



Weekly Parent Reminders

March 20, 2026



Important Dates

March 13 – Wellness Day! No School for Students
March 27 – Family Friday (8:45-9:00 am)
March 27 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00-9:30 am)
April 2 – Literacy Night! (3:35-5pm)
April 3 – Career Day!

Save the date: Literacy Night! Camp Read-A-Lot

Join us on April 2nd, 3:35-5pm, for Literacy night! We will have games, food, raffles and lots of opportunities about reading! Come learn how to you can help your student love words and reading. We will have some fun raffle and learn ways to love reading!

Workshop: Preparing your Students for Testing

April will be our testing month for DCAPE. With testing season is right around the corner. Please join our Student Support Team on March 27th after Coffee with the Principal to review simple strategies to do at home to best support your student to get ready for testing.

DC STEM Fair and Math Inquiry Fair (3/25)

OSSE and EmpowerK12 are excited to announce DC STEM Saturday, featuring the DC STEM Fair and Math Inquiry Fair. This event brings together students K-12 from all eight wards to showcase their ideas, talents, and innovation; it will take place on Saturday, March 28 at Dunbar High School. Review more information: <https://t.e2ma.net/click/ozr1d2/gtlu0ovd/k0xzjxf> and register: <https://t.e2ma.net/click/ozr1d2/gtlu0ovd/0syzjxf> to participate by Wednesday, March 25. All students and families are welcome to visit the fair without registering.

2026 DCPS Family Panorama Survey

The 2026 DCPS Family Panorama Survey is open through April 3! The yearly survey helps us learn what DCPS and HD Cooke are doing well and how we can improve. The 2026 survey is also part of DC's citywide school climate survey for families, DC SAYS.

We need your help to ensure HD Cooke's voices are represented! Please take the survey today at <http://www.dcsays.dc.gov>. Every voice counts. Don't miss this opportunity to share your feedback!

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)

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