

DCPS UNITY



2019 - 2020
SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



Dear DCPS Community,

I spent my first 100 days as Chancellor of DC Public Schools (DCPS) engaging with communities across all eight wards. During school visits, community forums, neighborhood tours, and “Ferebee Friday” meet-ups, I met students, educators, families, and advocates who are committed to celebrating our successes and exploring our opportunities. One of the things I was most excited by in these interactions was the rich diversity of our school communities and our District as a whole.

DCPS values the unique backgrounds and experiences of our students, families, educators, and staff. That’s why I’m thrilled that the theme for the School Year 2019-2020 calendar is “DCPS Unity.” With a focus on unity, we are celebrating the many ways our diversity makes us a stronger and more inclusive school district so that we can prepare every student for success in college, career, and life.

As Chancellor, I consider myself chief champion for DCPS, and I am committed to partnering with you to ensure that there is a high-quality school at every grade level in every neighborhood. In School Year 2019-2020, we are expanding early childhood learning opportunities through the development of Ketcham’s Early Childhood Center (Ward 8), exploring bold school models like Bard Early



College High School (Ward 7), and opening beautiful modernized facilities like Ida B. Wells Middle School (Ward 4). We will continue to work together to provide critical resources for our students and families, including supports for homeless students, restorative justice practices, and programming for our young men and women of color.

Thank you for partnering with DCPS to provide all students with an excellent education. It will take all of us – students, families, educators, staff,

partners, and communities – to enter our next phase of excellence. I look forward to working with you this school year to ensure that every student feels loved, challenged, and prepared to take advantage of the growth and opportunity in our thriving city.

In partnership,

Lewis D. Ferebee
Chancellor
DC Public Schools

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Keep an eye out for community meetings throughout the year to provide input on DCPS programs and initiatives.

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- Tubman Elementary School (Ward 1) Photo by DCPS
- Langley Elementary School (Ward 5) Photo by John Keith
- Columbia Heights Education Campus (Ward 1) Photo by DCPS
- Stanton Elementary School (Ward 8) Photo by DCPS
- Stuart-Hobson Middle School (Ward 6) Photo by DCPS
- Lafayette Elementary School (Ward 4) Photo by DCPS
- Kramer Middle School (Ward 8) Photo by DCPS
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Chancellor Letter:

- Johnson Middle School (Ward 8) Photo by DCPS

Inside front:

- Tubman Elementary School (Ward 1) Photo by DCPS



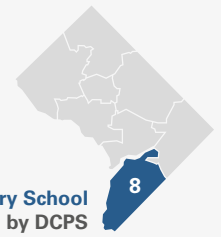
The new early childhood center at **Ketcham Elementary School** creates an easy pathway for families like Amira Moore's family – students can remain at the same school from child care through fifth grade.



National Parks and Recreation Month

AUGUST

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Ketcham Elementary School
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JULY

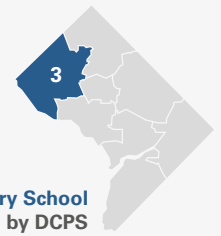
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28	29	30	31	01	02 Rainbow Graduation	03

The Mary Jane Patterson Fellowship and the Executive Master's in Leadership program at Georgetown University helped Principal Jen Geoffroy Thomas chart the course to become an even better leader for the **Hearst Elementary School** community.



National Back To School Month

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Hearst Elementary School
Photo by DCPS

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02 Rainbow Graduation	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10 Eid al-Adha Begins
11	12	13	14 New Educator Orientation	15	16	17
18	19 Professional Development Day	20 Professional Development Day	21 Professional Development Day	22 Professional Development Day	23 Professional Development Day	24
25	26 First Day of School for K-12 Students Term 1 Begins	27	28	29 First Day of School for All Pre-K Students	30	31



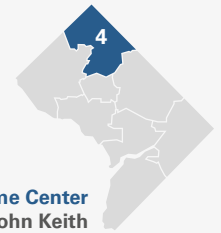
Nathalia Gianella, a staff member at the **Language Acquisition Division's (LAD)** Welcome Center, supports newly-enrolled English Learners in DCPS by referring them to resources at their school and in their community.

SEPTEMBER

Attendance Awareness Month | National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15) | Library Card Sign-Up Month (dclibrary.org)

OCTOBER

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LAD Welcome Center
Photo by John Keith

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02 Labor Day No school for students, teachers, and staff	03	04	05	06	07
08 Grandparents Day	09 Ashura Begins	10	11	12	13	14
15 National Hispanic Heritage Month Begins	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Term 1 Progress Reports Due in Aspen	28
29 Rosh Hashanah Begins	30 Term 1 Midpoint Progress Reports Mailed	01	02	03	04	05

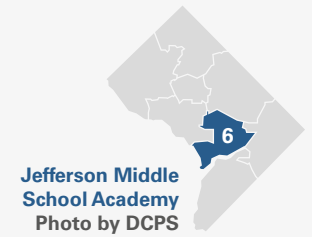


Staff members like Sarah Garner at **Jefferson Middle School Academy** work to ensure that aspects of the student experience include lessons on respect, self-advocacy, and identity.

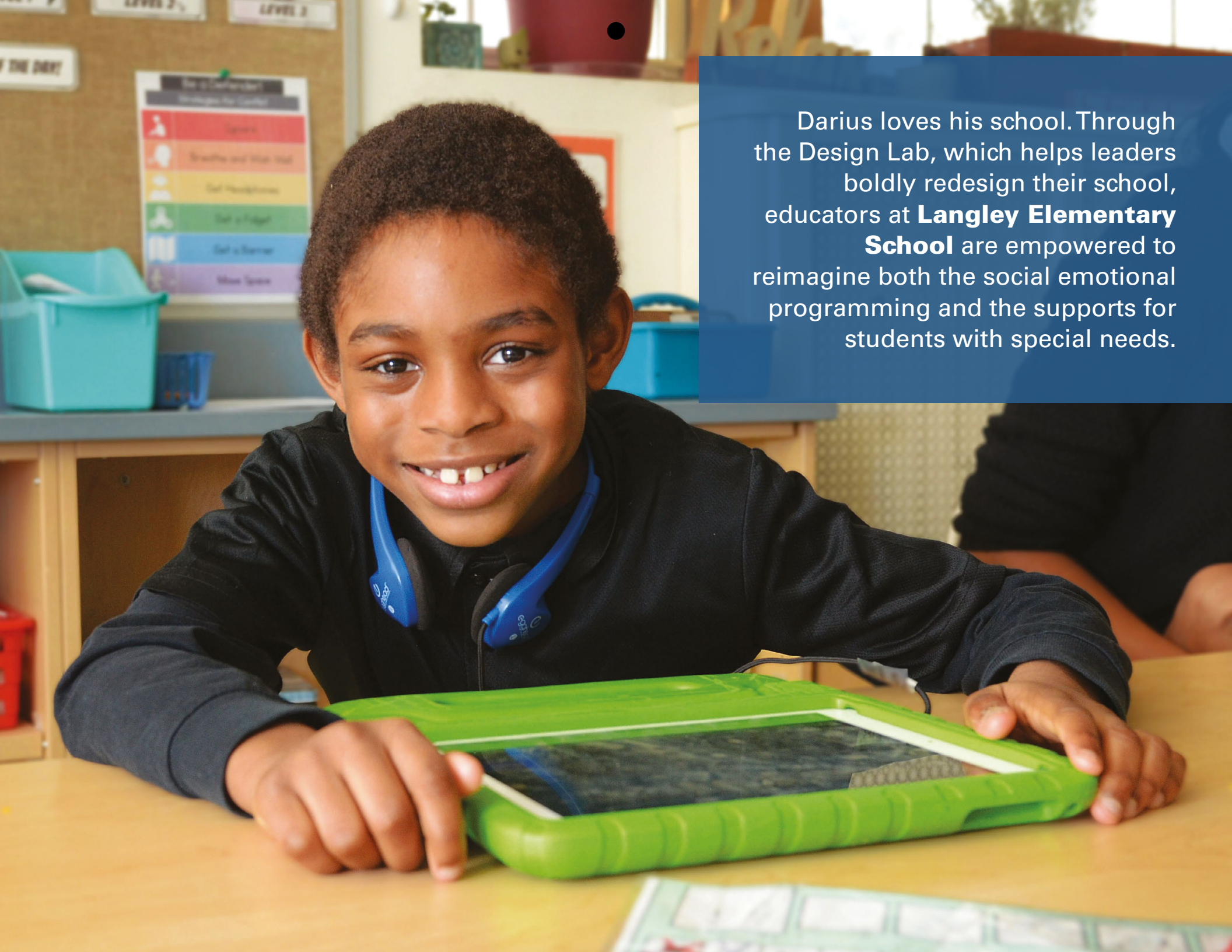
OCTOBER

College Awareness Month | National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15)
 | National Book Month | National Bullying Prevention Month | Principal Appreciation Month

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29 Rosh Hashanah Begins	30 Term 1 Midpoint Progress Reports Mailed	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08 Yom Kippur Begins	09	10	11 Parent - Teacher Conference Day No school for students	12
13	14 Columbus Day No school for students, teachers, and staff	15 National Hispanic Heritage Month Ends	16 In-School PSAT and SAT Day	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30 SAT Makeup Date for Seniors	31 Halloween	01	02



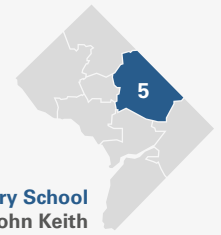
Darius loves his school. Through the Design Lab, which helps leaders boldly redesign their school, educators at **Langley Elementary School** are empowered to reimagine both the social emotional programming and the supports for students with special needs.

NOVEMBER

National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month

DECEMBER

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Langley Elementary School
Photo by John Keith

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27	28	29	30 SAT Makeup Date for Seniors	31 Halloween	01	02
03 Daylight Savings Time Ends	04 Term 1 Ends Half-day PD and half-day Records Day for staff No school for students	05 Election Day Professional Development Day No school for students Term 2 Begins	06	07	08	09
10	11 Veterans Day No school for students, teachers, and staff	12 Term 1 Marks Due in Aspen	13	14 Term 1 Report Cards Mailed	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Break No school for students and teachers	28 Thanksgiving Day No school for students, teachers, and staff Turkey Bowl Football Championship	29 Thanksgiving Break No school for students and teachers	30

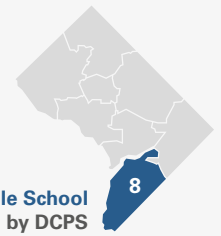


Cydney and Kiarah, students at **Kramer Middle School**, receive mentoring and academic tutoring through the district's partnership with Communities in Schools (CIS).

DECEMBER

Read a New Book Month

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Kramer Middle School
Photo by DCPS

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08	09	10 Term 2 Progress Reports Due in Aspen	11	12	13 Term 2 Midpoint Progress Reports Mailed	14 EdFEST
15	16 My School DC Lottery Application Opens for School Year 2020-2021	17	18	19	20	21
22 Hanukkah Begins	23 Winter Break No school for students and teachers	24 Winter Break No school for students and teachers	25 Christmas Day No school for students, teachers, and staff	26 Winter Break No school for students and teachers	27 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	01 New Year's Day No school for students, teachers, and staff	02	03	04

With a focus on empathy, patience, and privacy, homeless liaisons like Brigitte James at **Langdon Elementary School** work to remove barriers that can hinder students' learning.

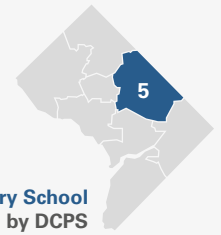


JANUARY

National Mentoring Month

FEBRUARY

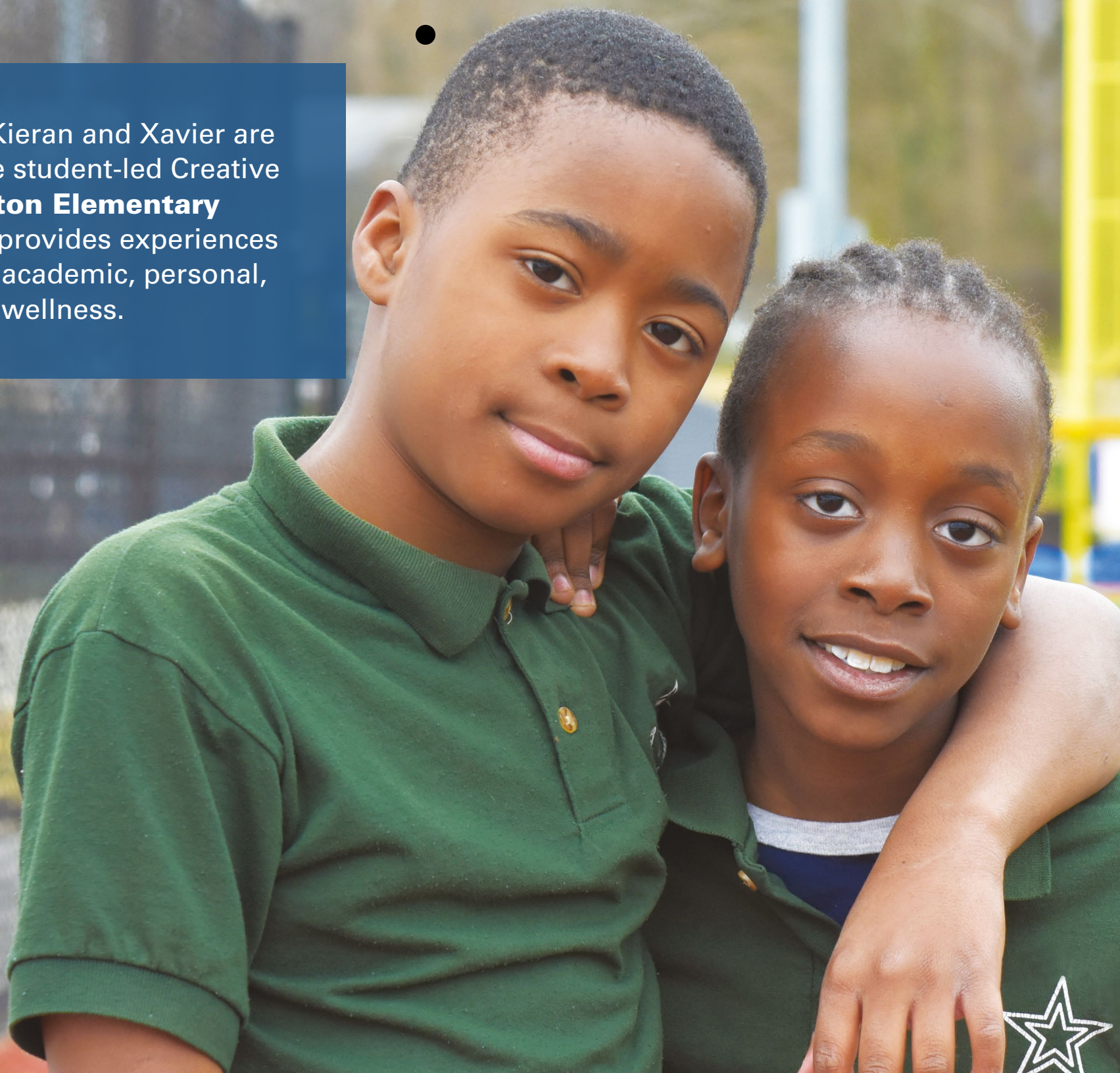
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Langdon Elementary School
Photo by DCPS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Winter Break No school for students and teachers	31 Winter Break No school for students and teachers	01 New Year's Day No school for students, teachers, and staff	02	03	04
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12	13	14	15	16	17 Parent - Teacher Conference Day No school for students	18
19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No school for students, teachers, and staff	21 Term 2 Midterms/ Finals Begin	22	23	24 Term 2 Midterms/ Finals End	25 Lunar New Year
26	27 Term 2 Ends Half-day PD and half-day Records Day for staff No school for students	28 Professional Development Day No school for students Term 3 Begins	29	30	31	01 My School DC Application Deadline for Grades 9-12

“Peace, King.” Kieran and Xavier are members of the student-led Creative School at **Stanton Elementary School**, which provides experiences that encourage academic, personal, and communal wellness.

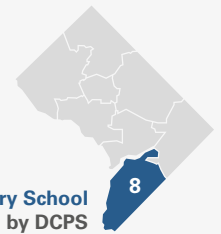


FEBRUARY

Black History Month

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Stanton Elementary School
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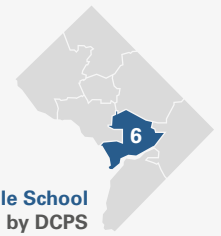
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26	Term 2 Ends Half-day PD and half-day Records Day for staff No school for students	Professional Development Day No school for students Term 3 Begins	29	30	31	My School DC Application Deadline for Grades 9-12
02	Term 2 Marks Due in Aspen	04	Term 2 Report Cards Mailed	06	07	08
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16	Presidents Day No school for students, teachers, and staff	February Recess No school for students and teachers	February Recess No school for students, teachers	February Recess No school for students, teachers	February Recess No school for students, teachers	22
23	24	25	Ash Wednesday	27	28	29



Through the Reign: Empowering Young Women as Leaders initiative, Jordan, Syieda, and Dannie at **Stuart-Hobson Middle School** focus on empowerment, self-love, and healthy living.

Women's History Month | National Reading Awareness Month

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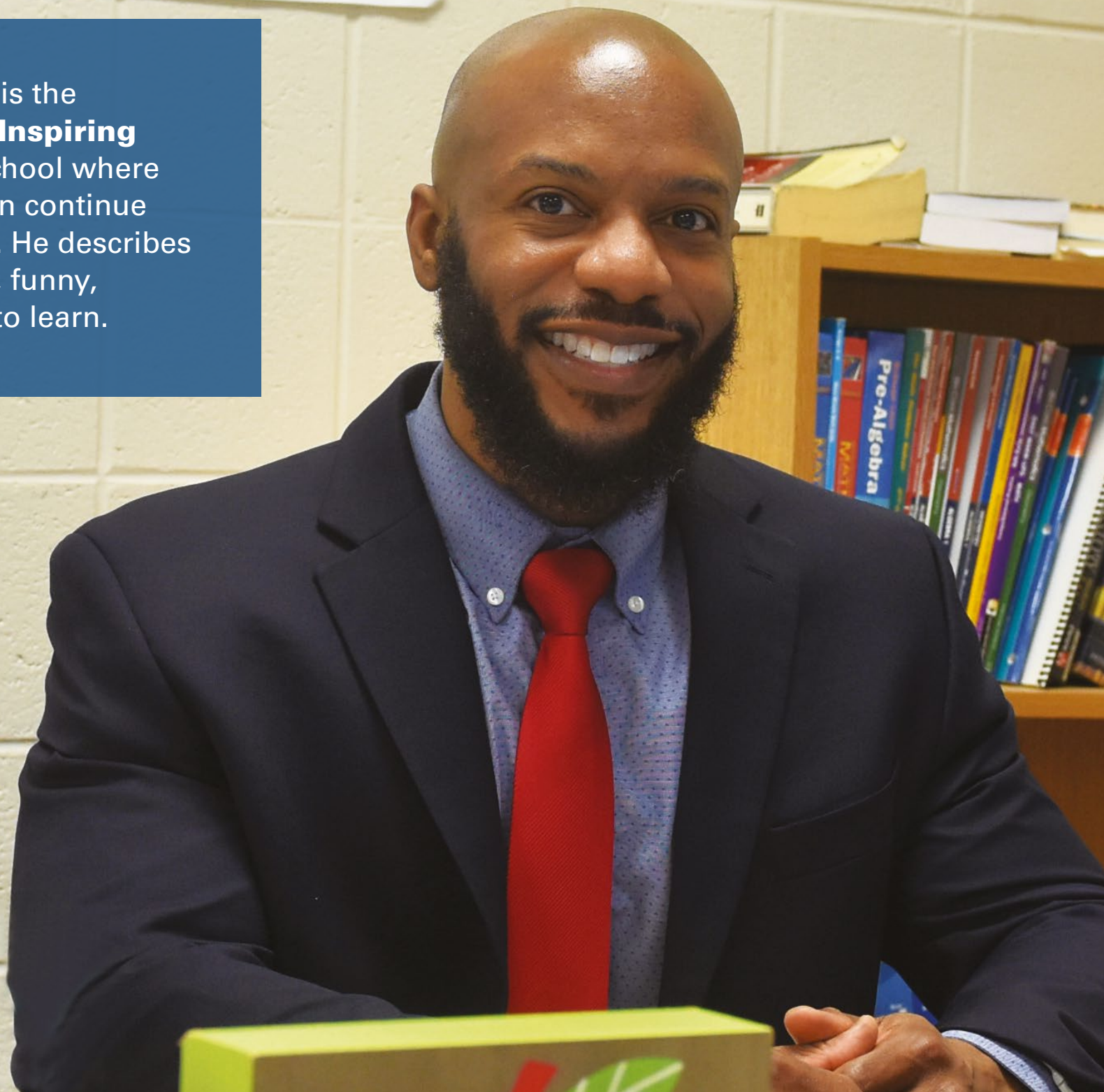


Stuart-Hobson Middle School
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MARCH

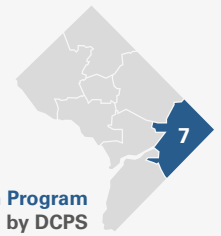
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01 My School DC Application Deadline for Grades PK3-8	02 Read Across America Day	03	04 In-School SAT Day for Juniors Term 3 Progress Reports Due in Aspen	05	06 Term 3 Midpoint Progress Reports Mailed	07
08 Daylight Savings Time Begins	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Professional Development Day No school for students	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 My School DC Lottery Results Released	28
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Raymond Cummings is the Assistant Principal at **Inspiring Youth Program**, a school where incarcerated youth can continue their DCPS education. He describes his students as smart, funny, insightful, and eager to learn.



National Autism Awareness Month |
 National Financial Literacy Month | National
 Mathematics Education Month | Poetry Month |
 School Library Month

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Inspiring Youth Program
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APRIL

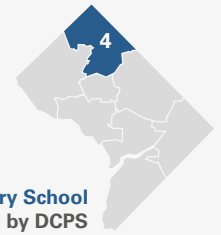
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29	30	31 My School DC Lottery Results Released	01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08 Passover Begins Term 3 Ends Half-day PD and half-day Records Day for staff No school for students	09 Term 4 Begins	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter	13 Spring Break No school for students and teachers	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
19	20	21	22 Earth Day Term 3 Marks Due in Aspen	23 Ramadan Begins	24 Term 3 Report Cards Mailed	25 Enrollment Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	01 My School DC Enrollment Deadline for Matched Students	02

The Peace Class at **Lafayette Elementary School** provides a safe space for students to practice mindfulness, process emotions, and learn conflict resolution strategies.



Asian-Pacific Heritage Month | Physical Fitness and Sports Month | National Science Month | Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month | Mental Health Awareness Month

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Lafayette Elementary School
Photo by DCPS

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	01 My School DC Enrollment Deadline for Matched Students	02
03	04 Teacher Appreciation Week	05 Teacher Appreciation Week	06 Teacher Appreciation Week	07 Teacher Appreciation Week	08 Teacher Appreciation Week	09
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15 Term 4 Progress Reports Due in Aspen	16
17	18 Term 4 Midpoint Progress Reports Mailed	19	20	21	22 Parent - Teacher Conference Day No school for students	23 Begins to Eid al-Fitr
24	25 Memorial Day No school for students, teachers, and staff	26	27	28	29	30
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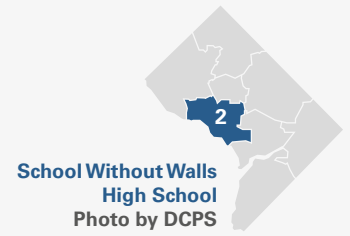
The Gender Sexuality Alliance at **School Without Walls High School** promotes a safe, inclusive space for people of all genders and sexualities to learn and discuss issues within the community.



LGBT Pride Month | Student Safety Month

JULY

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JUNE

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14	15 Term 4 Finals Begin	16	17	18	19 Last Day of School for Students Term 4 Finals End	20
21 Father's Day	22 Term 4 Ends Half-day PD and half-day Records Day for staff No school for students Term 4 Marks Due in Aspen	23	24 Term 4 Report Cards Mailed	25	26	27
28	29 Summer School Begins	30	01	02	03	04 Independence Day



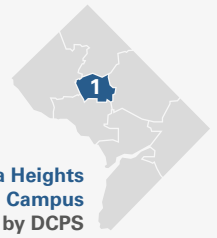
Through the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism (AOHT) at **Columbia Heights Education Campus**, Maria Carranza got the necessary training in her senior year to become a manager at The Watergate Hotel post-graduation.

National Parks and Recreation Month

AUGUST

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Columbia Heights
Education Campus
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	01	02	03 Independence Day (Observed) No school for students, teachers, and staff	04 Independence Day
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26	27	28	29	30 Eid al-Adha	31 Summer School Ends	01

JULY

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS



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Afterschool Programs	202.442.5002	Integrity	202.939.4913
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Early Stages	202.698.8037	Special Education	202.673.4488
Enrollment	202.478.5738	Student Placement	202.939.2004
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Home/Hospital Instruction Program (formerly Visiting Instructional Services)	202.939.3506	Volunteers	202.442.4090

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City Council 202.724.8000
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DC Healthy Families (Free Health Insurance) 202.639.4030
Department of Health 202.442.5955
Department of Behavioral Health 1.888.793.4357
Child and Family Services Administration (CFSA) 202.442.6100
Report Abuse 202.671.SAFE

Kimball Elementary School (Ward 7)
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KEY CALENDAR DATES

HOLIDAYS

Independence Day	Jul 4, 2019	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Jan 20, 2020
Labor Day	Sep 2, 2019	Presidents Day	Feb 17, 2020
Columbus Day	Oct 14, 2019	February Recess	Feb 18 - 21, 2020
Veterans Day	Nov 11, 2019	Spring Break	Apr 13 - 17, 2020
Thanksgiving Day	Nov 28, 2019	Emancipation Day	Apr 16, 2020
Christmas Day	Dec 25, 2019	Memorial Day	May 25, 2020
New Year's Day	Jan 1, 2020	Independence Day	Jul 4, 2020

TERM DATES

FIRST TERM	THIRD TERM
Term 1	Term 3 Progress Reports Due in Aspen
Term 1 Progress Reports Due in Aspen	Term 3 Midpoint/Progress Reports Mailed
Term 1 Midpoint/Progress Reports Mailed	Term 3 Ends
Term 1 Ends	Term 3 Marks Due in Aspen
Term 1 Marks Due in Aspen	Term 3 Report Cards Mailed
Term 1 Report Cards Mailed	FOURTH TERM
SECOND TERM	Term 4 Begins
Term 2 Begins	Term 4 Progress Reports Due in Aspen
Term 2 Progress Reports Due in Aspen	Term 4 Midpoint/Progress Reports Mailed
Term 2 Mid-Point/Progress Reports Mailed	Term 4 Finals Begin*
Term 2 Midterms/Finals Begin	Term 4 Finals End*
Term 2 Midterms/Finals End	Term 4 Ends*
Term 2 Ends	Term 4 Marks Due in Aspen*
Term 2 Marks Due in Aspen	Term 4 Report Cards Mailed*
Term 2 Report Cards Mailed	SUMMER SCHOOL
THIRD TERM	Summer School Begins
Term 3 Begins	Summer School Ends

*Subject to change depending on snow days.

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