



Weekly Parent Reminders

February 9, 2024

Important Dates

February 12: Report cards sent home
February 16: PD for Teachers (No school for students)
February 19: No School (President's Day)
February 22: Annual Black History Family Potluck
February 23: Coffee with the Principal
February 29: Make-up Picture Day

****Reminder: No school Friday, February 16 for Teacher Professional Development****
****No school Monday, February 19 in observance of President's Day****

PTO Annual Fundraiser

We are writing to ask you for your support. Our annual fundraising campaign is February 12th through 15th, 2024.

Each year the PTO sponsors events such as Movie Night, Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, and Teacher Appreciation Week. This year we kicked the school year off with repainted hopscotch games and a pre-k pumpkin patch. We are sending home the attached flyer to ask for your help in continuing to help our school and students at HD Cooke. Please see our flyer for more information regarding how you can help us meet our goal!

Family Friday & Coffee with the Principal ☕

On Friday, February 23rd, we will have our Family Friday. The goal of Family Friday is to provide a structured opportunity for caretakers to see the awesomeness inside your student's classrooms!

You will be able to visit the classroom from 8:35 am until 9 am to see the classroom, meet other families and participate in strong start with the class.

Attendance Reminder

Reminder for all families of the importance of attendance for all our students. Being at school on time every day prepared to learn is important. Part of preparedness is arriving to school on time! The doors open promptly at 8:35 am. Please make sure that your student arrives at 8:35 am to have time for breakfast and be ready for morning meeting. Students arriving after 8:50 am are late and MUST stop by the main office to receive a tardy pass.

Save Time, Earn Gas Money, Carpool Today!

To help reduce traffic, save time, and promote our sustainability goals, H.D. Cooke has teamed up with goDCgo and SchoolPool to connect families for pickup/dropoff carpools. SchoolPool is a free carpool ride matching system that pairs you with nearby families who are looking to share driving duties. SchoolPool is 100% free, secure, and confidential. After signing up, you'll receive a list of potential carpool partners in your area and their contact information. Visit goDCgo.com/schoolpool to learn more.

Pantry Program

Do you have a student that goes to H.D. Cooke? Would you benefit from having a little more food and/or toiletries at home this month?

H.D. Cooke is partnering with DC Food Project to receive monthly donations of minimal food and toiletries. If you have a student at H.D. Cooke and your family could benefit from receiving a little extra food and/or toiletries this month, please complete this referral. A staff member will be in touch upon receipt of the referral in the next 7-10 school days. Thank you!



Referral link for families - <https://forms.office.com/r/aXyzHV9FJj> or use the QR Code below.

“Self-Dismissal” and Sibling Pickup Permission Form

All students in grades *PK 3 through 5* must have a signed permission form on file to walk or take public transportation home alone or with a sibling. No student will be allowed to leave school alone or with a sibling until the attached form has been signed and returned to the main office.

This form is only required for students who are walking or taking public transportation home without their parent, guardian, or another adult who is authorized by you to pick them up. Please return a separate signed form for each of your children.

Students will not be allowed to walk home at dismissal if this form is not returned.

To complete the form online, visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/jHiWsvahne>

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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