



Weekly Parent Newsletter

December 17, 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

Coffee with the Principal December 17 – Join Principal Lam starting at 8:45 am in person.

Spirit Week December 20 – 22 – We will have a fun 3 days of dressing up for the kids to show their holiday spirit. See [flyer](#) for more information.

Winter Fest Sing-a-long! December 22 – Students will celebrate winter holidays during their inner-core class.

Winter Break December 23 – 31 – No school for students for winter break.

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.

COVID-19 Student Vaccination Status

Please complete [this form](#) if your student has received the COVID-19 vaccination. Completing this form is completely OPTIONAL. This information will only be used to help us determine close contact quarantine for your student.

Vaccinated students who are in close contact to someone who tests positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine if they are not showing symptoms but are recommended to take a test between 3 and 5 days after they are exposed. Please contact the main office (202-939-5390) if you have any questions.

Form can also be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/LReDit2A2c>

Winter Fest Sing-A-Long 2021

On Wednesday, December 22, 2021 during students will gather during their Inner Core class to sing songs from a variety of holidays celebrated in the winter time. Students can wear their favorite holiday PJ's or holiday attire.

Winter Coat Drive

Thank you to all who have donated winter coats! We are still collecting. If your student needs a winter coat, please contact the main office (202-939-5390) or your student's teacher to let us know.

Winter Break Meal Kits

All open meal sites (Ballou, CHEC, Dunbar, and Ron Brown) will be closed over winter break (12/23/21 to 1/2/22). Families will be able to pick up a 7-day meal kit on Wednesday, December 22, 10 am – 2 pm at one of the meal sites. Meal sites will reopen in January.

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

Starting Monday, December 6, adults accompanying children at vaccination clinics will also be able to receive their COVID-19 vaccine, including boosters. Pediatric pop-up clinics at DCPS schools will now offer Pfizer (Ages 5+), Moderna (Ages 18+), and Johnson & Johnson (Ages 18+).

Families can also make an appointment to make for an at-home vaccination for children 5-11 years old. All people at the home 5 and older will be able to be vaccinated, including boosters. No requirements are required to qualify for at-home vaccination. Call 1-855-363-0333 to make an at-home vaccination appointment.

Visit the [Mayor's latest update](#) 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, December 15. We tested 75 students and one sample came back positive. Affected students and staff have been notified and given next steps.

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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