



Weekly Parent Newsletter

September 3, 2021

Welcome to our new school year. We have been so excited to see everyone in person! It's been a great work of getting to know students, see how much they have grown since we were last in person and seeing all our families. We will send out a newsletter every Friday to keep you updated of upcoming events, reminders, and overall important information.

Important Date Reminders

Labor Day Holiday 9/6 – No school Monday in observance of the Labor Day federal holiday

Virtual Back to School Night 9/15 – We will hold our event virtually. We will send more information on how to join us.

Kids Ride Free SmarTrip cards – Cards are now available for the new school year. If you need one, please contact the main office to request one (202-939-5390) or email jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov.

Asymptomatic Testing

Consistent with CDC and DC Health guidance, DCPS will test 10-20 percent of students each week to screen for COVID-19 as part of our health and safety protocols, targeting unvaccinated students. Our first testing day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8th. Our testing date is scheduled to be weekly on Wednesdays. We will randomly select 40-79 students to test each Wednesday. Please see attached flyer for information regarding receiving results if your student is tested.

DCPS has updated its testing policy. Students will now be automatically enrolled in the testing program which supports asymptomatic testing, symptomatic testing, and testing for close contacts.

To opt-out of COVID-19 testing, parents/guardians will now need to email or provide their schools with a signed opt-out form available at osse.dc.gov/page/school-based-covid-19-testing.

Early Dismissal

Reminder that if you need to pick up your student early from school, you must notify the main office by 2:45 pm. Students will not be dismissed after 2:45 pm.

Baby Diaper Donations

We have diapers available in some sizes. If you need diapers, please contact the main office and we will let you know if you have the size you need and when to pickup. You can call 202-939-5390 or email Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov

Visiting the School

Anyone needing to come to school to talk to someone in main office must have a scheduled appointment. Visitors are not allowed at school without an appointment at this time. All visitors will be

asked the health questions before entering the building. To make an appointment, please contact your student's teacher or the main office at 202-939-5390 or you can send an email to Ms. Emma Amaya (emma.amaya@k12.dc.gov) or Ms. Jackie (Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov).

Updated Physicals and Oral Health Assessments

REQUIRED FOR IN-PERSON LEARNING -- Health physicals and oral health assessments are required annually. Medical forms must 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. Students must have an up-to-date health assessment form on file with the school once in-person learning begins. This is the best time to ensure your student's health form is updated. Schedule an appointment with your doctor if your student needs a current physical.

Students will NOT be able to return to school after 20 days without an updated health and immunization form on file.

You may call the school to find out if your student has an updated health form (202-939-5390) or you can email your current health form to Ms. Emma (emma.amaya@k12.dc.gov).

You can find all the forms by visiting: [School Health Requirements](#)

School Year 21-22 Dietary Accommodations

If your student requires dietary accommodation for the 2021-2022 school year, please complete the appropriate dietary accommodation form. Note that the form(s) must have all applicable sections completed for the form to be processed.

New accommodation forms must be completed each school year, each summer, and if your student moves to a different school during the school year.

Forms can be found [here](#).

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