



Weekly Parent Reminders

February 23, 2024

Important Dates

February 26 – March 8: Parent-Teacher Conferences
February 29: Make-up Picture Day
March 13: Math Night (4:30-5:30 pm)
March 14: No School for Students (Parent-Teacher Conference)
March 15: No School for Students (Teacher Professional Development)
March 13: Vision to Learn Vision Screening
March 19: Dental check-ups
March 29: Coffee with the Principal

Make-Up Picture Day

If your student was absent during Picture Day, we will have our make-up day on February 29th. Please stop by the office and pick up a packet form or visit their website to purchase a packet. You can visit their website: www.freedpic.com, use the password: HDC2324 to purchase packages online.

Budget Engagement Forum

Mayor Bowser is inviting residents to join her at the annual Budget Engagement Forums. For the tenth year in a row, the forums will give residents the opportunity to share their values and priorities with the Mayor before she sends her Fiscal Year 2025 budget to the Council.

Citywide Budget Engagement Forum #1

When: Saturday, February 24 @ 11:00 a.m.
Where: Deanwood Community Center (1350 49th Street NE)
RSVP: tinyurl.com/FY25BEFDeanwood

Citywide Budget Engagement Forum #2

When: Wednesday, February 28 @ 5:30 p.m.
Where: Brookland Middle School (1150 Michigan Ave)
RSVP: tinyurl.com/FY25BEFBrookland

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Teachers have begun sending out information regarding parent-teacher conferences coming up in March. Conferences will be classroom group style. Please see attachment for information on dates and times. You may also speak to your student's teacher for more information.

Family Friday & Coffee with the Principal ☕

On Friday, March 29th, we will have our Family Friday. The goal of Family Friday is to provide a structured opportunity for caretakers to see the awesomeness inside your student's classrooms!

You will be able to visit the classroom from 8:35 am until 9 am to see the classroom, meet other families and participate in strong start with the class.

Attendance Reminder

Reminder for all families of the importance of attendance for all our students. Being at school on time every day prepared to learn is important. Part of preparedness is arriving to school on time! The doors open promptly at 8:35 am. Please make sure that your student arrives at 8:35 am to have time for breakfast and be ready for morning meeting. Students arriving after 8:50 am are late and MUST stop by the main office to receive a tardy pass.

Save Time, Earn Gas Money, Carpool Today!

To help reduce traffic, save time, and promote our sustainability goals, H.D. Cooke has teamed up with goDCgo and SchoolPool to connect families for pickup/drop-off carpools. SchoolPool is a free carpool ride matching system that pairs you with nearby families

who are looking to share driving duties. SchoolPool is 100% free, secure, and confidential. After signing up, you'll receive a list of potential carpool partners in your area and their contact information. Visit goDCgo.com/schoolpool to learn more.

Pantry Program

Do you have a student that goes to H.D. Cooke? Would you benefit from having a little more food and/or toiletries at home this month?



H.D. Cooke is partnering with DC Food Project to receive monthly donations of minimal food and toiletries. If you have a student at H.D. Cooke and your family could benefit from receiving a little extra food and/or toiletries this month, please complete this referral. A staff member will be in touch upon receipt of the referral in the next 7-10 school days. Thank you!

Referral link for families - <https://forms.office.com/r/aXyzHV9FJj> or use the QR Code below.

“Self-Dismissal” and Sibling Pickup Permission Form

All students in grades *PK 3 through 5* must have a signed permission form on file to walk or take public transportation home alone or with a sibling. No student will be allowed to leave school alone or with a sibling until the attached form has been signed and returned to the main office.

This form is only required for students who are walking or taking public transportation home without their parent, guardian, or another adult who is authorized by you to pick them up. Please return a separate signed form for each of your children.

Students will not be allowed to walk home at dismissal if this form is not returned.

To complete the form online, visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/jHiWsvahne>

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 SmarTrip card for the new school year for the bus or metro.

Social Media

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