



## Weekly Parent Reminders

October, 2024



### Important Dates

September 15 – October 15 – Hispanic Heritage Month  
October 9 – Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Family Potluck (4:00 pm)  
October 10 – Parent Teacher Conference  
October 11 – Professional Development Day (No School)  
October 18 – Hispanic Heritage Month Showcase at 10 am (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
October 25 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00 am)  
October 25 – Family Friday (8:35 – 9:00 am)  
October 31 – Harvest Day Parade

**\*\*\*REMINDER: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON THURSDAY (10/10) AND FRIDAY (10/11)\*\*\***

### Hispanic Heritage Month Spirit Week

We will celebrate Hispanic Heritage week leading up to our family potluck! Join in the celebration:

**Monday:** Futbol Jersey!! Wear your team colors or favorite player jersey!  
**Tuesday:** Hats Off for Hispanic Heritage Month. Wear your favorite hat! Sombreros welcome!  
**Wednesday:** Hispanic Heritage. Wear your Hispanic Heritage cultural attire to celebrate!!

### 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)

### Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Family Potluck

Join us on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm for our Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Family Potluck!! We will have games, music, dancing and great food! If you would like to donate an item or volunteer your time, please let Ms. Yolanda or Ms. Jackie know.

### Hispanic Heritage Month Showcase

Join us at 10 am on October 18<sup>th</sup> as our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students perform for our HH Month Showcase. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please reach out to our music teacher, Ms. Irvin ([Jennifer.irvin@k12.dc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.irvin@k12.dc.gov)).

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Teachers have started to schedule individual parent-teacher conferences. If you have not yet scheduled yours, please reach out to your student's teacher to request a date and time. School will be closed on October 10 for Parent Teacher conferences. Make sure to schedule one.

### Elementary School "Self-Dismissal" and Releasing Young Students to Siblings

All students in grades *PK 3 through 5* must have a signed permission form on file in order 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. Permission forms are on our website: <https://www.hdcookeschool.org/newsletters>

## **Remind App**

One of our quick ways to communicate with families is via the Remind App. Please make sure you download the app so you can connect with HD Cooke and receive all pertinent information. The Remind App can be found in the Google or Apple App stores.

## **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.

## **Social Media**

Follow us on our social media pages to get information and see what we are up to:

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Instagram & Twitter: [@HDCookeES](https://twitter.com/HDCookeES)