



## Weekly Parent Newsletter

October 22, 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 virtual performance October 27<sup>th</sup> – Join us for our virtual Hispanic Heritage Student performance @ 6pm.

Principal Appreciation Month – The month of October is Principal Appreciation Month. Feel free to send messages, cards, or photos to Principal Lam all month long! You can also tag us on social media with any shoutouts for him. You may email him appreciation notes and photos to [ryan.lam@k12.dc.gov](mailto:ryan.lam@k12.dc.gov)

Harvest Day Parade October 29 @ 2 pm – Join us along the parade route to cheer the kids on during our annual parade.

Coffee with the Principal October 29<sup>th</sup> – Join us the last Friday of each month for our virtual coffee with the Principal Lam. The meeting will take place via Zoom. We will post the link on our website.

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).

### ***Join us for a virtual celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month***

Students have been learning and working hard to prepare for our Hispanic Heritage Month Family Event in their Inner Core Classes. In the next few weeks, we will be taking videos of our students performing and showcasing their learning. We want to invite you to attend our virtual Hispanic Heritage Month Showcase on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm to see our student's performances.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87188880052>

Meeting ID: 871 8888 0052

Passcode: seR38n

### ***Harvest Day Parade***

Our Harvest Day parade is October 29! The parade will start at 2pm. Parents may join us on the route to cheer the students on. Map of our route is found on our website with the newsletter. MPD will again escort us along the route. 5<sup>th</sup> grade leads the parade, while prek will be at the end of the line.

Students may bring their costumes to school in their backpack. They may NOT wear them to school. Teachers will give students time to change into their costumes before the parade. Please let your student's teacher know if you do not want your student to participate in the parade, we will have a location for students to wait.

Reminders:

- No make-up (including face paint)
- No high heels
- No weapons of any kind (including swords or guns)
- No costume masks
- COVID PPE facemasks must be worn at all times during the parade

Route:

- Out of Cooke to Mozart Place
- Right on Mozart Place
- Right to Euclid St
- Right to Champlin St
- Right on Columbia Rd
- Right on 17th St

Please contact the main office if you have any questions.

### ***Asymptomatic Testing***

We tested students on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. We tested 47 students and all samples came back negative.

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

### ***Fall Food Drive***

We are currently accepting donations of canned goods, non-perishable items, and grocery gift cards. We will distribute all collected items to needy families before Thanksgiving. Items may be left at the arrival entrance in the morning, main entrance or can be shipped to the main office via Amazon or any grocery store delivery. Have any questions? Call the main office 202-939-5390.

### ***Family Curriculum Guides***

The Office of Engagement and Partnerships and the Office of Teaching and Learning collaborated to create grade-specific Family Curriculum Guides from Kindergarten to Eighth Grade. These guides give you the tools you need to support your child's learning at home. Click [HERE](#) to access the guides.

### ***DCPS Athletics***

In conjunction with USA Lacrosse we will be hosting a Free Lacrosse Clinic for "National Celebrate Lacrosse Week" on Saturday, November 6th at 10am.

This is a fundamental clinic that gives new players a chance to try the sport. Each participant will receive a free pinnie and a free lacrosse stick! (first 100 participants)

What: Free Lacrosse Clinic  
When: Saturday, November 6th  
Time: 10am-12pm  
Where: Spingarn Turf Field  
Who: Boys and Girls Ages 6-14

### ***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](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)).

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