



Weekly Parent Reminders

April 7, 2023

April 1 – Re-enrollment for next school year is happening
April 10 – Professional Development Day – No school for students
April 11-14 – Spirit Week
April 14 – SEM Fair 2:30 pm
April 17 – 21 – Spring Break
April 23 – COVID Test due to return by 4 pm
April 28 – Coffee with the Principal (8:45 am)
April 29 – Enrollment Saturday (9 am – 12 pm)

*****Reminder: No School on Monday, April 10 for Professional Development*****

Fun Spirit Week

We will have a week of fun spirit days as we count down to Spring Break.

Monday (No school)

Tuesday (3/11) – PJ Day – wear your favorite school appropriate PJs

Wednesday (3/12) – Celebrity Day – dress like your favorite celebrity!

Thursday (3/13) – Sports Day – Wear your favorite sports jersey/t-shirt

Friday (3/14) – Cooke Pride Day – wear Cooke t-shirt or colors (navy blue and white)

Do Your Best on the PARCC Test

Reminder that we have begun PARCC testing for students in 3rd – 5th grade. It is therefore important to make sure your student arrives on time for breakfast by 8:30 am. Or no later than 8:45 am if they will eat breakfast at home. Testing will start promptly between 8:45 am and 9 am.

Re-Enrollment for Next School Year!

Re-enrollment for next school year has begun!! You can stop by the office and bring all your documentation OR complete the enrollment pack online: <https://enrolldcps.dc.gov/>. We will have a t-shirt giveaways for those who enroll early, first come first served, while supplies last.

Please don't forget to upload your documentation. For information about the only acceptable forms of proof of address, please visit the DCPS website: <https://osse.dc.gov/publication/dc-residency-verification-forms>

SEM Fair is Coming!!

Get ready to see all our students in action. Students have been working hard in their small SEM groups on Wednesdays. Some of the groups have been Languages, Theater, Cooking, News Around Cooke, etc. So many groups to have fun. We will have our end of SEM semester fair on April 14th. Parents are welcome to come see their projects!

DCPS Chancellor Ferebee's Parent Advisory Board

I am pleased to share that applications are now open for the DCPS Chancellor Ferebee's Parent Advisory Board for the 2023 - 2024 school year. Please share the application with parents and caregivers! Applications are available in English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Vietnamese and Amharic (see attached flyers). For more information, visit: bit.ly/dcpschancellorparentboard.

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SY 23-24 Calendar Updates

DCPS has updated the calendars for SY 2023-24 and SY 2024-2025 to align with the new Election Modernization Amendment Act of 2021 requirement that schools close on primary election days. In SY 23-24, you will see the following changes:

- The first day of school for K-12 students is Monday, August 28, 2023, and the first day for Pre-K students is Thursday, August 31, 2023.
- Pre-service is now 5 days long – Monday, August 21, 2023, through Friday, August 25, 2023. District-wide PD days will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, and Wednesday, August 23, 2023, and school-based PD will take place on Monday, August 21, 2023, Thursday, August 24, 2023, and Friday, August 25, 2023.
- Tuesday, January 2, 2024, is now a school-based PD Day for staff. Students will return from winter break on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.
- Schools will be closed for teachers and students on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, for DC's primary election day.

To review the updated calendars, including changes for SY 24-25, please visit dcps.dc.gov/page/dcps-calendars.

Test to Return following Spring Break

All students and staff will be expected to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test before returning to school on April 24 by uploading results to the centralized database. We will send COVID test kits home with students on Thursday, April 13. Tests must be uploaded to: <https://dcpsstrong.com/testing/>

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.

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