



## *Weekly Parent Newsletter*

February 18, 2022

### **\*\*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***

President's Day February 21 – School closed

February Break 22 – 25 – No classes for students.

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](mailto:jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov).

### ***COVID Vaccine Clinic***

Mark your calendar. Our second COVID vaccine clinic is Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 6 pm. All are welcome to come get their first dose or second dose or booster shot! The clinic is for students (5-17 years old) and adults. The line will form outside the gym on Mozart Place. See flyer [HERE](#) for more details.

### ***Safe Return from February Break***

Before the return to the classroom after the February and April instructional breaks, students and staff will be required to test and upload their results to our Safe Return portal.

Test kits and additional guidance are being sent home today.

For more information and to upload your results here by 9 pm 24 hours prior to returning to school: <https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/testing/>

### ***2022 Panorama Survey***

DCPS will launch the 2022 Panorama Survey, which measures social emotional learning, satisfaction, and engagement across staff, families, and students. The Panorama Survey responses help guide the priorities of our school community. The survey provides us with valuable information on how you feel about you and your child's experience at our school.

This spring, student surveys will take place from March 1 to April 1. Every student from 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will be able to take the survey by signing in with their student ID. Surveys will take place during the school day. Parents will have the option to opt-out their students from the survey if you do not want them to participate. To opt-out: [Spring 2022 Panorama Student Opt-Out](#). The deadline to opt-out is March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Swimming**

\*\*\*Updated start date. We have had some scheduling challenges. The students will now begin their swim time in March after the break.\*\*\*

ALL 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will begin swimming classes at Marie Reed. Each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will walk once a week during their allotted time to and from the Cooke with chaperones. Lessons will take place on Friday mornings starting March until June 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the main office or Mr. Mitchell with any questions. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **DCPS Telephone Townhall**

The Bowser Administration will be providing updates on the DCPS COVID-19 Protocol Updates among other critical recovery efforts and district priorities. Join DCPS Leadership on Wednesdays at 5:00pm for a Community Telephone Townhall series on the DCPS COVID-19 Protocols.

Teletownhall dial-in details below:

Dial-in: 844-881-1314

\*No Passcode Required\*

Dates:

- Wednesday, March 30 at 5:00PM
- Wednesday, April 27 at 5:00PM
- Wednesday, May 25 at 5:00PM

### **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>

### **Chronic Absenteeism Reduction Effort or CARE**

At DC Public Schools (DCPS), we value the health and wellbeing of our students. We know that students who are healthy are better able to come to school and learn. We are pleased to share that DCPS is partnering with local doctors, nurses, and the DC Department of Health on a project to support our students' health and attendance in school.

Through the project -- which is called the Chronic Absenteeism Reduction Effort or CARE -- parents or guardians can give permission to DCPS to securely share attendance information with their child's doctor(s), nurse(s), and medical office staff. This information will help these healthcare professionals to provide special outreach and medical attention to children that might be missing school and their families

[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](mailto:jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov).

**Asymptomatic Testing**

We tested students on Wednesday, February 16. We tested 80 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:emma.amaya@k12.dc.gov)) or Ms. Jackie ([Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov](mailto:Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov)).

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