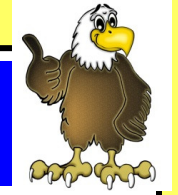


W.B. Patterson Elementary School

"Excellence is the Expectation"



Weekly Parent Update

February 27 - March 3, 2023

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Black History Month

Holiday and Winter Break: February 20 - February 24, 2023

- Holiday: February 20th - School is Closed
- Winter Break: February 21st - February 24th - School closed for students and teachers

Monday, February 27, 2023

- Regular School Day
- Afterschool Programming @3:15pm

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

- Regular School Day
- Afterschool Programming @3:15pm

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

- Regular School Day
- Afterschool Programming @ 3:15pm

Thursday, March 2, 2023

- Regular School Day
- Afterschool Programming @ 3:15pm

Friday, March 3, 2023

- Regular School Day
- Afterschool Programming @ 3:15pm

Breakfast will be served in the class for all students beginning promptly at 8:40am and ends at 9:00am! Please make sure that you are on time to receive breakfast.

Instructional Start Time:

9:00 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

8:40 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., or your child will be dismissed from the program after 3 late pick-ups.



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 or Ms. Monica Bibbs in the main office either in person or by phone at 202-939-5280 to conference with Dr. Thomas and/or Mrs. Johnson-Avery.

"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 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!!!



Breakfast in the Cafeteria from 8:10 am-8:35 am!

Grades Kindergarten-5 will be served breakfast in the cafeteria.

Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten will be served breakfast in the classrooms.

Please do not send students prior to 8:10 a.m.

Breakfast will end promptly at 8:35 a.m.!! Kitchen doors CLOSE at 8:35 a.m.



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 2018-2019 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.

The Change in Seasons and Student Arrival to School



Patterson Parents

The weather is beginning to change and as a result, we do not want our students standing out in the cold, rain, sleet or snow. With that said, we ask that you not send your child to school until the school doors open daily at 8:40 a.m. Thank you!

ATTENTION!

Did you know that the SY21-22 Kids Ride Free Pass expired on September 30, 2022? Do not get left behind! Sign-up for your SY22-23 KRF Pass! Please note that the receipt of the new SY22-23 pass deactivates the SY21-22 pass. The KRF Pass allows students from grades K – 12 to ride for free on Metro buses and the subway.



NEWS

Did you hear?

W. B. Patterson has a website. Go to the link below for your Parent Weekly Bulletin and all the latest information about Patterson:

<http://walter-b-patterson-elementary.amt-webbing4you.com>



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).

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

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 2:30 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.





- March 1 - 7, 2023 APTT/PTC Meetings
- March 2, 2023 Read Across America Day
- March 3, 2023 Authors Event @ 9:00 - 10:40
- March 5 - 11, 2023 Social Worker's Appreciation Week
- March 6, 2023 March Madness Daily Events Begin
- March 9, 2023 Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- March 10, 2023 District-led Professional Development:

School is closed for students



- March 17, 2023 St. Patrick's Day