W.B. Patterson Elementary School

"Excellence is the Expectation"

Weekly Parent Update

April 10 - 14, 2023 **Volume 10, Bulletin 31**

Monday, April 10, 2023

- ½ Day PD ½ Day Recordkeeping Day
- School Closed for Students

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

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

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

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

Thursday, April 13, 2023

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

Friday, April 14, 2023

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

Monday, April 17, 2023

- Emancipation Day – School Closed (Holiday)

Tuesday – Friday, April 18 – 21, 2023

- Spring Break
- ***School Closed for Students and Teachers***

Sunday, April 23, 2023

- **Upload Test to Return COVID-19 Results (Must be negative for school re-entry on Monday, April 24, 2023)**

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.

(Abbreviated Version) **Notice of Non-Discrimination.** In accordance with state and federal laws, the District of Columbia Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, family status, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, genetic information, disability, source of income, status as a victim of an interfamily offense, or place of residence or business. For the full text and additional information, visit http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/About+DCPS/Human+Resources/Notice+of+Non-Discrimination. If you need assistance with any non-discrimination complaint, please contact DCPS at:

"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 signe[illegible] 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!

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? <u>All persons that wish to volunteer in the school or go on field trips with students, MUST complete and clear the volunteer application process</u>. 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).

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.

- April 10, 2023 ½ Day – Professional Development; ½ Day – Recordkeeping Day (No School for Students)

- April 12, 2023 Vision to Learn Screenings

- April 17, 2023 Holiday – Emancipation Day (School Closed for Students and Staff)

- April 18 – 21, 2023 Spring Break (School Closed for Students and Staff)

- April 26, 2023 Administrative Professionals' Day
- May 1-5, 2023 Staff Appreciation Week
- May 11, 2023 Fun Run
- May 12, 2023 Multicultural Day
- May 18, 2023 Science Fair
- June 2, 2023 Career Day
- June 9, 2023 Field Day

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PATTERSON
ELEMENTARY PARENTS
YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

APRIL

PARENT MEETING

THURSDAY,
APRIL 13TH, 2023

8:45-9:45am

Patterson Library

Topic:

Service Providers Share Out

PARCC/Upcoming School Events

Early Childhood
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Now accepting applications:

DC Public Schools Chancellor's Parent Advisory Board

Apply by May 7, 2023
bit.ly/dcpschancellorparentboard

DCPS is looking for parents and caregivers from across the District to join Chancellor Lewis D. Ferebee's Parent Advisory Board for School Year 2023 - 2024. The Advisory Board provides space on a monthly basis for parents to receive timely updates from the Chancellor and DCPS leadership, ask questions, and engage with various DCPS teams to learn about and provide input on current or emerging priorities and initiatives.

Applications are available in English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Amharic. Please **text 202-480-3166 or email ceo.info@k12.dc.gov** to request a paper application.

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On accepte les demandes de candidature

Conseil consultatif des parents relevant du Chancelier des Écoles publiques de DC (2023-2024)

Veuillez faire une demande de candidature à bit.ly/dcpschancellorparentboard d'ici le 7 mai 2023

DCPS recherche des parents et des tuteurs dans tout le District pour intégrer le Conseil consultatif des parents relevant du Chancelier Lewis D. Ferebee pour l'année scolaire 2023-2024. Le Conseil consultatif offre un espace aux parents pour, chaque mois, recevoir des mises à jour en temps opportun du Chancelier et de la direction de DCPS, poser des questions et dialoguer avec diverses équipes de DCPS pour en savoir plus sur les priorités et les initiatives actuelles ou émergentes et donner leur avis à ce sujet

Les formulaires de demande de candidature sont disponibles en anglais, en espagnol, en français, en chinois, en vietnamien et en amharique. Pour faire une demande de candidature sur papier, veuillez envoyer un message texte au 202-480-3166 ou un courriel à ceo.info@k12.dc.gov