W.B. Patterson Elementary School

"Excellence is the Expectation"

Weekly Parent Update

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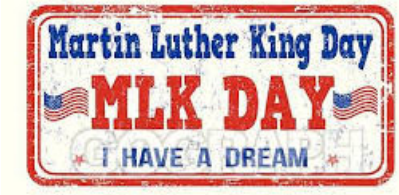

Monday, January 20, 2020

- **Holiday: Martin Luther King Birthday**
- **School is Closed**

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

- Regular School Day
- Afterschool Programming, 3:15pm – 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

- Regular School Day
- Afterschool Programming, 3:15pm – 6:00pm

Thursday, January 23, 2020

- Regular School Day
- Afterschool Programming, 3:15pm – 6:00pm
- Wellness Team Parent Meeting @ 9:00am
- **Spelling Bee @ 9:30am in the auditorium (3rd and 5th Grade)**

Friday, January 24, 2020

- Regular School Day
- Afterschool Programming, 3:15pm – 6:00pm

Breakfast begins promptly at 8:10 and ends at 8:35! Please make sure you are on time to receive breakfast in the cafeteria for grades K-5. The cafeteria doors WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY at 8:35 a.m. Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten students eat breakfast and lunch in their classrooms.

Principal and Assistant Principal Office Hours Monday – Friday

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Please schedule an appointment with Ms. Angela Wright Ms. Monica Bibbs in the main office either in person or phone at 202-939-5280 to conference with Dr. Thomas and/or Mrs. Johnson-Avery.

Instructional Start Time:
8:45 a.m.
Please ensure your child is here on time to receive valuable instruction!
School Dismissal Time:
3:15 p.m.
The staff at Patterson wants to ensure the safety of your child(ren), so we ask that you not send your child(ren) to school prior to the 8:10 a.m. door opening time. No staff will be available to provide supervision until then. Thank you!!!

Attention

Afterschool Programming is for registered students ONLY!

3:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Please ensure your child is picked up on time or before 6:00 p.m.

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"NO CELL PHONE POLICY"

This year, Patterson will be instituting a **"No Cell Phone Policy"** while students are in school. Students will be required to:

1. Turn in their cell phones when they arrive to school. Phones will be signed in by the student, stored and locked up in the main office by a school administrator.

2. Phones will be returned to students prior to their leaving at the end of the school day.

3. Should a student need to contact their parent, they may utilize the phone in the main office.

If a student is found to have a cell phone in their possession during the school day, it will be:

1. Confiscated by an adult and turned in to a school administrator.

2. Cell phones will not be returned to the student.

3. Cell phones can **ONLY** be picked up by the parent. Family members (e.g. Older Siblings, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, etc…) **WILL NOT** be permitted to pick up a students' phone on behalf of the parent.

Students caught videotaping fights, etc…, in accordance with the DCPS Chapter 25 Discipline Policy, will be suspended from school for their actions.

OR

Parents, you may elect for your child NOT to bring a cell phone to school at all.

Please remember not to send balls, toys, games, cellphones or personal items with students. Staff WILL NOT be responsible for any loss, stolen or broken items!!!

Attendance Matters at Patterson!!

Please make sure your child is present and accounted for each day!!
If your child is late or going to be absent, please provide a note to excuse your child for the day.
Questions? Please see the main office.

Student Safety Matters at Patterson!!

Please note that no student will be released to an adult for pick-up who is not listed on the SY 2019-2020 Annual Enrollment Form. Please update your child's annual enrollment form if there are any changes pertaining to phone numbers, parental contacts and emergency contacts. Parents MUST come into the school add names of person approved to pick up child to emergency form.
Questions? Please see the main office.

MEDICATION AND MEDICAL NEEDS!

- Many of our students for various reasons (e.g. asthma, allergies, etc…) may require the School Nurse to administer medication during the school day; as a result, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that we not only have the necessary completed Doctor's Order on file, but also the medication that can be administered to your child.

- If your child requires an inhaler for asthma, has food allergies and requires an epipen, etc… please make sure that the School Nurse is made aware of this.

- **Please note that students CAN NOT self-medicate while they are in school.**

- **We want to ensure their medical wellbeing and MUST have the necessary documents and medication on file in order for the School Nurse to administer the medication.**

- **Please note that if we DO NOT have the necessary documents and medication on file and it has been determined that your child requires IMMEDIATE medical attention outside of the local school, we will call 911 and have your child transported to the nearest medical facility.**

- Please contact the school nurse to secure the forms that your child's doctor will need to complete, as well as, if you have questions or concerns.

- **ALL medication MUST be brought in by the parent and given DIRECTLY to the School Nurse.**

Parents

Patterson is going green! You may access the Parent Weekly Bulletin online using the link below.

Patterson's School Website: pattersonelementary.online

Parents and guardians we are asking your assistance with minimizing the disruption of instruction during the school day. As a result, students will not be dismissed from school during the instructional block after 2:45 pm but will be available for pick-up during the normal dismissal time of 3:15 pm. Thanking everyone in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

ATTENTION
FIELD TRIP CHAPERONE PROCESS

Patterson Parents, did you know that DCPS has a policy as it relates to anyone wanting to volunteer in the school, as well as, accompanying their child on a trip? All persons that wish to volunteer in the school or go on field trips with students, MUST complete and clear the volunteer application process. Please know that we want you to join in and support ALL of our school-wide efforts, so we ask that you take the time to complete the Volunteer Application Process. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Monica Bibbs at 202-939-5280. Thank you!

Please go to this link to complete your chaperone application:
https://octo.quickbase.com/db/bg37a864v?a=dbpage&pageID=26
or dcps.dc.gov (About DCPS > Human Resources > Fingerprinting & ID Badges).

Before-School Drop-Off Request

We are noticing that a number of students are playing on the playground unattended before school opens at 8:10am. To ensure the safety of our students, we are asking parents assistance to make sure that students are under their supervision up to 8:10am when school opens and Patterson staff members are in place to receive their students.

Kids Ride Free Program SY19-20

Students who are District residents and who attend a District public, public charter or private school, between the ages of 5 and 21, or a ward of DC through the foster care system can enroll in the Kids Ride Free program. Each student requesting to participate in Kids Ride Free **will be assigned one SmarTrip card with a unique serial number**. Students who lose their card will be responsible for paying their fare until they receive a replacement KRF SmarTrip card.