



Weekly Parent Reminders

March 27, 2026



Important Dates

March 30 – RE-ENROLLMENT BEGINS!!
April 7 – DC CAPE Testing Begins
April 1 – Paraprofessional Appreciation Day!!
April 2 – Literacy Night! (3:35-5pm)
April 3 – Career Day!
April 6 – Records/Wellness Day! No school for students
April 13 – 17 – Spring Break!!
April 16 – School closed in Observance of Emancipation Day
April 24 – Family Friday (8:45-9:00 am)
April 24 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00-9:30 am)

It's Time for DC CAPE for 3rd – 5th Grades

The District of Columbia Comprehensive Assessments of Progress in Education (DC CAPE) is the District's general statewide assessment system, which includes assessments in English language arts/literacy (ELA), mathematics and science. Together, these assessments create a comprehensive system that provides important information on students' progress and proficiency relative to DC's educational standards. Our students in 3rd – 5th will begin testing April 7th and run through May 15th.

How you can help:

- Make sure your student arrives on time by 9am. If student is late, they will not be able to test and a make-up day will be required.
- Help ensure your student gets a good night sleep each night, eat breakfast at home or arrive at school at 8:45am.
- Talk to your student about the test and encourage them to do their best!

Literacy Night! Camp Read-A-Lot

Join us on April 2nd, 3:35-5pm, for Literacy night! We will have games, food, raffles and lots of opportunities about reading! Come learn how to you can help your student love words and reading. We will have some fun raffle and learn ways to love reading!

Paraprofessional Appreciation Day – April 1st!

Our incredible paraprofessionals are the heart of HD Cooke! They work closely with our Pre-K and Kindergarten students every day, and they also step in to support many other grades and classrooms whenever needed. Their dedication, flexibility, and care help create a warm, engaging, and supportive learning environment for all our children.

To help them feel truly appreciated and loved, families are welcome to send notes of gratitude, fruit, flowers, or small tokens of thanks. Let's shower them with kindness and show how much their hard work means to our community!

Last Call!! 2026 DCPS Family Panorama Survey

The 2026 DCPS Family Panorama Survey is open through April 3! The yearly survey helps us learn what DCPS and HD Cooke are doing well and how we can improve. The 2026 survey is also part of DC's citywide school climate survey for families, DC SAYS.

We need your help to ensure HD Cooke's voices are represented! Please take the survey today at <http://www.dcsays.dc.gov>. Every voice counts. Don't miss this opportunity to share your feedback!

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)

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