



## Weekly Parent Reminders

October 6, 2023

### Important Dates

- October 9 – Indigenous People’s Day (School Closed)
- October 19 – Parent-Teacher Conference (No school for students)
- October 20 – Professional Development for Staff (No school for students)

**Reminder\*\*\*No School on Monday, October 9 in observance of Indigenous People’s Day\*\*\***

### Hispanic Heritage Month Family Potluck

Spirit Days! This year we will have Spirit Days throughout the school year to help keep our students motivated and excited about coming to school. For the month of October we will have the following days:

- 10/10 -- Hispanic Heritage Day: Wear something representing a country or Hispanic Heritage.
- 10/18 -- Pajama Day: Wear your favorite school appropriate pajamas.
- 10/23 -- Autumn Day: Celebrate Fall by wearing Fall Colors!
- 10/31 -- Harvest Day: Wear a costume and Harvest Celebration.

### “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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