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August 2023

Dear DCPS Community,

As the Chancellor of DC Public Schools (DCPS), I am excited to share the official calendar for School Year 2023-2024. I hope you and your families will use it as a guide to help plan for a successful academic year while celebrating the enduring legacy of our district.

This year's calendar theme illustrates "DCPS Forever" with our very own community of students, staff, parents, families, and alumni—all of whom are vital to our sustainability. To tell the story, each month features individuals throughout DCPS who have unique experiences and multiple connections that center a common goal—every student reaches their full potential.

Flipping through these pages fills me with joy to see DCPS alumni returning as teachers, school-based staff and leadership, Central Services team members, and parents of current DCPS students. We are fortunate to have Columbia Heights Education Campus alumna and teacher Shuk-Kuen Chiu, Duke Ellington School of the Arts alumnus and band director Kieron Irvine, and so many others inspiring the next generation to strive for success.

It is amazing to have multiple members of the same family committed to ensuring that every student feels loved, challenged, and prepared to positively influence society and thrive in life. Educators like Barnard Elementary School's mother-daughter duo—Dr. Gladys Creppy Hetherington and Tatiana Hetherington—they are DCPS' vision in action.

And as the proud parent of a DCPS graduate, I am honored to highlight and work alongside my colleagues who have also selected DCPS for their children. Reading how Marie Reed Elementary School Principal Katie Lundgren gets fulfillment leading in the school system educating her sons brought up a sentiment I know well.

The future of DCPS rests in the hands of this tremendous community, and together, we embody DCPS Forever. I cannot wait to make new memories in School Year 2023-2024 as our students continue to grow and thrive. Thank you for your support.

In partnership,

Lewis D. Ferebee, Ed.D.
Chancellor
DC Public Schools



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IN THE COMMUNITY

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





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AUGUST

“Middle school is dear to my heart because as a kid growing up in DC, I remember those middle school grades being such a critical stage. So, it doesn’t even really feel like work to me. It’s me giving back to students at a time when they need it the most. And I also just enjoy having my family be a part of this community.”

– Osiris Walcott - DCPS Parent | Coolidge High School Alumnus | In-School Suspension Coordinator, Brookland Middle School

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 7-11 Summer Bridge for Rising 6th and 9th Graders
- 11 Rainbow Graduation
- 28 First Day of School for K-12 Students
- 31 First Day of School for Pre-K Students

TEACHERS

- 16-18 New Educator Orientation
- 21-25 Preservice Week

SPECIAL DATES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 ● Summer Bridge for Rising 6th and 9th Graders	8 ● Summer Bridge for Rising 6th and 9th Graders	9 ● Summer Bridge for Rising 6th and 9th Graders	10 ● Summer Bridge for Rising 6th and 9th Graders	11 ● Summer Bridge for Rising 6th and 9th Graders ● Rainbow Graduation	12
13	14	15	16 ■ New Educator Orientation	17 ■ New Educator Orientation	18 ■ New Educator Orientation	19
20	21 ■ Preservice Week	22 ■ Preservice Week	23 ■ Preservice Week	24 ■ Preservice Week	25 ■ Preservice Week	26
27	28 ● First Day of School for K-12 Students	29	30	31 ● First Day of School for Pre-K Students	1	2

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SEPTEMBER

"I strongly believe that all children deserve an excellent education regardless of what school they attend. As the principal of Marie Reed [Elementary School], I'm going to make sure that's the case for all of my students. And as a parent, I trust DC Public Schools to have an excellent teacher in front of my kids. That's the #1 thing that's going to help my child succeed, and I trust that because I know how DCPS values excellent teachers."

– Katie Lundgren - DCPS Parent | Principal, Marie Reed Elementary School

KEY DATES

● STUDENTS

04 Labor Day

■ TEACHERS

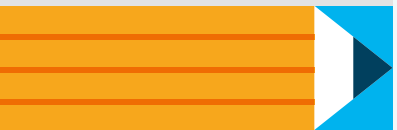
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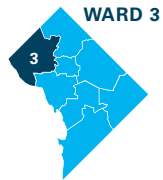
★ SPECIAL DATES

- 04 Labor Day
- 10 Grandparents' Day
- 15 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins
- 16 Rosh Hashanah Begins
- 25 Yom Kippur Begins
- 29 Sukkot Begins

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 ● ■ * Labor Day: DCPS Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10 * Grandparents' Day	11	12	13	14	15 * Hispanic Heritage Month Begins	16 * Rosh Hashanah Begins
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 * Yom Kippur Begins	26	27	28	29 * Sukkot Begins	30

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OCTOBER

"My heart has always been in DC; I really love working here. I'm happy to be serving our students and our families, and that's the best part of this work for me. Everything I do is in support of developing a learning environment that is conducive for students who look like me to thrive within the school system and be successful!"

— Ijeoma Anyanwu - Wilson High School (now Jackson-Reed High School) Alumna | DCPS Deputy Chief of Data, Central Services

KEY DATES

● STUDENTS

- 09 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 19 Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- 20 Professional Development Day for Staff

■ TEACHERS

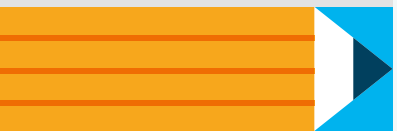
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- 15 Hispanic Heritage Month Ends

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 ● ■ * Indigenous Peoples' Day: DCPS Closed	10	11	12	13	14
15 * Hispanic Heritage Month Ends	16	17	18	19 ● ■ Parent-Teacher Conference Day: No school for students	20 ● ■ PD Day for Staff: No school for students	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

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NOVEMBER



"In education, you must reach the heart of the student. Once you get their heart, once they know who you are, once they know that you care about them in particular, they're going to open up more. Once that is established, kids open up to you, and their brain is a sponge."

– Dr. Gladys Creppy Hetherington - Former DCPS Parent | Assistant Principal, Barnard Elementary School

"What I love most about my job is getting to know the kids. They have such personalities, they're so loving. It's just amazing to see their curiosity at such a young age. They want to know everything—it's great to see that. I just hope I can help give them the tools they need as they get older, and that they keep that curiosity and keep growing and learning."

– Tatiana Hetherington - Brookland Middle School Alumna | Early Childhood Education Teacher Assistant, Barnard Elementary School

● STUDENTS

- 03 No School for Students
- 10 Veterans Day
- 22-24 Thanksgiving Break
- 23 Thanksgiving Day

■ TEACHERS

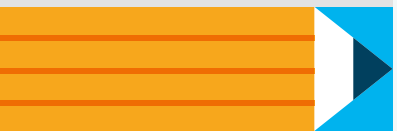
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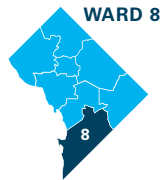
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- 23 Thanksgiving Day

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29	30	31	1	2	3 ● No School for Students ■ End of Term/PD Day/Records Day	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 ● ■ * Veterans Day: DCPS Closed	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 ● ■ Thanksgiving Break: No school for students and teachers	23 ● ■ * Thanksgiving Day: DCPS Closed	24 ● ■ Thanksgiving Break: No school for students and teachers	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

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DECEMBER

“Being a first-generation college student, being valedictorian at Anacostia High School ... I want to see more students in DC doing the same thing that I did.”

— Jewel Cauley - Anacostia High School Alumna | Teacher, Stanton Elementary School

KEY DATES

● STUDENTS

- 22-29 Winter Break
- 25 Christmas Day

■ TEACHERS

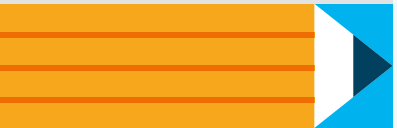
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- 25 Christmas Day

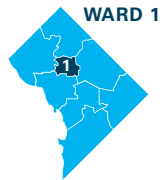
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- 02 EdFEST (Grades 9-12)
- 08 Hanukkah Begins
- 09 EdFEST (Grades PK3-8)
- 11 My School DC Lottery Opens
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Kwanzaa Begins

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 * EdFEST (Grades PK3-8)
3	4	5	6	7	8 * Hanukkah Begins	9 * EdFEST (Grades 9-12)
10	11 * My School DC Lottery Opens	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 ● ■ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	23
24	25 ● ■ * Christmas Day: DCPS Closed	26 ● ■ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers * Kwanzaa Begins	27 ● ■ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	28 ● ■ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	29 ● ■ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

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JANUARY

"I know 6th grade is a significant grade, but when they look back, I just want them to have fond memories of the 6th grade. The hope is for them to leave here feeling like they learned something, and they remember the fun we had."

– Shuk-Kuen Chiu - Columbia Heights Education Campus (CHEC) Alumna | Teacher, Columbia Heights Education Campus (CHEC)

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 01 New Year's Day
- 02 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 26 No School for Students

TEACHERS

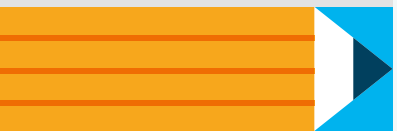
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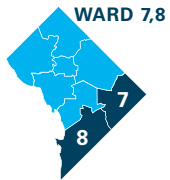
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- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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31	1 ● ■ * New Year's Day: DCPS Closed	2 ● ■ PD Day for Staff: No school for students	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 ● ■ * Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: DCPS Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 ● No School for Students ■ End of Term/PD Day/ Records Day for Staff	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

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FEBRUARY

“Mr. Davis means a lot to the kids, and he is actually a mentor of mine as well. He’s been here a long time, even when I was a guest instructor. He’s from Southeast DC, like me and our students, and he is such a staple here. Our artform is being recognized throughout our community, and that means a whole lot.”

– Alease Jackson - Ballou High School Alumna | Cosmetology Teacher, Ballou STAY High School
– Marsten Davis - H.D. Woodson High School Alumnus | Barbering Teacher, Ballou STAY High School

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 16 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 19 Presidents’ Day

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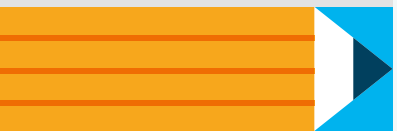
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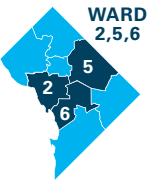
SPECIAL DATES

- 01 My School DC Application Deadline for Grades 9-12
- 14 Valentine’s Day
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 19 Presidents’ Day

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 * My School DC Application Deadline for Grades	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 * Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday	15	16 ● ■ PD Day for Staff: No school for students	17
18	19 ● ■ * Presidents' Day: DCPS Closed	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	1	2

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MARCH

“I graduated from DCPS, and my mom, Doris, worked as a substitute teacher for the district. I still live here in DC, so it means a lot being a native Washingtonian, working for the school system, and sending my daughter to a school within DCPS. It’s a personal commitment that I’ve made to my city... it matters to me.”

– Adia Howard-Stroud - DCPS Parent | Duke Ellington School of the Arts Alumna | DCPS Operations Communications Coordinator, Central Services
– Doris Howard - DCPS Grandparent | Retired Substitute Teacher, Peabody Elementary School & Burroughs Elementary School

KEY DATES

● STUDENTS

- 14 Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- 15 No school for students and teachers

■ TEACHERS

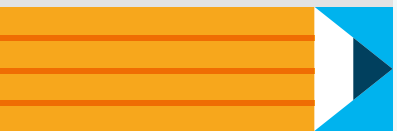
- 14 Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- 15 No school for students and teachers

★ SPECIAL DATES

- 01 My School DC Application Deadline for Grades PK3-8
- 17 St. Patrick’s Day
- 29 Good Friday
- 29 My School DC Lottery Results Released
- 31 Easter

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	1 * My School DC Application Deadline for Grades PK3-8	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 ● ■ Parent-Teacher Conference Day: No school for students	15 ● ■ No school for students and teachers	16
17 * St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 * My School DC Lottery Results Released * Good Friday	30
31 * Easter	1	2	3	4	5	6

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APRIL

"I work at Bancroft because I'm a proud graduate of Bancroft [Elementary School]. I love the community feel that this school gives, and I love that it's never the same thing every single day—it's something new."

— John Guzman - Columbia Heights Education Campus (CHEC) Alumnus | Director of Strategy and Logistics, Bancroft Elementary School

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 05 No School for Students
- 15-19 Spring Break
- 16 DC Emancipation Day

TEACHERS

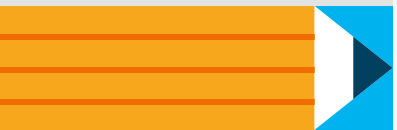
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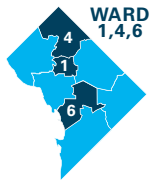
SPECIAL DATES

- 10 Eid al-Fitr Begins
- 16 DC Emancipation Day
- 22 Passover Begins
- 27 Enrollment Saturday

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5 ● No School for Students ■ End of Term/PD Day/ Records Day for Staff	6
7	8	9	10 * Eid al-Fitr Begins	11	12	13
14	15 ● ■ Spring Break	16 ● ■ * DC Emancipation Day: DCPS Closed	17 ● ■ Spring Break	18 ● ■ Spring Break	19 ● ■ Spring Break	20
21	22 * Passover Begins	23	24	25	26	27 * Enrollment Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

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MAY

“We’re both products of DC Public Schools, and it has served us well. It’s been great to see the investment that DC has made in the school system. We’ve seen progress inside the buildings—classrooms, technology, pools—and even the outdoor spaces. Any kid who wants to be great has the resources to be great. And that’s been a joy for us to see and our kids to experience.”

Zamir & Ashley Cobb, DCPS Parents
– Zamir - Roosevelt High School Alumnus
– Ashley - Dunbar High School Alumna | Teacher, Jefferson Middle School

KEY DATES

● STUDENTS

27 Memorial Day

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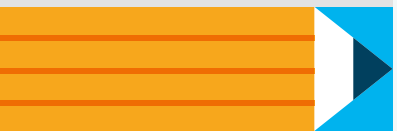
27 Memorial Day

★ SPECIAL DATES

01 My School DC Enrollment Deadline for Matched Students
27 Memorial Day

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 * My School DC Enrollment Deadline for Matched Students	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 ● * Memorial Day: DCPS Closed	28	29	30	31	1

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As a professional musician, I think it's important for students to see someone who looks like them in this setting. Me being here, teaching and doing my art form, allows them to see the possibilities. This school gave me my shot, so it's my duty to make sure I give kids their fair shot."

— Kieron Irvine - Duke Ellington School of the Arts (DESA) Alumnus & Head Band Director and Co-Chair of the Instrumental Music Department

"There's so much purpose in supporting those in the classroom. If educators had to focus on things like building or security issues, it would take away from teaching students. DCPS does a great job of understanding that it really takes a well-oiled machine for kids to be able to learn, and they deserve to learn in an environment that is safe, whole, and makes them happy."

— Brittany Irvine - DCPS School Operations Specialist, Central Services

● STUDENTS

- 04 DC Primary Election Day: No School for Students and Teachers
- 07 Last Day of School for Seniors
- 17 Last Day of School

■ TEACHERS

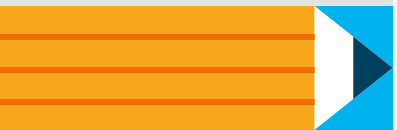
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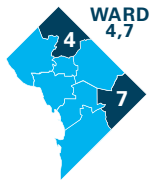
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- 04 DC Primary Election Day
- 17 Eid al-Adha Begins
- 19 Juneteenth

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26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 ● ■ * DC Primary Election Day: No School for Students and Teachers	5	6	7 ● Last Day of School for Seniors	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 ● Last Day of School * Eid al-Adha Begins	18 ■ End of Term/PD Day/ Records Day	19 * Juneteenth: DCPS Closed	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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JULY

“Being an alumnus adds a personal layer to me being a leader in DCPS. As a student at Takoma [Elementary School], I was provided with experiences outside the classroom, and we had teachers who truly cared about us and loved us. So, I want to make sure I’m that same light in my students’ lives and provide those same opportunities for our kids to get out of the building and see the city.

– Lawrence Dance - Coolidge High School Alumnus | Principal, Miner Elementary School

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● STUDENTS

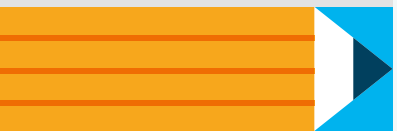
■ TEACHERS

★ SPECIAL DATES

- 04 Independence Day
- 06 Muharram Begins
- 16 Ashura Begins

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4 * Independence Day: DCPS Closed	5	6 * Muharram Begins
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 * Ashura Begins	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	24	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

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AUGUST

"I love supporting teachers; they have the hardest and most important job. And as an instructional coach within DCPS, sending our kids to school in our neighborhood was the only choice we were going to make. At all of our neighborhood schools in DCPS, there are amazing things happening—*incredible leaders, incredible educators, incredible families, incredible kids.*"

— Rushab & Rebecca Sanghvi, DCPS Parents
Rebecca - Instructional Coach, Bruce-Monroe Elementary School @ Park View

KEY DATES

● STUDENTS

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- 26 First Day of School for K-12 Students
- 29 First Day of School for Pre-K Students

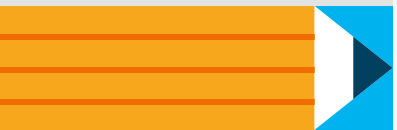
■ TEACHERS

- 19-23 Preservice Week

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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 ● Rainbow Graduation	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 ■ Preservice Week	20 ■ Preservice Week	21 ■ Preservice Week	22 ■ Preservice Week	23 ■ Preservice Week	24
25	26 ● First Day of School for K-12 Students	27	28	29 ● First Day of School for Pre-K Students	30	31

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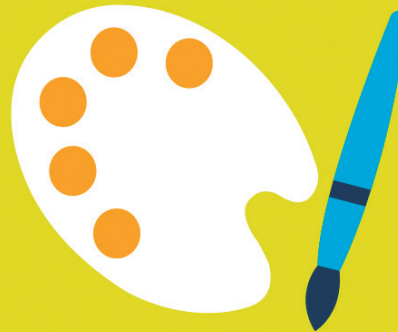
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City Council	202.724.8000
Emergency Response	911
DC Healthy Families (Free Health Insurance)	202.639.4030
Department of Health	202.442.5955
Department of Behavioral Health	1.888.793.4357
Child and Family Services Administration (CFSA)	202.442.6100
Report Abuse	202.671.SAFE

KEY CALENDAR DATES

Labor Day	September 4, 2023
Indigenous Peoples' Day	October 9, 2023
Parent-Teacher Conference Day	October 19, 2023
Professional Development Day for Staff	October 20, 2023
End of Term/PD Day/Records Day for Staff	November 3, 2023
Veterans Day	November 10, 2023
Thanksgiving Break	November 22-24, 2023
Thanksgiving	November 23, 2023
Winter Break	December 22-29, 2023
Christmas Day	December 25, 2023
New Year's Day	January 1, 2024
Professional Development Day for Staff	January 2, 2024
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 15, 2024
End of Term/PD Day/Records Day for Staff	January 26, 2024
Professional Development Day for Staff	February 16, 2024
Presidents' Day	February 19, 2024
Parent-Teacher Conference Day	March 14, 2024
No school for students and teachers	March 15, 2024
End of Term/PD Day/Records Day for Staff	April 5, 2024
Spring Break	April 15-19, 2024
DC Emancipation Day	April 16, 2024
Memorial Day	May 27, 2024
DC Primary Election Day	June 4, 2024
Juneteenth	June 19, 2024
Independence Day	July 4, 2024



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