



Weekly Parent Reminders

December 6, 2024



Important Dates

- December 12 – Middle School Fair (2-4pm)
- December 14 – EdFest, @ Stadium-Armory (10 am)
- December 17 – Open House (9 am)
- December 20 – Prek Sing-A-Long (2:30 pm)
- December 20 – Family Friday (8:35 am)
- December 23 – January 1 – Winter Break

Outdoor Recess

Outdoor play has a tremendous role in a child's development. It enables children to develop curiosity about the world around them and build interpersonal skills with other children. Since outdoor play is so important, schools must provide a safe environment to play when extreme weather conditions exist. Here are recommendations to ensure students stay warm while playing outdoors.

- Below 60 degrees: Jacket or long sleeve recommended
- Below 50 degrees: Coat and long pants recommended
- Below 40 degrees: Gloves and hats with previously recommended gear necessary
- Below 32 degrees: Indoor recess or physical activity

Annual Coat Drive

It's that time of year!! Winter is here and the weather can get very cold. Some of our students and families are in need of coats to stay warm in the cold temperatures. If you can, please consider donating a new or gently used child or adult coat to our Annual Winter Coat Drive! You may drop off any donations in the main office.

Immunization Forms

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)

Impact Aid Surveys

Each year, DC Public Schools asks all families to complete a Student-Parent Survey so DCPS can provide the U.S. Department of Education information for Impact Aid. The Impact Aid law provides assistance to local school districts with concentrations of children residing on military bases, low-rent housing properties, or other Federal properties and, to a lesser extent, concentrations of children who have parents in the uniformed services or employed on eligible Federal properties who do not live on Federal property.

Here are the survey links:

1. **English:** https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_English
2. **Spanish:** https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_Spanish
3. **French:** https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_French
4. **Amharic:** https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_Amharic
5. **Vietnamese:** https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_Vietnamese
6. **Chinese:** https://forms.dc.gov/f/DCPSImpactAid_Chinese

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 Kids Ride Free card for the new school year for the bus or metro.

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