



Weekly Parent Reminders

October 5, 2022

September 15 – October 15 – Hispanic Heritage Month
October 6 – Parent-Teacher Conference, No school for students
October 7 – Teacher Professional Development Day, No school for students
October 10 – Indigenous People’s Day, School closed
October 11 & 14 – Hispanic Heritage Showcase (see flyer for time information)
October 28 – Coffee with the Principal

Hispanic Heritage Month Showcase

Join us on October 11th and 14th to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with our Inner Core team. Schedule is as follows:

4th & 5th grades: Tuesday, October 11th @ 12:15 pm in the gym
1st grade: Friday, October 14th @ 10:15 am in the library
Prek-3&4: Friday, October 14th @ 2:30 pm on the blacktop (gym if it’s raining)

PTO Needs Volunteers for Basketball Court Beautification Project

The HD Cooke PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) is so happy to welcome you to the school. We are thrilled to start this school year and can’t wait to meet our families – new and old! We are urgently in need of volunteers for our school basketball court project this Thursday and Friday, October 6 & 7, from 4-6 pm. We will be cleaning on Thursday and painting the blacktop on Friday. Please see flyer for more information from the PTO.

Cold Weather Outdoor Attire

As the weather changes to colder temperatures, we want to remind families to please make sure students wear appropriate outdoor attire. We will continue to have outdoor recess if the temperature stays above 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

The Great Shakeout (Earthquake Drill)

At 10:20 a.m. on October 20, 2022, millions of people will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in The Great SouthEast ShakeOut, the region’s largest earthquake drill ever! This includes us and all DCPS schools. Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to be prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for you, your organization, and your community. Why is a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill important? To respond quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you. Teachers will talk to students in advance in order to make sure everyone knows what to do and to ensure students know not to panic. Millions of people worldwide have participated in Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills since 2008. The Great SouthEast ShakeOut is held on the third Thursday of October each year.

Updated Vaccinations

Please continue to check in with the office to ensure your student has submitted their updated health form, especially their vaccination records. Students without updated vaccinations will not be able to continue to attend school after October 11th. If you are unsure of your student’s status, please call the main office (202-939-5390) or check with the Nurse.

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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