



Weekly Parent Reminders

March 29, 2024

Important Dates

April 2: Enrollment Assistance 3:30 – 5:30 pm
April 4: Enrollment Assistance 3:30 – 5:30 pm
April 5: No school (Professional Development for teachers)
April 9: Open House for lottery matched families
April 9: DC CAPE Testing Begins (3rd – 5th Grade)
April 15-19: Spring Break 🌸

*****Reminder: No school on Friday (April 5)*****

It's Time to Re-Enroll for SY24-25!

Enrollment season is here. This year enrollment will be online through the Aspen Parent Portal.

Please complete SY24-25 enrollment by following three steps:

1. Complete the DCPS enrollment packet using [online enrollment](#) or [paper forms](#).
2. Gather and attach supporting documents.
3. Submit the packet and supporting documents to your student's school enrollment team.

If you need assistance with your enrollment credentials to log into the portal, please email Ms. Cruz (olga.cruz@k12.dc.org) or call the main office (202-939-5390). Ms. Cruz will also have later enrollment hours on April 2nd and 4th from 3:30 – 5:30 pm.

Assistant Principal Appreciation Week

April 1st – 5th is the week to show our Assistant Principals how much we appreciate them. Please take some time this week to show AP Price and AP Fitzgerald how much we appreciate them! Some ways can be by sending them a note of appreciation, a drawing, a flower, fruit, gift card or candy. They work hard every day to ensure our students are thriving and learning. Their tireless efforts make a significant impact on the success of our students and staff.

Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

April 3rd is Paraprofessional Appreciation Day. During Paraprofessional Appreciation Day, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the invaluable support they provide to our teachers and students every day. Their dedication, patience, and commitment make a significant difference in creating a positive learning environment in their classrooms and the school. Let's say thank you for their hard work and contributions to our school community.

DC CAPE Testing

Each year, DC Public Schools (DCPS) students participate in assessments designed to measure and evaluate their learning. In addition to grades and feedback from educators, this information provides critical context around your child's academic growth. Our students in grades 3rd – 5th will begin taking their DC CAPE test on April 9th.

At the school level, DCPS utilizes these assessment results to improve outcomes for scholars. At the district level, these data guide decisions such as educator training and resource allocation to ensure comprehensive support for all students.

You can support your child's success by ensuring they arrive to school on time, are well-rested, and prepared to learn every day. For more information about the assessments, please visit osse.dc.gov/assessments, which includes practice tests and other helpful resources.

Family Friday & Coffee with the Principal ☕

Apologies for all the confusion around Family Friday. Our next Family Friday is April 26th, 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.

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