



## Weekly Parent Reminders

January 23, 2026



### Important Dates

January 26 – Professional Development (No school for students)

January 29 – Picture Day

January 30 – Family Friday (8:45-9:00 am)

January 30 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00-9:30 am)

**\*\*\*No School Monday, January 26, 2026\*\*\***

### The Annual Meal Feedback Survey is now live!

Please take a few minutes to participate in the annual meal feedback survey. Students can help DCPS food and nutrition develop better meals for students.

#### Why participate?

- Help us improve school meals
- Share your thoughts and preferences
- Enter for a chance to win exciting prizes!

#### How to Participate:

1. **Complete the survey by clicking on this link:** [surveys.panoramaed/dcps](https://surveys.panoramaed/dcps)
2. When asked for an access code, enter your **Student ID**.
3. Select a **language** in the top drop-down box.
4. Click “Start Surveys” to begin.
5. Include your name at the end of the survey to be entered for a chance to win a mini-Polaroid camera.
6. You must click “Submit” for your response to be recorded. You will see a “Thank You” screen.



### Picture Day: January 29!

We have sent the flyer with payment information for Picture Day. Please make sure to look for them today. You can send the envelopes back on picture day or give to classroom teacher. Freed Photography will be at Cooke on January 29<sup>th</sup> for picture day! Please save the date. We will send out more information about package prices as it gets closer.

### SY25-26 Impact Aid Survey

The SY25-26 Impact Aid Survey is available starting November 10, 2025. Each year, DCPS asks all families to complete the Impact Aid survey to generate additional federal funds for DCPS. This year, the surveys will be fully electronic using the Seamless platform. All eligible applications received by December 19, 2025, will be submitted as part of the initial application due on January 30, 2026. Using the surveys linked below, all DCPS families should complete one survey per child, not household, in their preferred language. While December 19<sup>th</sup> is our initial deadline, families will have until April 30, 2026, to complete the survey. All additional eligible surveys will be included in our application amendment due June 19, 2026.

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Amharic](#)
- [Chinese](#)
- [French](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)

### The SpEd Hub 2025- 2026 Training Calendar is [HERE](#)!

Ready for another round of engaging, informative, and valuable trainings with the DCPS SpEd office?

They have packed the year with family favorites and NEW trainings, all requested directly by YOU, our families, caregivers, and community members! They're thrilled to share their new lineup, designed to help you learn more about special education and connect with their team for support, resources, and guidance.

Explore their website's [events page](#) to discover the list of trainings available in the new year and register to join them! They can't wait to see you there!

### **Garden Assistance** 🌱🌱

We need to plant some seedlings in the ground, and we need help! Do you love to be one with nature? We are working on growing our garden and need your help to maintain it. Come help us make it beautiful and bountiful! Any questions, see Ms. Jackie in the office or talk with Ms. Courtney in PreK.

### **Kids Ride Free Metro/Bus Cards**

If you have a card from last school year, please request a new one. The ones from last school year will expire at the end of September. 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!!***

### **Immunization Forms** 📝🩺

If you have not turned in your health forms, please do so right away! 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)

### **Social Media**

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

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Instagram & Twitter: [@HDCookeES](#)