

June 26, 2020

Dear Hyde-Addison ES Families,

As Washington, DC enters [Phase 2](#) and more sites begin to open across the District, it is important that everyone continues to follow safety procedures. As a result, the Hyde-Addison ES team is still awaiting guidance from DCPS, around scheduling dates for families to pick up items left in classrooms. Thank you for your patience. Please see all other announcements and updates, below.

PTA Announcement

We invite families of Hyde-Addison Elementary School to [cast your vote](#) for 9 officer positions for the 2020-21 school year: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, SECRETARY, AND VICE PRESIDENTS OF AFTERCARE AND ENRICHMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, EVENTS, FUNDRAISING, AND ROOM PARENT ENGAGEMENT.

Candidate statements may be found [here](#). For write-ins, note that a candidate must be a parent or guardian of a student at Hyde-Addison Elementary School during the 2020-21 school year, and all terms are for 1 year beginning on July 1, 2020. See the [Hyde-Addison PTA Bylaws](#) for more information about Officers and Elections (Article VI) and Duties of Officers (Article VII).

Cast your vote [here](#). The election will close at midnight, Sunday, June 28. (Note that our bylaws require paper ballots (Article VI), but these extraordinary times clearly call for extraordinary measures.) Votes will be kept confidential; email addresses are collected solely for the purpose of ensuring everyone votes just one time.

If you have any questions, please contact the PTA Executive Board at pta.hydeaddison@gmail.com. Thank you!

Hyde-Addison PTA Executive Board

DCPS Updates

Summer Bridge Registration (See Attachment)

Students entering grades 3, 6 and 9 can now sign-up to attend the in-person Summer Bridge program in August. Families can visit bitly.com/DCPSsummerbridge to complete the online registration form, which is available in all languages and can be completed by phone. Registration is open through July 6. Summer Bridge will take place in-person at schools for two weeks as long as health conditions allow. Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day. The dates and times are:

- Monday, August 10 to Thursday, August 13 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- Monday, August 17 to Thursday, August 20 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Previous Updates

Updated DCPS School Year 2020-2021 Calendar (See Attachment)

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.**

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

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 Reading Challenge 2020 (See Attachment)

Watch this short video about summer challenge from your Georgetown public librarians: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bzCAidOX9yXmgda8S2P4FYWv_CmdHra2/preview

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 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](#)

Resource Links

10 Tips for Teaching and Talking to Kids About Race

Strategies and points for parents to consider when talking to their children about race.

[Read more](#)

Talking About Race: Parents & Caregivers

In its "Talking About Race" resource page, The National Museum of African American History and Culture

offers resources tailored specifically for parents and caregivers.

[Read more](#)

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.

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.

Kindest Regards,

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