



Weekly Parent Newsletter

January 14, 2022 // HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

****IMPORTANT REMINDERS****

Attention all families, please remember to always wear your mask when coming to school. This includes outside when lining up for drop-off in the morning and pickup in the afternoon.

No pets are allowed on DCPS property. Please do not bring them to drop off or pickup.

Important Date Reminders

Coffee with the Principal January 28 – Join Principal Lam for a virtual zoom session starting at 8:45 am.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday January 17 – School closed in observance of the MLK holiday.

Teacher Professional Development January 26 – No school for students.

Kids Ride Free SmarTrip cards – Cards are now available for the new school year. If you need one, please contact the main office to request one (202-939-5390) or email jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov.

Black History Month Commemorative T-shirt

The Black History Month Committee is selling T-shirts designed by our own Ms. Lai-Fang (4th grade)! **Orders must be placed by next Friday, January 21st.** The shirts will arrive by February 7th. We ask that students and families who purchase the t-shirts proudly wear their shirts on Fridays, February 11th and 18th, in addition to on the last day of Black History Month, Monday, February 28th. Please reach out to Ms. Fitzgerald (keely.fitzgerald@k12.dc.gov) or Ms. Pridgen (Debbie.pridgen@k12.dc.gov) if you have any questions. <https://bit.ly/HDC22BHM>

Targeted ECE (PreK 3 and 4) Weekly Testing

With many of our youngest learners ineligible to access the lifesaving COVID-19 vaccine, DCPS is dedicating testing resources to weekly testing of all Pre-K students. Students in PK3 and PK4 will be provided with a rapid test each week and will be required to upload their results each Sunday before returning to the classroom. Kindergarten students will also be receiving weekly test kits and are highly encouraged to test each week. Tests will be distributed each week beginning this Friday (January 14). Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, families should test on Monday, January 17 and upload their results by 3:00 p.m. that day.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Upload your results here by 3 pm 24 hours prior to returning to school:
<https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/testing/>

COVID-19 Student Vaccination Status

Please complete [this form](#) if your student has received the COVID-19 vaccination. Completing this form is completely OPTIONAL. This information will only be used to help us determine close contact quarantine for your student.

Vaccinated students who are in close contact to someone who tests positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine if they are not showing symptoms but are recommended to take a test between 3 and 5 days after they are exposed. Please contact the main office (202-939-5390) if you have any questions.

Form can also be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/LReDit2A2c>

Pediatric Vaccination Clinic at Cooke**Rescheduled**

The COVID-19 vaccine is the best way for us to help stop the spread of the virus and keep our community safe. On November 2, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced that children ages 5 and older are now eligible to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

To help DCPS families get vaccinated, free school clinics have been open. We are excited to inform families that H.D. Cooke will host one of these clinics!

Date: January 28th (first dose)

Time: 3:30 – 7:30 PM

No appointment needed. First come, first served

WiFi Available

Are you in need of WiFi at home for any reason? We have a limited amount of WiFi hotspots. If you would like to request one, please contact Ms. Jackie Alvarado in the main office (202-939-5390) or email: jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov.

Asymptomatic Testing

We tested students on Wednesday, January 12th. We tested 76 students and 3 samples came back positive. Affected students and staff have been notified and given next steps.

Watch this video to learn more about how student testing happens at school with ST3 ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)).

Please [click here](#) to access the Testing Patient Portal where you can see test results for your student (if/when they are tested).

If you are having trouble accessing your students' test results, please contact the ST3 Support Line at 833-762-0762 or please email them at DCPSCOVIDTesting@dc.gov.

Early Dismissal

Reminder that if you need to pick up your student early from school, you must notify the main office by 2:45 pm. Students will not be dismissed after 2:45 pm.

Visiting the School

Anyone needing to come to school to talk to someone in main office must have a scheduled appointment. Visitors are not allowed at school without an appointment at this time. All visitors will be

asked the health questions before entering the building. To make an appointment, please contact your students teacher or the main office at 202-939-5390 or you can send an email to Ms. Emma Amaya (emma.amaya@k12.dc.gov) or Ms. Jackie (Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov).

Stay in Connected!

Visit our website:

<https://www.hdcookeschool.org/>

Follow us on Social Media:

<https://www.facebook.com/HDCookeES>

<https://www.instagram.com/hdcookees/>

<https://twitter.com/HDCookeES>