



## Weekly Parent Newsletter

September 10, 2021

### **Important Date Reminders**

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](mailto:jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov).

### **Asymptomatic Testing**

This week we had our first round of asymptomatic testing of students. As a reminder, all DCPS schools will be testing a random 10% of students on a weekly basis.

This week we tested 42 students (11.5%) and are happy to report that all 42 tests came back **negative**.

Please [click here](#) to access the Testing Patient Portal where you are able to see test results for your student (if/when they are tested).

### **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.

### **Back To School Night**

Join us this Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM for SY 21-22 Back to School Night!

Back To School Night will be 100% virtual this year to ensure we are keeping everyone safe. During back to school night you will have the opportunity to hear about our priorities this year, meet the broader H.D. Cooke team, engage with your teacher(s) and other classroom community caregivers, and see the learning space!

You will be receiving the link to access your classroom session(s) from your classroom teacher(s). We will also send a remind message closer to 9/15 with a list of all classes and their access links. Below is the overall schedule of the evening.

**5:30 – 5:40 pm**

Opening Remarks (in virtual classrooms)

**5:40 – 6:00 pm**

First classroom session

**6:00 – 6:05 pm**

Transition break

**6:05 – 6:25 pm**

Second classroom session (siblings)

See you then!

### ***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](mailto: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 students teacher or the main office at 202-939-5390 or you can send an email to Ms. Emma Amaya ([emma.amaya@k12.dc.gov](mailto:emma.amaya@k12.dc.gov)) or Ms. Jackie ([Jacqueline.alvarado@k12.dc.gov](mailto: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 you 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](mailto: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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