



Weekly Parent Newsletter

October 1, 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 – Hispanic Heritage Month Sprit week October 4th – 6th.

Monday – Wear Your Favorite Fútbol jersey (or Flag colors)

Tuesday – Connect with us on social media by letting us know how you are celebrating HHM

Wednesday – La Tienda: Join us at dismissal to purchase some paletas and other Latin American snack items

Parent-Teacher Conference October 7th – 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 7th.

Teacher Professional Development October 8th – There will be no school for students.

Indigenous Peoples Day October 11 – School is closed in observance of the holiday.

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.

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 41 students (11%). We are pleased to share that all of the 41 tests performed were negative!

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

Healthy Snacks

Please send only healthy, non-‘junk food’ snacks from home. This is very important. The food that students eat has a direct and important relationship to their ability to learn and thrive in school. Be sure to adhere to the following guidelines for snacks and meals that you give your children (for school and at home):

Preferred types of snacks	Snacks to avoid
Water 100% Juice	Soda or ‘juice’ with corn syrup, added sugar, or food coloring
Baby carrots Pretzels	Potato chips
Cheese Popcorn	Candy
Raisins Rice cakes	Snacks high in sodium (Cheetos, Doritos,)
Fruit slices Tortilla chips	Snacks high in sugar (donuts, etc.)

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).

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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