

June 19, 2020

Dear Hyde-Addison ES Families,

Thank you to all families who have already enrolled! This certainly helps the school team plan and prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, including class assignments and materials. The Hyde-Addison ES Team is still awaiting guidance from DCPS, around scheduling dates for families to pick up items left in classrooms.

Happy Juneteenth! Please see the link, if you are interested in learning a bit more about the history of Juneteenth. <https://www.juneteenth.com/history.htm>
Please see all other announcements and updates, below.

DCPS Updates

Updated School Year 2020-2021 Calendar (DCPS)

DCPS released the academic calendar for SY20-21. To mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on student learning, DCPS is prioritizing instructional time with the addition of 5 instructional days, for a total of 185 student days. To accommodate the added instructional days, professional development days were reduced from 10 to 7 and some adjustments were made to previously planned extended weekends in February and April. Pre-Service will start on August 24, and the first day for students is August 31. **For additional details, you can review the updated calendar attached.**

Previous Updates

Students now have access to 1,000s of e-books and audiobooks through Sora OverDrive

Get your child access to this great new resource, which lets them download popular e-books and audiobooks, available for Chromebooks, smart phones, computers, tablets, and even Kindles! It's like having the library available with the click of a button. Get started one of three ways:

1. Click on Sora on your child's Clever Dashboard OR
2. Visit <https://soraapp.com/library/dcpsdc> OR
3. Download the Sora App via the Apple or Google Play store

Check out the attached flier for step-by-step instructions for how to set your child up with Sora OverDrive.

Summer Enrichment Programs Go Online

From June 22 to July 24, DCPS will provide virtual summer programming for students in grades K-12. Enrichment offerings for elementary and middle school students will focus on literacy, science, math, and social studies, while high school courses will focus on credit recovery, and there will be English Learner programming for students. Extended School Year (ESY) services will be available to eligible students. ESY services will include special education and related services outlined in the ESY section of eligible students' IEPs.

Additionally, Career Ready Internships will continue in a virtual environment. More information will be posted at dcps.dc.gov/summer.

We also anticipate offering an in-person “summer bridge” program in August should health conditions allow. This option would be hosted at every DCPS school and available to all students in grades 3, 6, and 9, with a focus on an enrichment curriculum. More information on staff opportunities for the summer bridge program is forthcoming.

Free grab-and-go meal service will also continue at school locations citywide throughout the summer. Please note, however, student meals and grocery distribution will not take place this Monday on Memorial Day.

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

Watch this short video about summer challenge from your Georgetown public librarians: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bzCAidOX9yXmgda8S2P4FYWv CmdHra2/prview>

Summer reading with the DC Public Library begins June 1st and goes through August 31st. There are programs and prizes for all ages, birth through adult, making it a great activity for the whole family! Sign up for an online account at [dclibrary.org/summer challenge](https://dclibrary.org/summer-challenge) and then log 20 minutes of reading at least 10 days each month to win.

Additional information:

- [DCPL Summer Challenge website](#)
- [How to browse and borrow DCPL books online](#)
- [How to get help from a DCPL librarian online](#)

<u>Resource Links</u>

Race and Equity Resources:

1. [DCPS Parent University: Talking About Race With Your Child \(PART 1\)](#)
2. [DCPS Parent University: Talking About Race With Your Child \(PART 2\)](#)
3. [Parent University Resource List](#)
4. [Article: “What do we tell our children?”](#)
5. [Courageous Conversation™](#)
6. [DC Public Library Reading Recommendations on Race & Privilege](#)

FAQ for DCPS Families – updated April 29

Public Toolkit from DC Health

Internet Access for Students

DCPS Information Hub on Coronavirus

Please keep you and your loved ones safe. Continue to follow the guidance of Mayor Bowser and DC Health. For resources and information about the District of Columbia Government's coronavirus (COVID-19) response and recovery efforts, please visit [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://www.coronavirus.dc.gov).

For copies of previous Hyde-Addison ES announcements and updates, please visit the Hyde-Addison ES website at <https://www.hydeaddisondc.org>. You may also like and follow Hyde-Addison ES on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/hydeaddison/>, for related resources.

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