



Weekly Parent Reminders

May 9, 2025



Important Dates

- May 13 – June 18 – ABC End of School Year Countdown
- May 20 – 22 – 5th Grade Camping Trip
- May 26 – School closed in observance of Memorial Day
- May 30 – June 6 – Scholastic Book Fair
- May 30 – Final Family Friday for the School Year (8:35 am)
- May 30 – Final Coffee with the Principal for the School Year (9:00 am)

Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you, families, for making our teachers feel loved, special and appreciated. Teachers received so many gifts and thank you notes!

ABC End of School Year Countdown

Who doesn't love a countdown? Especially when we are counting down the days until summer break! Starting May 13th, we will be counting down the days until the end of the school year on June 18. We have fun and engaging activities to keep students focused on learning until the last day of school. See attached sheet for each day's activities.

Garden Assistance

Do you love to be in nature? We are working on growing our garden and need your help to maintain it. We will have garden meet-up on Wednesdays (3:45 – 4:45 pm) to help us water, harvest, plant, clean-up, etc. Come help us make it beautiful and bountiful! Any questions, see Ms. Jackie in the office or talk with Ms. Courtney in PreK.

Attendance Matters!

Just a reminder that attendance is very important every day! As the weather warms, we want to remind everyone that it is important to come to school every day. To be on time and be ready to learn! Try to make appointments after school as much as possible. Doors open at 8:35 am and students learn all day until 3:15 pm dismissal. If your student will need to be absent for an appointment or illness, please drop off a note in the main office or email: Araceli.FigueroaVelez@k12.dc.gov.

DC-CAPE Continues

DC-CAPE testing continues. Please make sure your 3rd – 5th grade student is arriving on time, fully rested! They must arrive at school at 8:35 am to have enough time for breakfast. Try to schedule all medical appointments for times after school, when possible, to ensure that they do not miss the school day. Talk with your student's teachers to find out the specific schedule for your student.

Immunization Forms

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)

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. ***Reminder that these cards are for student use ONLY!!***

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