



Weekly Parent Reminders

January 13, 2023

January 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day (school closed)

January 25 – Professional Development for Teachers (no school for students)

January 27 – Coffee with the Principal (8:45 am)

February 17 – Black History Month Family Potluck (4:30 – 6 pm)

Arrival Reminder

Our doors open at 8:30 am. If you student eats breakfast at school, please arrive at 8:30 am so they have plenty of time to eat before class begins. Arrival doors stay open until 8:45 am. Students arriving after 8:50 am are considered late and will need to enter through the main entrance and stop in the main office for a late pass. Instruction begins promptly at 8:50 am.

Classroom Donations

If you would like to make classroom donations, we are in need of dry-erase markers, disinfecting wipes and paper towels. If you would like to donate, please drop off in the main office or give directly to your student's teacher.

Black History Month Preparations

We are planning our February events for Black History Month. If you would like to volunteer, donate, or provide a service, please be in touch with Ms. Fitzgerald (keely.fitzgerald@k12.dc.gov). We need a DJ or performer for our family potluck, if you know anyone, please send information to Ms. Fitzgerald.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Enrollment, Promotions, and Retentions Q&A for Parents and Guardians

Washington, DC has a long history as a leader in providing early childhood education (ECE) and leads the nation in access to Pre-K for both 3- and 4-year old children. Access to high-quality, affordable childcare is a critical need for families across the District, and DCPS is proud to provide free, universal Pre-K in a school environment to ensure all of our young learners are ready for kindergarten. Many of the very best Pre-K classrooms in the region can be found in DCPS!

For more information see the ECE Website: <https://dcps.dc.gov/ece>

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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