Weekly Parent Reminders

May 7, 2026

Important Dates

April - May – DC CAPE Testing Continues
May – RE-ENROLLMENT CONTINUES!!
May 14 – Movie Night (Zootopia 2)
May 17 – Girls on the Run 5K (Anacostia Park)
May 18-27 – Grades 3rd – 5th Music Composition Days
May 22 – Prek and Kinder Inner Core Family Day (2:30pm)
May 25 – School closed in observance of Memorial Day
May 29 – Family Friday (8:45-9:00 am)
May 29 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00-9:30 am)

Movie Night

Join us on Thursday, May 14th for Zootopia 2 Movie Night at 4pm. We will be selling snacks, but the movie admission is free. Must be accompanied by an adult to attend.

Prek – Kinder Inner Core Family Day

Save the date for May 22 Prek and Kinder families are invited to come visit the inner core teachers and learn what students have been doing all school year. Join us at 2:30pm in the gym.

Music Composition Day for Grades 3rd – 5th

Save the date to join us in your child's music class to hear their original compositions for piano. All classes take place in the library. Please see flyer for information on dates and times for your student's class.

It's Tiime for DC CAPE for 3rd – 5th Grades

The District of Columbia Comprehensive Assessments of Progress in Education (DC CAPE) is the District's general statewide assessment system, which includes assessments in English language arts/literacy (ELA), mathematics and science. Together, these assessments create a comprehensive system that provides important information on students' progress and proficiency relative to DC's educational standards. Our students in 3rd – 5th will begin testing April 7th and run through May 15th.

How you can help:

- Make sure your student arrives on time by 9am. If student is late, they will not be able to test and a make-up day will be required.
- Help ensure your student gets a good night sleep each night, eat breakfast at home or arrive at school at 8:45am.
- Talk to your student about the test and encourage them to do their best!

Girls on the Run Celebratory 5K!

Each season comes to an end with a celebratory 5K. This closing event gives program participants of all abilities a tangible sense of accomplishment. Crossing the finish line instills confidence through completion and is a joyful moment program participants always remember! Everyone in our program receives a commemorative medal to celebrate this incredible achievement. Please join our girls to cheer them! Visit the main office with any questions.

- **Date:** May 17th
- **Time:** Race starts at 8am
- **Location:** Anacostia Park, 894 Howard Rd SE

If you would like be a buddy runner with our students, you can register:
https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/spring5kdc2026?sid=f9dea54e2d8342c1be84d9df2f6a2675

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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