



Weekly Parent Newsletter

February 4, 2022

****IMPORTANT REMINDERS****

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.

No pets are allowed on DCPS property. Please do not bring them to drop off or pickup.

Important Date Reminders

Black History Month – February is Black History Month. We will celebrate in various ways throughout the month.

Black History Month Family Celebration February 17 – Please save the date for the celebration. More details to come.

Coffee with the Principal February 18 – Join us for Coffee with the Principal starting at 8:45 am.

President's Day February 21 – School closed

February Break 22 – 25 – No classes for students.

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.

3rd Grade Swimming

In February, ALL 3rd grade students will begin swimming classes at Marie Reed. Each 3rd grade class will walk once a week during their allotted time to and from the Cooke with chaperones. Lessons will take place on Friday mornings starting February 11th until June 17th. Please contact the main office or Mr. Mitchell with any questions. [Click here](#) for more information.

Attention 5th Grade Families

Francis L. Cardozo Education Campus will host an in person open house on Thursday, February 10th from 5-6 pm. Ms. Sharifi will attend to help answer any questions you may have. See flyer [HERE](#) for more information.

Black History Month

We will be celebrating Black History Month throughout the month of February. Save the date for February 17th for our school wide celebration. We will also do a Spirit Week February 14th – 18th. Be on the lookout for more information.

Targeted ECE (PreK 3 and 4) Weekly Testing

Students in PK3 and PK4 will be provided with a rapid test each week and will be required to upload their results each Sunday before returning to the classroom. Kindergarten students will also be receiving weekly test kits and are highly encouraged to test each week.

Also, as part of our weekly testing program, we are implementing a **test-to-stay pilot program for Pre-K students**. Test to Stay for Pre-K classrooms will go into effect should a student test positive through the required weekly testing each Sunday. This means that all students in the classroom who tested negative can attend school

For more information and to upload your results here by 3 pm 24 hours prior to returning to school:
<https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/testing/>

COVID-19 Student Vaccination Status

Please complete [this form](#) if your student has received the COVID-19 vaccination. Completing this form is completely OPTIONAL. This information will only be used to help us determine close contact quarantine for your student.

Vaccinated students who are in close contact to someone who tests positive for COVID-19 do NOT need to quarantine if they are not showing symptoms but are recommended to take a test between 3 and 5 days after they are exposed. Please contact the main office (202-939-5390) if you have any questions.

Form can also be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/LReDit2A2c>

Chronic Absenteeism Reduction Effort or CARE

At DC Public Schools (DCPS), we value the health and wellbeing of our students. We know that students who are healthy are better able to come to school and learn. We are pleased to share that DCPS is partnering with local doctors, nurses, and the DC Department of Health on a project to support our students' health and attendance in school.

Through the project -- which is called the Chronic Absenteeism Reduction Effort or CARE -- parents or guardians can give permission to DCPS to securely share attendance information with their child's doctor(s), nurse(s), and medical office staff. This information will help these healthcare professionals to provide special outreach and medical attention to children that might be missing school and their families

[Click HERE](#) for more information.

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, February 2nd. We tested 90 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.

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.

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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