



Weekly Parent Reminders

August 29, 2025



Important Dates

September 1 – Memorial Day Observance (School closed)
September 13 – DCPS Back to School Block Party
September 15 – October 15 – Hispanic Heritage Month
September 17 – Back to School Night ****NEW DATE****
September 26 – Family Friday (8:45-9:00 am)
September 26 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00-9:30 am)
September – Attendance Awareness Month

Contact Information

It is important for the school to always have the most updated information for all students. If your phone number, address or emergency contacts change, please communicate the information to main office as soon as possible.

DCPS Back to School Block Party

The DCPS Back to School Block Party is on Saturday, September 13, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Jackson-Reed High School. The DC Public Schools (DCPS) Back to School Block Party is a celebration welcoming students, families, teachers, staff, and community members to the start of a new school year. The Block Party is a festive event that will provide important information to help scholars have a successful School Year 2025-2026.

Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with and receive services from community organizations and District Government agencies related to health and wellness, food access, college and career readiness, and more. There will also be free food and fun activities onsite for all ages—from interactive games and face painting to student performances!

Immunizations will be offered at the DCPS Block Party. Spaces are extremely limited, so [please click here to schedule and register for a slot.](#) If you are unable to secure an appointment, staff members will be on-site to share future vaccination opportunities.

September is Attendance Awareness Month!!

Welcome back to all families!! September is attendance awareness month! Make attending school a priority every day! Ways to be ready everyday:

- Start bedtime routine at the same time every night (turning off technology, shower, pjs, brush teeth, read a book and to bed)
- Set alarm to wake up for morning routine (brush teeth, get dressed, eat breakfast or leave on time every day to eat breakfast at school (breakfast is available every day for all students for free!))
- Hug/kiss goodbye at the door on time (doors open every day at 8:45 am sharp!)

See you Tuesday, September 2!

Garden Assistance

Do you love to be in 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.

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)

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!!***

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