



Weekly Parent Reminders

March 6, 2026



Important Dates

March 10 – Picture Makeup Day
March 11 – Math Night (3:45pm)
March 13 – Wellness Day! No School for Students
March 27 – Family Friday (8:45-9:00 am)
March 27 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00-9:30 am)
April 3 – Career Day!

2026 DCPS Family Panorama Survey

The 2026 DCPS Family Panorama Survey is open through April 3! The yearly survey helps us learn what DCPS and HD Cooke are doing well and how we can improve. The 2026 survey is also part of DC's citywide school climate survey for families, DC SAYS.

We need your help to ensure HD Cooke's voices are represented! Please take the survey today at <http://www.dcsays.dc.gov>. Every voice counts. Don't miss this opportunity to share your feedback!

Suicide Awareness & Prevention Workshop

As part of the DC initiative for suicide prevention, Mary's Center school-based therapists will be providing parent workshops for our school communities, both in English and Spanish. These parent presentations will aim to help caregivers confidently recognize signs of suicide and self-harm, understand how to have difficult, but life-saving conversations with their children, and access mental health support in the community for their families.

Where: Virtual on Zoom – Sessions Offered in Spanish and English

ENGLISH

Zoom Meeting ID: <https://maryscenter.zoom.us/j/81938008752>

ESPAÑOL

ID de la reunión de Zoom: <https://maryscenter.zoom.us/j/83176372576>

Calling all Careers!!

Hey parents! We are currently planning H.D. Cooke's Career Day, which will take place on Friday, April 3rd. We are currently in need of speakers and guests. If you are interested in coming in and speaking to our students about your job/career, please reach out to Ms. Silva via email at jessica.silva@k12.dc.gov so she can share more details. This will be more of a career fair setting, so you will have your own table/ space as students stop by to learn about what you do!

Count on Math Night!

Save the date for our Annual Math Night/Pi Day Celebration will be on March 11th at 3:35pm in the gym. Join us for games, prizes, free pizza and pie! Enter a raffle to win Principal Lam & teachers!

DCPS Calendar Update

At DC Public Schools (DCPS), we are committed to providing students with rigorous and joyful learning experiences through high quality instruction. DCPS is sharing [adjustments to the School Year \(SY\) 2025–2026 calendar](#) resulting from the recent inclement weather closures.

Last month's winter storm brought significant snow and ice to our city, and DCPS closed schools on Tuesday, January 27 and Wednesday, January 28. To meet the instructional day requirements outlined in the DC Municipal Regulations (DCMR), DCPS is making the following modifications to the SY 2025–2026 calendar:

Thursday, March 12 previously scheduled for Parent-Teacher Conferences, will shift to an instructional day for all students and teachers.

- Parent-Teacher Conferences previously scheduled for this date are cancelled

Friday, March 13 will remain a Wellness Day with no school for students or teachers.

- Maintaining this day supports student and educator well-being and honors the commitments outlined in the district's Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Washington Teachers' Union.

Thursday, June 18 will be the last day of school for students.

- This one-day extension ensures students receive the full instructional time needed to finish the school year before the Juneteenth holiday.

Summer Learning 2026 Registration Now Open

Registration for Summer Learning 2026 opened on Monday, February 2. Students and families can learn more about Summer 2026 at [this site](#). Please note that K-8 sites will hold programming 5 days a week (Program Dates: Monday, June 22 to Friday, July 31). High schools will hold programming Monday-Thursday, with no programming on Fridays (Program Dates: Monday, June 22 to Thursday, July 30).

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)

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