



Weekly Parent Newsletter

November 4, 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

Records Day for Teachers November 5th – No school for students.

Veteran's Day November 11th – School is closed in observance of the holiday.

Coffee with the Principal November 19th – 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.

Thanksgiving Break November 24th – 26th – No school for students in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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.

Children 5 to 11 years old are now eligible to get vaccinated.

The vaccine is safe and lowers the chance of children getting and spreading COVID-19. The vaccine is 90% effective at preventing symptoms of COVID-19. Children will receive a smaller dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine than adolescents and adults, approximately one-third the dose that people 12 and older get.

DCPS has a schedule for the next two weeks of the District's pop-up vaccination clinics for children 5-11 years old. Visit <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/page/get-vaccinated> for information about locations available starting tomorrow.

Impact Forms

Your student is bringing home an Impact survey form. Please complete and sign the forms and return them to school. It is important that we get back as many as possible. We ask that ALL families complete the forms and return to your teacher or the main office. [Click here](#) for more information.

Ward 1 State Board of Education

The State Board of Education (SBOE) is hosting a virtual townhall on Monday, November 8, 5:30-7:00pm. Agenda items:

- Virtual Q&A session with local medical experts about the vaccine for children
- A discussion about school-based covid prevention and attention led by families from Marie Reed
- A brief input session on the SBOE's work to address bias in the DC School Star Framework.

Flyers with more details and QR code to meeting link are attached and here is the direct meeting link. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85041873674...>

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.

Asymptomatic Testing

We tested students on Wednesday, November 3rd. We tested 64 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.

Fall Food Drive

We need more food donations. Please drop off what you can. 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.

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

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).

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