



Weekly Parent Newsletter

November 20, 2021

****IMPORTANT REMINDERS****

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.

No pets are allowed on DCPS property. Please do not bring them to drop off or pickup.

Important Date Reminders

Spirit Days November 22nd & 23rd – We will have 2 spirit days this month! Monday: Sports Mania (support your favorite sport/team). Tuesday: Pajama Day! Wear your favorite school appropriate PJs all day!

Thanksgiving Break November 24th – 26th – No school for students in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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.

Fall Food Drive

A HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in the food drive. We were able to put together 35 food bags for families in need and provide grocery gift cards! We could not have done it without everyone's great contributions!

Winter Coat Drive

For the month of December, we are doing a winter coat drive. Please consider donating a new or gently used coat in children's sizes. We have drop off locations at any entrance in the morning and the main entrance all day. See attached flyer for more information.

Face Masks Remain Required in Schools

Although Mayor Bowser recently lifted the city's indoor face mask mandate effective Monday, November 22, **local regulations still require that masks are worn by all people, regardless of vaccination status in District schools** (as well as in other specific circumstances listed in the mandate). For additional details please reference the [mayor's announcement](#).

Children 5 to 11 years old are now eligible to get vaccinated.

The vaccine is safe and lowers the chance of children getting and spreading COVID-19. The vaccine is 90% effective at preventing symptoms of COVID-19. Children will receive a smaller dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine than adolescents and adults, approximately one-third the dose that people 12 and older get.

DCPS has a schedule for the next two weeks of the District's pop-up vaccination clinics for children 5-11 years old. Visit <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/page/get-vaccinated> for information about locations available starting tomorrow.

WiFi Available

Are you in need of WiFi at home for any reason? We have a limited amount of WiFi hotspots. If you would like to request one, please contact Ms. Jackie Alvarado in the main office (202-939-5390) or email: jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov.

Asymptomatic Testing

We tested students on Wednesday, November 17th. We tested 74 students and all samples came back negative.

Watch this video to learn more about how student testing happens at school with ST3 ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)).

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

If you are having trouble accessing your students' test results, please contact the ST3 Support Line at 833-762-0762 or please email them at DCPSCOVIDTesting@dc.gov.

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).

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