



## Weekly Parent Newsletter

September 24, 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***

*Hispanic Heritage Month* September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 15<sup>th</sup> – We will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month throughout September and October. Students will participate in various activities in the classrooms and during their inner core specials.

*Parent-Teacher Conference October 7<sup>th</sup>* – Teachers have begun scheduling conferences with families. Please connect with your student's teacher to schedule a conference. There will no school for students on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Teacher Professional Development October 8<sup>th</sup>* – There will be no school 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).

### ***Immunizations***

DCPS requires immunizations for students attending school. Immunizations protect students against disease that are preventable by vaccinations. All students are required to have a copy of their immunization record or have a completed immunization waiver. After 20 days of school attendance without an updated health certificate, students will not be allowed to return to school until records are updated. Please contact the main office if you have any questions: 202-939-5390.

### ***Asymptomatic Testing***

This week we tested 42 students (11.5%). Of the 42 tests performed, 40 were negative, 1 was rejected due to a small sample size, and one result came back positive. The student was last in the building on 9/23/21 and all close contacts have been notified.

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

### ***COVID Related Notifications***

In the event that a positive COVID case is known in the building, there will be several levels of communication that occur each time. Below are each of the different communications in order of when they go out (first to last).

- **Positive Student:** Family/caregivers receive a call from the school (asymptomatic testing only)
- **Close Contacts:** Will receive a call *and* a letter with specific instruction on the quarantine timeline
- **Community Letter:** E-mail sent to *all* families & caregivers at H.D. Cooke alerting them that there was a positive case in the building and the last date the individual was present.
- **Classroom E-mail:** Families/caregivers in the same classroom as the positive case will receive an e-mail from the school to inform them that the known positive case was in their classroom

### ***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 pickup. You can call 202-939-5390 or email [Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov](mailto: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](mailto:emma.amaya@k12.dc.gov)) or Ms. Jackie ([Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov](mailto:Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov)).

### ***School Year 21-22 Dietary Accommodations***

If your student requires dietary accommodation for the 2021-2022 school year, please complete the appropriate dietary accommodation form. Note that the form(s) must have all applicable sections completed for the form to be processed.

New accommodation forms must be completed each school year, each summer, and if your student moves to a different school during the school year.

Forms can be found [here](#).

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