



Weekly Parent Reminders

March 8, 2024

Important Dates

- March 13: Math Night (3:35-5:30 pm)
- March 14: No School for Students (Parent-Teacher Conference)
- March 15: No School for Students (Teacher Professional Development)
- March 13: Vision to Learn Vision Screening
- March 19: Dental check-ups
- March 29: Coffee with the Principal

*****Reminder: No school on Thursday (March 14) and Friday (March 15)*****

Women's History Month Spirit Week

We will have spirit week to celebrate Women's History Month!

- Monday: Think Purple! Wear PURPLE to celebrate the women in your life
- Tuesday: Wear a t-shirt honoring an iconic woman
- Wednesday: Write a note to a great teacher

Math Night

Join us on Wednesday, March 13 for Math Night at 3:35!! We will celebrate math and PI Day with fun games! See attached flyer for more information! Pie donations are welcome!! You may drop off in the main office. Student must be accompanied by an adult.

Vison Screening for All Students

We are partnering with Vision to Learn to provide vision screening to all our students on March 13th. Vision To Learn will bring it's Mobile Clinic to Cooke to test all our students, regardless of need. All our students will be screened on the day. If a students needs further evaluation, Vision to Learn will return for a follow-up visit. Please contact the office if you would like to opt-out of the screening.

Dental Visit

We will have Gordon Dental at school on March 19th for dental cleaning. The visit is free for all students. Parents must return the dental consent form for students to be seen. Please stop by the office if you need one or print one from our website.

Family Friday & Coffee with the Principal ☕

On Friday, March 29th, we will have our Family Friday. The goal of Family Friday is to provide a structured opportunity for caretakers to see the awesomeness inside your student's classrooms!

You will be able to visit the classroom from 8:35 am until 9 am to see the classroom, meet other families and participate in strong start with the class.

Attendance Reminder

Reminder for all families of the importance of attendance for all our students. Being at school on time every day prepared to learn is important. Part of preparedness is arriving to school on time! The doors open promptly at 8:35 am. Please make sure that your student arrives at 8:35 am to have time for breakfast and be ready for morning meeting. Students arriving after 8:50 am are late and MUST stop by the main office to receive a tardy pass.

Save Time, Earn Gas Money, Carpool Today!

To help reduce traffic, save time, and promote our sustainability goals, H.D. Cooke has teamed up with goDCgo and SchoolPool to connect families for pickup/drop-off carpools. SchoolPool is a free carpool ride matching system that pairs you with nearby families

who are looking to share driving duties. SchoolPool is 100% free, secure, and confidential. After signing up, you'll receive a list of potential carpool partners in your area and their contact information. Visit goDCgo.com/schoolpool to learn more.

Pantry Program

Do you have a student that goes to H.D. Cooke? Would you benefit from having a little more food and/or toiletries at home this month?



H.D. Cooke is partnering with DC Food Project to receive monthly donations of minimal food and toiletries. If you have a student at H.D. Cooke and your family could benefit from receiving a little extra food and/or toiletries this month, please complete this referral. A staff member will be in touch upon receipt of the referral in the next 7-10 school days. Thank you!

Referral link for families - <https://forms.office.com/r/aXyzHV9FJj> or use the QR Code below.

“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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