



Weekly Parent Reminders

September 22, 2023

Important Dates

- September 29 – Coffee with the Principal (8:45 am)
- September 29 – Annual Hispanic Heritage Family Potluck (4:30-6:00 pm)
- October 9 – Indigenous People’s Day (School Closed)
- October 19 – Parent-Teacher Conference (No school for students)
- October 20 – Professional Development for Staff (No school for students)

Free Health Screenings

Children’s National and Howard University providers will be on site to answer questions and provide (September 30):

- Pediatric immunizations
- Flu vaccine
- Adult health screenings
- Health education and vision screenings
- Adult and pediatric dental screenings and oral health education

See [attached flyer](#) for more information.

Coffee with the Principal

Join us the last Friday of every month to discuss upcoming events, updates, workshops, etc. and have a cup of coffee. Principal Lam is available to chat with parents for quick overviews. Our first coffee will be on Friday, September 29, 8:45 – 9 am. Hope to see you!

Hispanic Heritage Month Family Potluck

Join us on September 30th for our Annual Hispanic Heritage Potluck!! We will have music, games, food and lots of fun!

You may bring food to share! The event will be from 4-6 pm in the gym! We are very excited to see you!

Online Enrollment Family Feedback Survey

DCPS is thrilled to launch an online enrollment platform in April 2024. As part of a larger stakeholder engagement effort, starting the week of September 18, the DCPS Enrollment Team is gathering DCPS family input and feedback to inform the overall online enrollment project. The survey is available in all six languages over a three-week period to current DCPS families. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey!

Family Survey Links

[Amharic \(አማርኛ\)](#)

[Chinese \(中文\)](#)

[English](#)

[Español](#)

[Français](#)

[Vietnamese \(Tiếng Việt\)](#)

“Self-Dismissal” and Sibling Pickup Permission Form

All students in grades *PK 3 through 5* must have a signed permission form on file to walk or take public transportation home alone or with a sibling. No student will be allowed to leave school alone or with a sibling until the attached form has been signed and returned to the main office.

This form is only required for students who are walking or taking public transportation home without their parent, guardian, or another adult who is authorized by you to pick them up. Please return a separate signed form for each of your children.

Students will not be allowed to walk home at dismissal if this form is not returned.

To complete the form online, visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/jHiWsvahne>

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.

Social Media

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