



Weekly Parent Reminders

March 28, 2025



Important Dates

- March 31 – DC CAPE begins for grades 3rd – 5th
- March 31 – Vision Screening
- April 7 – No School for Students (PD Day for teachers)
- April 14 – 18 – Spring Break
- April 25 – Family Friday (8:35 am)
- April 25 – Coffee with the Principal

Vision Screenings

District of Columbia Public Schools has partnered with the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington (POB) to provide vision screenings and exams to our students. They are coming to Cooke on Monday, March 31 to screen ALL our students. There is no cost to families for this program. If a student wears prescription glasses, please have them bring them with them to the screening. If you would like to opt-out your student from the screening, please complete the opt-out form [here](#).

DC-CAPE Begins Monday

The District of Columbia Comprehensive Assessments of Progress in Education (DC CAPE) include the DC ELA assessment (DC ELA), the DC Math assessment (DC Math) and the DC Science assessment (DC Science) will begin on Monday for grades 3rd – 5th. During this time, please ensure that your student arrives to school on time, well rested and ready. If they will eat breakfast at school, please ensure that they arrive at 8:35 am. Together, these assessments create a comprehensive system that provides important information on students' progress and proficiency relative to DC's educational standards.

Freed Photography Class Pictures

It is not too late to purchase class pictures for your student! To purchase visit www.freedpics.com and enter the password HD25CL. If you have purchased pictures and have not received them yet, please contact Freed support for assistance (301) 652-5452.

Re-Enrollment for Next School Year

It is almost time for re-enrollment for next school year. Enrollment will begin on March 28th. This is the time to start getting ready. Again, enrollment will be online through the DCPS Aspen account. If you do not know how to access Aspen, please stop by the main office so we can help you with login information. This is also a great time to start gathering the documents you need for re-enrollment, especially proof of address. You can find more information regarding documents by visiting the [DCPS Enrollment](#) website.

Immunization Forms

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)

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 Kids Ride Free card for the new school year for the bus or metro. ***Reminder that these cards are for student use ONLY!!***

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