



## Weekly Parent Reminders

February 20, 2026



### Important Dates

February 27 – Family Friday (8:45-9:00 am)  
February 27 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00-9:30 am)  
February 27 -- Black History Month Showcase (3rd - 5th grade @ 2:30pm) families welcome  
February 27 -- Black History Month Family Potluck (4pm)  
February 28 -- Open House (10 - 11 am)  
March 3 – Picture Makeup Day

### Black History Month Family Potluck

It's almost time for our Annual Black History Month family celebration. Join us on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm to close out BHM with music, food, games and fun! Want to bring a food item to donate or volunteer during the event, please let the main office know!

### Showcase: Come and celebrate Black History Month

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be presenting We Shall Overcome, exploring the rich history of protest music from the civil rights movement to today.

Our concert is on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 2:30pm in the HDC Gym. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Black History Month Spirit Week

We will have our BHM Spirit Week starting February 23<sup>rd</sup>!

**Monday, February 23** – Strike them out like Jackie! – wear your favorite black sports hero jersey or t-shirt

**Tuesday, February 24** – Shades of Melanin! – wear shades of brown!

**Wednesday, February 25** – Black Lives Matter! – wear all black or a BLM t-shirt!

**Thursday, February 26** – Throwback to the 90s Thursday! – dress like we are back in the 90s hip-hop era!

**Friday, February 27** – HBCU, college or Black Lives Matter t-shirt! – represent your favorite HBCU or college or Black Lives Matter t-shirt!



### Count on Math Night!

Save the date for our Annual Math Night/Pi Day Celebration will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:35pm in the gym. Join us for games, prizes, free pizza and pie! Enter a raffle to pie Principal Lam & teachers!

### DCPS Calendar Update

At DC Public Schools (DCPS), we are committed to providing students with rigorous and joyful learning experiences through high quality instruction. DCPS is sharing [adjustments to the School Year \(SY\) 2025–2026 calendar](#) resulting from the recent inclement weather closures.

Last month's winter storm brought significant snow and ice to our city, and DCPS closed schools on Tuesday, January 27 and Wednesday, January 28. To meet the instructional day requirements outlined in the DC Municipal Regulations (DCMR), DCPS is making the following modifications to the SY 2025–2026 calendar:

**Thursday, March 12 previously scheduled for Parent-Teacher Conferences, will shift to an instructional day for all students and teachers.**

- Parent-Teacher Conferences previously scheduled for this date are cancelled

**Friday, March 13 will remain a Wellness Day with no school for students or teachers.**

- Maintaining this day supports student and educator well-being and honors the commitments outlined in the district's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Washington Teachers' Union.

**Thursday, June 18 will be the last day of school for students.**

- This one-day extension ensures students receive the full instructional time needed to finish the school year before the Juneteenth holiday.

## Summer Learning 2026 Registration Now Open

Registration for Summer Learning 2026 opened on Monday, February 2. Students and families can learn more about Summer 2026 at [this site](#). Please note that K-8 sites will hold programming 5 days a week (Program Dates: Monday, June 22 to Friday, July 31). High schools will hold programming Monday-Thursday, with no programming on Fridays (Program Dates: Monday, June 22 to Thursday, July 30).

## Garden Assistance 🌱🌱

We need to plant some seedlings in the ground, and we need help! Do you love to be one with nature? We are working on growing our garden and need your help to maintain it. Come help us make it beautiful and bountiful! Any questions, see Ms. Jackie in the office or talk with Ms. Courtney in PreK.

## Kids Ride Free Metro/Bus Cards

If you have a card from last school year, please request a new one. The ones from last school year will expire at the end of September. 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 Kids Ride Free card for the new school year for the bus or metro. **Reminder that these cards are for student use ONLY!!**

## Immunization Forms 📄✍️

If you have not turned in your health forms, please do so right away! Health physicals and oral health assessments are required annually. Students also must be current with their immunizations to attend school. As outlined below, a series of medical forms should be turned in to the school as part of the enrollment process, and any updated forms throughout the school year should be submitted to the school nurse.

The following documents are part of the [DCPS School Enrollment Package](#):

- [Universal Health Certificate](#) (required annually for all grades, documenting immunizations, tuberculosis assessment, lead screening and a physical exam). If you have questions about DC's immunization requirements, please discuss them with your child's physician. You can also contact DC Health's Immunization Division at (202) 576-7130.
- [Oral Health Assessment](#) (required annually for all grades)

## Social Media

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