



Weekly Parent Reminders

November 17, 2023

Important Dates

November 20 – Pajama Day
November 21 – Wear Your HDC Gear Day!
November 22-24 – No school (Thanksgiving Break)
December 15 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00 am)
December 22 – January 2 – Winter Break

*****Reminder: No school November 22-24 for Thanksgiving Break*****

Attendance Reminder

As the holiday season ramps up, we want to remind all families of the importance of attendance for all our students. Being here every day ready and prepared to learn. 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. See you Monday at 8:35 am!!!

Girls on the Run 5K!!

Get Ready!!! Join us for our Girls on the Run 5K is this Sunday at Anacostia Park (rain or shine) *at 8 am*. We need buddy runners for our 30 girls who will be participating. You do NOT need to be an experienced runner to participate. You can stroll, walk or run across the finish line. To sign up, please sign-up: They are offering a \$10 discount off when you use the code FAMILYFALL23: <https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/fa5kyay?sid=2dae75132ada420eb7b3c3517483a995>. Otherwise, just come cheer them on!

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/dropoff 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/aXyzHV9FJi> 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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