



Weekly Parent Newsletter

October 15, 2021

****IMPORTANT****

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. Also remember to social distance as much as possible when waiting to drop off or pickup. We want to continue to have a healthy and safe environment for our students.

Important Date Reminders

Hispanic Heritage Month virtual performance October 27th – Thank you to everyone who purchased something from the Tienda! We appreciate all the donations we received. See below for information regarding our Virtual Hispanic Heritage Month Program.

Principal Appreciation Month – The month of October is Principal Appreciation Month. Feel free to send messages, cards, or photos to Principal Lam all month long! You can also tag us on social media with any shoutouts for him. You may email him appreciation notes and photos to ryan.lam@k12.dc.gov

Coffee with the Principal October 29th – Join us the last Friday of each month for our virtual coffee with the Principal Lam. The meeting will take place via Zoom. We will post the link on our website.

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.

Join us for a virtual celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month

Students have been learning and working hard to prepare for our Hispanic Heritage Month Family Event in their Inner Core Classes. In the next few weeks, we will be taking videos of our students performing and showcasing their learning. We want to invite you to attend our virtual Hispanic Heritage Month Showcase on Wednesday, October 27th @ 6pm to see our student's performances. More info to come next week with a link for this event.

Fall 2021 Panorama Student Survey

Twice a year, we ask students in grades 3 and higher to complete a survey about social emotional learning for DC Public Schools, the Panorama Student Survey, to help DCPS and school administrators better understand what students think about their school experiences and their social and emotional learning. This fall, the student survey will be open from October 12 to October 29. Every student will be able to take the survey by signing in with their student ID at <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/dcps/login>. Some schools will administer the survey in class online or on paper.

Asymptomatic Testing

We tested students on Wednesday, October 13th. We tested 40 students and all samples came back negative.

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

Fall Food Drive

We are currently accepting donations of canned goods, non-perishable items, and grocery gift cards. We will distribute all collected items to needy families before Thanksgiving. Items may be left at the arrival entrance in the morning, main entrance or can be shipped to the main office via Amazon or any grocery store delivery. Have any questions? Call the main office 202-939-5390.

DCPS Calendar 2023-2026 Feedback

DCPS strives to create a calendar that reflects the needs and preferences of DCPS families and staff whenever possible, maximizes learning time for students, and allocates time for our teachers to engage in professional learning and collaboration. In addition to those goals, DCPS adheres to requirements related to the DC Municipal Regulations as well as agreements with our labor partners. Please share your feedback on the proposed calendars for school year 2023-2026 through the survey below by Friday, October 22.

[DCPS Calendar Survey](#)

Family Curriculum Guides

The Office of Engagement and Partnerships and the Office of Teaching and Learning collaborated to create grade-specific Family Curriculum Guides from Kindergarten to Eighth Grade. These guides give you the tools you need to support your child's learning at home. Click [HERE](#) to access the guides.

DCPS Athletics

In conjunction with USA Lacrosse we will be hosting a Free Lacrosse Clinic for "National Celebrate Lacrosse Week" on Saturday, November 6th at 10am.

This is a fundamental clinic that gives new players a chance to try the sport. Each participant will receive a free pinnie and a free lacrosse stick! (first 100 participants)

What: Free Lacrosse Clinic
When: Saturday, November 6th
Time: 10am-12pm
Where: Spingarn Turf Field
Who: Boys and Girls Ages 6-14

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.

Baby Diaper Donations

We have diapers available in some sizes. If you need diapers, please contact the main office and we will let you know if you have the size you need and when to pick up. You can call 202-939-5390 or email Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov

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).

School Year 21-22 Dietary Accommodations

If your student requires dietary accommodation for the 2021-2022 school year, please complete the appropriate dietary accommodation form. Note that the form(s) must have all applicable sections completed for the form to be processed.

New accommodation forms must be completed each school year, each summer, and if your student moves to a different school during the school year.

Forms can be found [here](#).

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