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2013-2014

School Year Calendar

Dear DCPS Families,

A new school year brings excitement and new opportunities for greatness. Our students return eager to reconnect and learn new things. Faculty and staff come back energized and ready to launch into new teaching and learning strategies. Families are primed and ready to support their children both at home and in the classroom. We are collectively motivated to work as hard as we possibly can to continue improving the achievement of our students.

We have a lot to look forward to this year. We have doubled down at our schools to provide all of our students with the strongest and most dynamic learning experience we can. We have made significant investments in technology and are bringing richer and more challenging content into the classroom. We've also hired additional literacy-focused staff to create a culture of reading in all of our schools.

This strong emphasis on reading and writing is directly linked to work we have done to reach the goals of A Capital Commitment, our five-year strategic plan. As we enter year two of the plan, we bring the momentum of an historic DC CAS performance on our side. Our students and educators have worked extremely hard, and the results have clearly demonstrated that their effort is paying off ... big time.

These kinds of results are only possible when students are prepared by great schools that are worthy of a world-class designation. As I have stated before, there are three key components that we need to provide each of our students the education that they deserve:

- Great teachers, leaders and support staff;
- Rigorous academic content, including academic interventions that support our struggling learners and advanced coursework to challenge those who are thriving; and
- Motivated students and engaged families who see our schools as exciting and vibrant places to learn.

Collectively, these components help fuel our efforts to make underperforming – or simply average – schools, great schools.

This year, we have decided to utilize the 2013-2014 School Year Calendar to highlight some (but certainly not all) of the great schools within our district. As you will see, the schools span across each ward, contain diverse student bodies, and are creating amazing learning environments with creative programming and solid partnerships. In short, the thirteen schools represent a snapshot of who we are: a school district that has all the ingredients to become the very best.

If we continue to work together, there is absolutely no limit to what we can achieve. After all, we are DCPS and I know we can do this!

Sincerely,



Kaya Henderson
Chancellor



Get Involved, Stay Involved

- Volunteer to read with students in one of our schools
- Join one of your school's parent organizations – PTA, PTO, HSA, LSAT
- Mentor a student
- Facilitate internship opportunities for secondary school students
- Get to know your child's teachers and learn how to support learning at home
- Donate books to a school library or classroom

Contact your school to learn more or visit dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/volunteer

Where you can find us

At your child's school

There are staff members at every school ready to provide you with the latest information on how we can all work together to help your child learn and succeed.

On the phone

- Call us if you have questions or concerns at (202) 442-5885.
- Sign up for the latest DCPS news by texting FIRST to 91990. Standard Data & Messaging rates may apply.

On the web

- dcps.dc.gov features the most up to date DCPS information as well as great stories about our schools and students.
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At Community Meetings

We want to hear from you! DCPS offers numerous opportunities for families and community members to provide input to DCPS leadership and learn more about DCPS academic initiatives.



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SWW AT FRANCIS-STEVENSON

An extension of the successful School Without Walls High School, School Without Walls @ Francis-Stevens is a community of families focused on our students' academic and social success today, to ensure success for tomorrow. — Richard Trogisch, Principal



AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7 Eid Al-Fitr	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 New Teacher Orientation	15 New Teacher Orientation	16	17
18	19 Teachers Report Back/ Professional Development	20 Professional Development	21 Professional Development	22 Professional Development	23 Professional Development	24 Beautification Day
25	26 First Day of School	27	28	29	30	31





JANNEY elementary

Each and every day, the students, teachers, and parents of Janney Elementary live our core values of inquiry, equity, collaboration, experimentation, reflection, and achievement. Yet, above all else, we are a community. We learn, play and explore together. We challenge, support and serve one another. And we cultivate ourselves as individuals so that we may inspire growth in the world around us. — Norah Lycknell, Principal



SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day No school for students, teachers and staff	3	4	5 Rosh Ha'Shanah	6 October SAT Registration Deadline	7
8 Grandparents Day	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14 Yom Kippur
15 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins	16	17	18	19	20 October ACT Test Registration Deadline	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	September 2013: Attendance Awareness Month National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15) Library Card Sign-Up Month Back to School Nights are scheduled by each school during September and early October.				





CAPITOL HILL MONTESSORI

At Capitol Hill Montessori, we are building on the legacy of the world-famous Montessori educational philosophy to create a caring community where all students reach their full potential. The Montessori program was founded in 1907 by Dr. Maria Montessori, based on her research showing the capacity of children to teach themselves. Today, we are proud to continue the Montessori tradition here in the District of Columbia.
— Brandon Eatman, Principal



OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 2013: College Awareness Month National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15) National Book Month National Bullying Prevention Month		1	2	3	4	5
				November SAT Registration Deadline		SAT Test Date I
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Columbus Day No school for students, teachers and staff					Professional Development Day No school for students	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Parent-Teacher Conference Day No school for students						ACT Test Date
27	28	29	30	31		
Finals/Midterms begin						





SAVOY elementary

At Savoy Elementary, we live by our vision: Savoy Elementary School is to be a beacon to the world by creating an exciting environment where young people are peerless in their academic achievements and fearless in their artistic accomplishments. We have been recognized by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities in 2012 as one of eight national Turnaround Arts Schools. Our students have hosted First Lady Michelle Obama and have performed at the White House. We believe that each of our Savoy students has the potential to become the person he/she is destined to be. — Patrick Pope, Principal



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

November 2013:

National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month

1 Records Day End of term 1 Students dismissed at 12:15 p.m. Grades due from teachers						2 SAT Test Date 2
3 Daylight Savings Time End	4 Start of Term 2	5	6	7	8 December ACT and SAT Registration Deadline Grades due from teachers	9
10	11 Veterans Day No school for students, teachers and staff	12	13	14	15 Term 1 Report cards issued	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day No school for students, teachers and staff Hanukkah begins DCIAA Turkey Bowl Football Championship	29 Thanksgiving Break No school for students and teachers Native American Heritage Day	30



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HARDY middle school

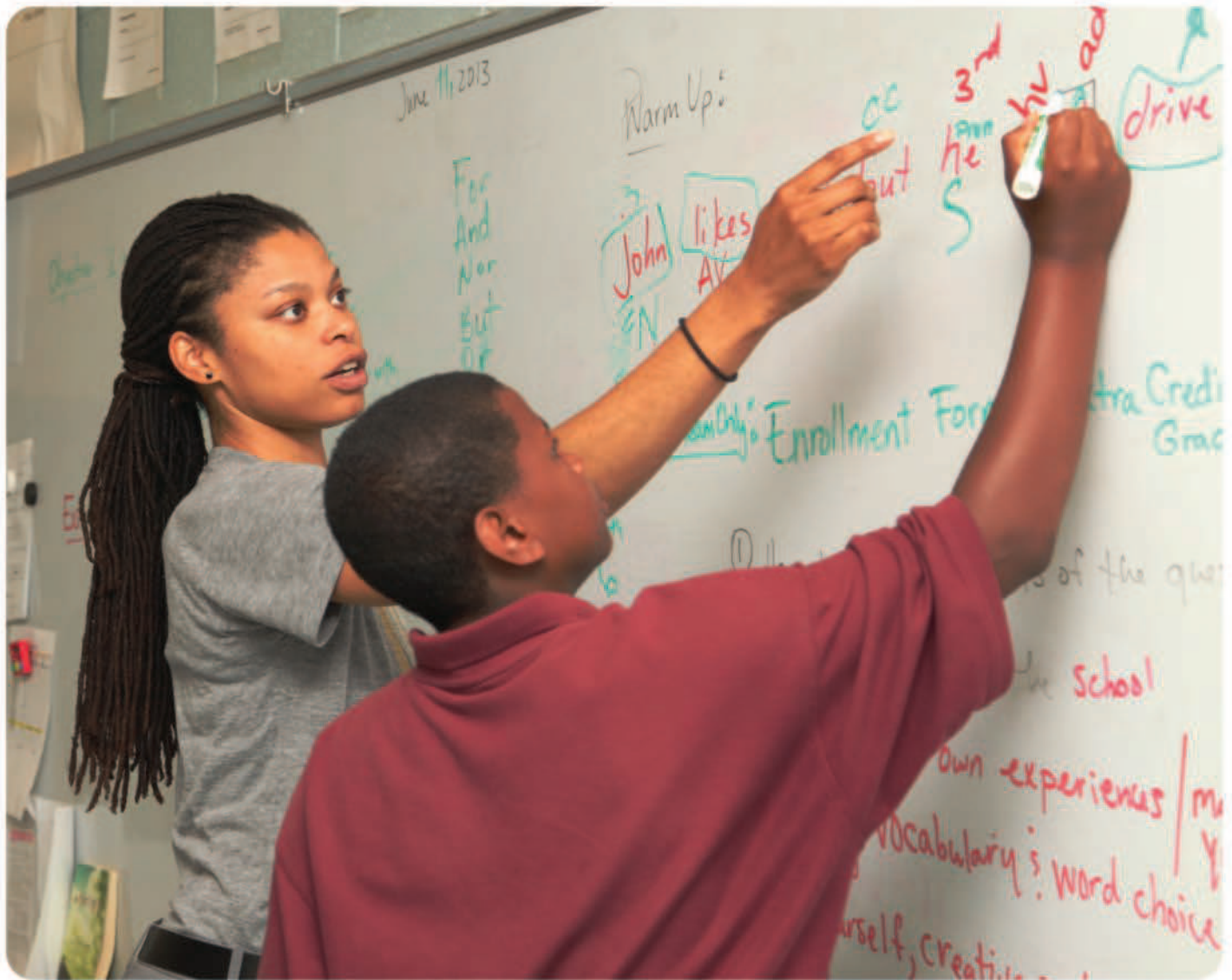
Hardy Middle School offers students and their families a dynamic educational environment which includes strong academics, which are enhanced by the Schoolwide Enrichment Model, and a very strong middle school music and arts program. Our Hardy Hawks show their spirit and fly high with a focus on advancing their academic skills and their enthusiasm for music and the arts. — Patricia Pride, Principal



DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 Term 2 Progress Reports Issued	7 SAT Test Date 3
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 December ACT Test Date
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Winter Break No school for students and teachers	24 Winter Break No school for students and teachers	25 Christmas Day Winter Break No school for students, teachers and staff	26 Kwanzaa begins Winter Break No school for students and teachers	27 SAT Test Date 4 Registration Deadline Winter Break No school for students and teachers	28
29	30 Winter Break No school for students and teachers	31 Winter Break No school for students and teachers				





KELLY MILLER middle school

At Kelly Miller Middle School, we provide students with an education that supports innovation, creative thinking, and character development in a safe and nurturing environment. Our goal is to encourage, motivate, and model positivity so that all students will be able to become future leaders of America. — Abdullah Zaki, Principal



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 2013: National Mentoring Month			1 New Year's Day No school for students, teachers and staff	2 Winter Break No school for students and teachers	3 Winter Break No school for students and teachers	4
5	6 Professional Development Day No school for students	7	8	9	10 February ACT Test Registration Deadline	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Term 2 Finals/ Midterm begin	18
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No school for students, teachers and staff	21	22	23	24 Records Day End of term 2 Students dismissed at 12:15 p.m. Grades due from teachers	25 SAT Test Date 4
26	27	28	29 MS and HS Indoor Track Championship	30	31 Lunar New Year	





LUDLOW-TAYLOR elementary

At Ludlow-Taylor ES on Capitol Hill, our students are experiencing impressive academic growth. Our vision is to create a community of life-long learners, using the arts as a vehicle to ensure academic success. Our students have many opportunities to create, collaborate, discover, discuss, debate, stand, deliver and perform, by way of our Reggio Emilia Early Childhood Education program and our arts-integrated classrooms. We are Ludlow-Taylor, an Arts Integration School and the Home of the Academic Warriors! – Carolyn Cobbs, Principal



FEBRUARY

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

February 2014:

Black History Month
American History Month

						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					Term 2 Report Cards Issued	ACT Test Date
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					Professional Development Day No school for students	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Presidents Day No school for students, teachers and staff					
23	24	25	26	27	28	
	Parent-Teacher Conference Day No school for students HS Basketball Championship		Advisory Period Midpoint		Term 3 Progress Reports Issued	



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Teacher Days: 19, Student Days: 17.



MCKINLEY education campus

In 2012, McKinley Tech HS was recognized by the US Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School. Our focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) has enabled us to become one of the top schools in the DC area. This year, McKinley has extended its reach to a new STEM neighborhood middle school. Our goal is nothing less than to ensure that McKinley scholars – both middle and high – will be among the very best in the nation! – Dr. Louise Jones, Principal



MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 2014: National Women's History Month National Reading Awareness Month Music In Our Schools Month						1
2	3 Read Across America Day	4	5	6	7 April ACT Test Registration	8 SAT Test Date 5
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Term 3 Finals/ Midterms Begin	25	26	27	28 Records Day End of term 2 Students dismissed at 12:15 p.m. Grades due from teachers	29
30	31 DC CAS Begins Term 4 Begins					





POWELL elementary

At Powell Bilingual Elementary School, we pride ourselves on being a family-friendly school that seeks to prepare all students to succeed at the high school and college of their choice. Our students are instilled with core values and a deep appreciation for languages through a well-rounded dual-language curriculum. Our students have the opportunity to become biliterate/bilingual in English and Spanish while acquiring the skills they need to become active community members who love school. – Janeece Docal, Principal



APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 2014: National Autism Awareness Month National Financial Literacy Month National Mathematics Education Month Poetry Month School Library Month		1	2 International Children's Book Day World Autism Awareness Day	3	4 SAT Test Date 6 Registration Deadline	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 DC CAS Ends Term 3 Report Cards Issued	12 April ACT Test Date
13	14 Spring Break No school for students, and teachers	15 Spring Break No school for students, and teachers	16 Emancipation Day No school for students, teachers and staff	17 Spring Break No school for students, and teachers	18 Spring Break No school for students, and teachers	19
20 Easter	21 Spring Break No school for students, and teachers	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			





BANCROFT elementary

Bancroft Elementary School's purpose is to inspire and enable all students to reach their full potential. We are proud of the community we have built at Bancroft, where students live, learn and express themselves in two languages – English and Spanish. Here we are all learners, and we support one another. Teachers work collaboratively to engage all students in differentiated learning experiences that push them to achieve and support them as they grow. Families are respected and invited into the life of the school, and they are given the tools to be true partners in their children's education. Anyone who walks through our doors can feel the Bancroft pride –el orgullo de Bancroft. We invite you to be a part of it too! ¡Se parte de ello! – Alison Auerbach, Principal



MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 2014: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Physical Fitness and Sports Month National Science Month Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month				1	2 Professional Development Day No school for students	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day		Advisory midpoint				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day No school for students, teachers & staff	27	28	29	30	





SEATON elementary

Located in the historic Shaw neighborhood, Seaton Elementary has an extremely diverse, multicultural staff and student population. Our vision at Seaton Elementary School is to provide a challenging academic program. We use artistic inquiry and discovery to support classroom instruction and encourage the integration of both arts and technology in our curriculum. We encourage healthy living through our school garden program. We are working to create a caring environment and promote a love of learning. — Kim Jackson, Principal



JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Parent-Teacher Conference No school for students	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19 Last Day of School Students dismissed at 12:15 p.m.	20 Professional Development Day No school for students	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Ramadan begins
29	30 First Day of Summer School	June 2014: Gay and Lesbian Pride Month Student Safety Month				





MOTEN elementary

At Moten Elementary School, we have a proud team of caring adults who are committed to ensuring that our students' academic and social emotional needs are met. We believe in building a collaborative community of excellence among our staff, students, parents and committed community members. Our focus is our children's success! – Mireille Lopez-Humes, Principal



JULY

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 2014: Parks and Recreation Month			1	2	3	4 Independence Day No school for students, teachers and staff	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29 Eid Al-Fitr	30				





WHEATLEY education campus

Housed in a renovated, state-of-the-art facility, Wheatley Education Campus is a community of learners where students are cared for and nurtured. Teachers, students and parents work together to create a school environment where we work hard but have fun in the process. Students are encouraged to read authentic literature and to work on math problems with connection to real world applications. We utilize technology to enhance learning and—from our Headstart students up to our middle schoolers—we are all focused on learning and growing. We believe that the mental health and well-being of our students is essential, so we have social workers and a psychologist on staff to meet our students' needs. - Scott Cartland, Principal



AUGUST

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

***Early Childhood Transition Week:**

August 25-27 have been set aside for individual parent teacher meetings for pre-K 3 year old, and pre-k 4 year old families.
 August 28: Children with last names beginning with letters A through K will attend full day.
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 New Teacher Orientation	14 New Teacher Orientation	15	16
17	18 Teachers Report Back/ Professional Development	19 Professional Development	20 Professional Development	21 Professional Development	22 Professional Development	23 Beautification Day
24	25 First Day of School	26	27	28	29	30
31						





KEY ACADEMIC DATES

Holidays

Labor Day	September 2, 2013
Columbus Day	October 14, 2013
Veterans Day	November 11, 2013
Thanksgiving Break	November 28-29, 2013
Winter Break	December 23, 2013 -January 3, 2014
Christmas	December 25, 2013
New Year's Day	January 1, 2014
Martin Luther -King, Jr. Day	January 20, 2014
Presidents' Day	February 17, 2014
Spring Break	April 14-21, 2014
Emancipation Day	April 16, 2014
Memorial Day	May 26, 2014
Independence Day	July 4, 2014

Parent-Teacher Conference Days

October 21, 2013
February 24, 2014
June 2, 2014

Record Days (12:15 p.m. Early Dismissal)

November 1, 2013
January 24, 2014
March 28, 2014
June 19, 2014 (Last Day of School)

Professional Development Days

October 18, 2013
January 6, 2014
February 14, 2014
May 2, 2014
June 20, 2014

Term Dates

Term 1 Begins	September 3, 2013
Term 1 Midpoint (Progress Reports mailed)	September 26, 2013
Finals/Midterms (Term 1)	October 28 - November 1, 2013
Grades Due From Teachers	November 8, 2013
Term 1 Report Cards Mailed	November 15, 2013
Term 2 Begins	November 4, 2013
Term 2 Midpoint (Progress Reports mailed)	December 6, 2013
Finals/Midterms (Term 2)	January 17-24, 2014
Term 2 Report Cards Mailed	February 7, 2014
Term 3 Begins	January 27, 2014
Grades from Teachers Due	January 31, 2014
Term 3 Midpoint (Progress Reports Mailed)	February 28, 2014
Term 3 Finals/Midterms	March 24-28, 2014
Term 3 Mark Entry	April 4, 2014
Term 3 Report Cards Mailed	April 11, 2014
Term 4 Begins	March 31, 2014
Term 4 Midpoint (Progress Reports mailed)	May 14, 2014
Finals for Graduating Seniors	May 26-June 5, 2014
Grades Due for Graduates	June 6, 2014
Finals/Midterms (Term 4)	June 10-18, 2014
Grades Due From Teachers	June 19, 2014
Term 4 Report Cards Mailed	June 26, 2014
Summer School Begins	June 30, 2014
Summer School Ends	August 1, 2014



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