Monday:** Sunglasses Day – Wear your best shades 🕶️

**Tuesday:** Twins / Triplets Day – Dress like each other 👯

**Wednesday:** Uniform Day -- Dress in a uniform of your choice (officer, doctor, etc.) 👮👩👨👩👨👩

**Thursday:** Vacation Day -- Dress like you're going on vacation 🏖️

**Friday:** Wacky Day -- Dress wacky and everything is opposite 🤪

### DCPS Title 1 Policy Feedback 2025

The DCPS Office of External Affairs (OEA) continues to support our schools to ensure full compliance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Title I regulations. By providing guidance and resources to create a welcoming learning environment for all students, the district aims to clear paths for parents to be collaborative partners. Annually, DCPS must receive feedback on several policy documents. Please review the policies and share your thoughts with us: [https://publicinput.com/dcpstitle1\\_2025](https://publicinput.com/dcpstitle1_2025)

### Garden Assistance

Do you love to be in nature? We are working on growing our garden and need your help to maintain it. We will have garden meet-up on Wednesdays (3:45 – 4:45 pm) to help us water, harvest, plant, clean-up, etc. Come help us make it beautiful and bountiful! Any questions, see Ms. Jackie in the office or talk with Ms. Courtney in PreK.

### End-of-Year School Food Collaborative Meeting

The end-of-year [School Food Collaborative Meeting](#) is on Wednesday, June 11, from 5-7 p.m. at Watkins Elementary School (420 12th St. SE, Washington, DC 20003)! Affiliates will sample global flavors of school meals, discover insights from the student feedback survey, and connect with school food leaders and community members. RSVP [here](#); all are welcome!

## Immunization Forms

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)

## 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. ***Reminder that these cards are for student use ONLY!!***

## Social Media

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