



Weekly Parent Reminders

October 27, 2023

Important Dates

October 27 – Coffee with the Principal (8:45 am)
October 27 – Wear **BLUE** for Bullying Prevention Month
October 31 – Harvest Day Parade
November 3 – No School (Professional Development for teachers)
November 10 – No School (Veterans Day)

Harvest Day Parade!

We will have a small parade around the block. Students can bring a costume to school to wear for the parade. Please send costumes in a bag and teachers will let them know when to put them on. Please do NOT send masks, weapons, face painting, or costume shoes.

All students will go out the front door, RIGHT on Fuller St., RIGHT on Mozart Pl and head up the stairs to the blacktop. Students will walk around to show off their costumes. Costumes are not required and participation in the parade is not required. The parade will begin at 2:30 pm. You may stand around the parade area and cheer them on. Teachers will provide more information.

Annual Food Drive

We are kicking off our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive! Our goal this school year is to be able to fill 50+ bags for families in need! We have created Wishlist to start collecting some items! Please visit the lists and donate what you can. We will accept any non-perishable items or items on the Wishlist.



Drop off containers will be at the main entrance, or you can bring to the main office.

<https://www.walmart.com/lists/shared/WL/74c25ad0-36c0-4057-82c8-cf7bb9aa1c5d>

Boundary and Student Assignment Study 2023

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) is conducting a Boundary and Student Assignment Study 2023 ("Boundary Study") to review DC Public School (DCPS) boundaries and feeder patterns and District-wide public school student assignment policies. The Boundary Study will develop recommendations based on analytic findings and public input, while affirmatively advancing racial and socioeconomic equity in public schools in Washington, DC. This will be the first update since 2013-2014, when Washington, DC [undertook its first comprehensive review of student assignment](#) in four decades. The DME is running a Master Facilities Plan study concurrently and both studies will share foundational information.

For more information visit: <https://dme.dc.gov/boundaries2023>

The DME has tentatively scheduled two virtual meetings for the Bancroft ES and H.D. Cooke ES school communities:

- **Tuesday, November 7 at 6pm to 7pm** facilitated in Spanish with translation to English (Zoom)
- **Wednesday, November 8 at 6pm to 7pm** facilitated in English with translation to Spanish (Zoom)

Collaborative Solutions

The Collaborative Solutions for Communities' Parenting Education and Support Program (PESP) has many upcoming **free** parenting classes available for any DC resident. Coming up quickly is our next offering of the Effective Black Parenting Program starting **Monday, October 30, 2023, at 10am**. The class will be held **weekly on Zoom for six weeks**. If you are interested in learning more about the Effective Black Parenting program, [please see this link](#), which provides an overview of the curriculum. Any DC resident is eligible to take this **free class** and participants who successfully complete the class will receive a **\$50 Visa gift card** for their participation.

They are also offering the ACT: Raising Safe Kids parenting class in English starting **Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 5:30pm**. The class will be held **weekly on Zoom for seven weeks**. If you are interested in learning more about ACT: Raising Safe Kids, [please see this link](#), which provides an overview of the program. Note that this particular parenting class is best suited for parents of children ages 0-10. As with all our programming, any DC resident is eligible to take this **free class** and participants who successfully complete the class will receive a **\$50 Visa gift card** for their participation. **Please note that we also offer this curriculum in Spanish on Sundays at 11am**. The start date of our next Spanish-speaking group is still TBD, but please feel free to refer families to us and we will be in touch with them with the start date!

Please reach out to Emma Berk at 202-763-8432 and/or email address (eberk@wearecsc.org) with your **name, preferred language, and phone number** if you are interested and our team will be in touch. Thank you!

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/aXyzHV9Fj> 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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