



Weekly Parent Reminders

October 18, 2024



Important Dates

October 25 – Coffee with the Principal (9:00 am)
October 25 – Family Friday (8:35 – 9:00 am)
October 25 – Kickoff Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive
October 31 – Harvest Day Parade
November 4 – PD/Records Day (No school)
November 5 – Election Day (No school)
November 11 – Veterans Day (No school)
November 27-29 – Thanksgiving Break

DCPS Calendars

Great news! DCPS wall calendars have arrived! Stop by the office and pick one up today while supplies last!

Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

We will kick off our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive on Friday, October 25th! We will begin collecting food donations for our food drive. Bring a canned good and be entered in a raffle to win an HD Cooke Hoodie!!

Harvest Day Parade

This year our Harvest Day Parade is back on October 31! Students may wear costumes to participate. They can bring their costumes in their backpacks and teachers will help them change before the parade. Please do not send students in costumes with weapons, heels or makeup. If you do not want your student to participate in the parade, no worries, we will have staff available for students who cannot participate. We will send more information as the date gets closer.

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)

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

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