



Weekly Parent Newsletter

November 12, 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

Coffee with the Principal November 19th – This month will hold our first IN-PERSON coffee with the principal. See below for more information.

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.

Coffee with Principal Lam

The month of November we will do an IN-PERSON coffee. We will meet on the blacktop starting at 8:45 am. If we have inclement weather, it will be moved indoors to the atrium. We will also have **Dr. Jacqueline Newsome-Williams**, RN, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, Director of Health and Wellness at Trinity Washington University to help answer any COVID vaccine related questions.

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.

2nd Grade Bike Days

Our 2nd graders have been hard at work learning how to ride a 2-wheel bike! Please be on the lookout for field trip forms to do their final rides in the neighborhood. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Mitchell or the main office.

Impact Forms

Your student is bringing home an Impact survey form. Please complete and sign the forms and return them to school. It is important that we get back as many as possible. We ask that ALL families complete the forms and return to your teacher or the main office. [Click here](#) for more information.

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 10th. We tested 73 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.

Fall Food Drive

We need more food donations. Please drop off what you can. 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.

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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