



## *Weekly Parent Reminders*

*August 30, 2024*

### **Important Dates**

September 2 – No School (Labor Day)  
September 10 – Back to School Night (5-7 pm)  
September 27 – Family Friday (8:35 – 8:45 am)  
September 27 – 1<sup>st</sup> Coffee with the Principal (8:45 am)

### **Calendar for School Year 2024-25**

Calendar for next school year is available. You can find it at: <https://dcps.dc.gov/page/dcps-calendars>

### **Attendance Reminder**

Welcome back to school! Attendance every day on time is very important. Please remember that doors open at 8:35 am for everyone to have breakfast. Instruction starts immediately at 8:45 am for everyone. If you arrive after 8:50 am, your student must enter through the main entrance and pick up a late pass. It is important that students arrive on time to class to begin their day focused and ready to learn.

### **Safety Drills**

As part of our commitment to student safety, all DCPS schools are required to conduct regular fire drills and alternative emergency drills each month. These drills help us ensure that everyone is prepared to evacuate the building quickly and safely in the event of an emergency.

In addition to fire drills, we also practice other types of emergency procedures, such as lockdowns and severe weather alerts. This year, we will conduct two lockdown drills. For each drill, we will send a letter home to keep families informed.

Our first lockdown drill is scheduled for September 5th at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the main office.

### **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.

### **Social Media**

Follow us on our social media pages to get information and see what we are up to:

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Instagram & Twitter: [@HDCookeES](https://www.instagram.com/HDCookeES)