



Weekly Parent Reminders

October 31, 2025



Important Dates

November 3 – Records Day/PD Day (No school for students)
November 3 – Book Fair Open 8:45 am – 3:30 pm
November 3 – 7 – Scholastic Book Fair
November 4 – Monthly Family Workshop (3:40 pm)
November 10 – PTO Movie Night (4 pm, Gym)
November 11 – Veterans Day (School closed)
November 21 – Family Friday (8:45-9:00 am)
November 21 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00-9:30 am)

*****Reminder: No School for Students on Monday, November 3*****

Scholastic Book Fair is Here!!

We are thrilled to announce that our **Scholastic Book Fair** is officially scheduled and will run from **Monday, November 3rd through Friday, November 7th, 2025!**

 **Location:** Room 114E (room inside the library)

 **Times/Hours:** 8:45 AM–3:30 PM daily, with extended hours on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**, from 3:30–4:30PM.

You can also share our **Book Fair homepage** with families and students to explore featured titles and get excited:

 Scholastic Book Fair Site <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/hdcookeelementaryschool>

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love of reading in our students. I'm looking forward to a joyful and book-filled week with you all! Contact Dr. K with any questions.

November Food Drive

We are having our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. We are asking for donations of canned goods, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereals, dry milk, beans, rice, pancake mix and other items that have good shelf life. Please donate what you can to help support our community. You can also donate gift cards for us to purchase what we need. Donations can be left in the main office!

PTO Movie Night

The PTO will be hosting movie night on Monday, November 10th at 4 pm! We will be watching Lilo and Stitch! The PTO will be selling concessions. Admission to the movie is free but all students must be accompanied by an adult. See flyer for more information.

Monthly Family Workshop Series

Our next workshop will be on November 4th at 3:40 pm in the Atrium. We will discuss bullying prevention, school procedures regarding bullying and some strategies to use at home to help your student.

You can still help us completing the survey! This helps our team plan for future workshops. Click here to take the survey:
<https://forms.office.com/r/G6ZYwthsxz>

We would love to have you learn and share with us. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Mr. McRae (Jonathan.mcrae@k12.dc.gov).

Garden Assistance 🌱🌱

We need to plant some seedlings in the ground, and we need help! Do you love to be one with 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.

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!!***

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)

Social Media

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