



# Dora Kennedy French Immersion



## Community Updates

Jan. 14th 2022

### Greetings DKFI Community

*We, the Dora Kennedy French Immersion Staff, would like to wish each one of you a happy and prosperous New Year and we hope your Winter Break was enjoyable and restful. With the adjustment back to Virtual Learning temporarily, our closing of 2021 and walking into 2022 was not what we envisioned; however we are proud that we were able to continue instruction and learning with minimum disruption. As always, we thank you for your support and encouragement. Below you will find some information and updates relative to PGCPs and our community. Thank you & Best Wishes*

*-Principal James Spence*

### COVID-19 Quarantine and Testing Guidelines

PGCPs has updated the COVID-19 quarantine and testing guidelines, these recent updates can be found by referencing the following link: <https://www.pgcp.org/coronavirus/resources/quarantine-and-testing>

### STUDENT Take- Home Test

Home test kits and KN95 masks will be distributed to all students.. One kit containing two tests will be available for each child enrolled in DKFI. The distribution will be held at DKFI. Students will be requested to test weekly in order to return to school the following week. Every Sunday, tests should be taken and results uploaded from January 23 through February 27. The link for parental uploading will be provided next week. KN95 masks will be distributed first to our Middle School students, and then respectively to our elementary. Students may still wear their own masks.

#### **Home Testing Round 1**

-Parents will be required to upload into the database created on **January 23rd** and **January 30th**

#### **Home Testing Round 2**

-Parents will be required to upload into the database created on **February 6th** and **February 13th**

#### **Home Testing Round 3**

-Parents will be required to upload into the database created on **February 20th** and **February 27th**

[Round 1 Distribution Instructions Letter](#)

## COVID-19 Random Student Testing

It's vital that schools are open and as safe as possible. In our effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, it is our goal to have 10% of the student population randomly tested on a weekly basis. In addition, we would like to be able to have your child(ren) tested by the nurse if they present with symptoms of COVID-19. There is no cost for testing, and it will be done in a way to minimize interruption to the instructional day.

In order for a student to be eligible for random or symptomatic testing, parents must provide consent. Many of our parents have already provided consent, however if you have not; you can find the [consent form](#) on our website and also through the PGCPs website (COVID-19 tab). We will also provide hard copies via our Student Home test kit distribution.

## COVID-19 Vaccinations

The following link provides important information about vaccinations through a partnership between Prince George's County Health Department and PGCPs. [PGCo.COVID-19 Vaccination site](#)

## Virtual Learning

- The Virtual learning enacted due to December's COVID surge is due to end January 14th; In-person learning resumes on Tuesday January 18th; as **MONDAY JANUARY 17th is a HOLIDAY- Schools and Offices are CLOSED**
- Students in the K-6 Virtual Learning Program will return to In-Person Learning on January 31st 2022

## TESTING UPDATES

**IREADY TEST**- grades K-5 ; 1/18-2/4

**MAP FLUENCY** - grades K-2; 1/18-2/4

**TAG "COGAT"** - ALL 4th graders and 5th graders new to the building; 1/19-1/27

**January 17th**- Martin L. King Jr. Day Holiday- Schools and Offices Closed

**January 21st**- Early Dismissal Day 3 Hour Early Dismissal for Students and All School-Based Employees

**February 2nd**- End of Second Quarter

**February 3rd**- Professional Day for Teachers - 2 Hour Early Dismissal for students

## **SPECIALTY PROGRAMS LOTTERY CLOSES- JANUARY 28th 2022!!!!**

- Anyone interested in the SY23 DKFI Kindergarten cohort should take due notice of all dated requirements.  
[Specialty Lottery Resource document](#)

## **FREE TUTORING -MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS w/ CLOSE-UP FOUNDATION**

PGCPs and The Close Up Foundation have partnered to offer Close Up's Civic Leaders: After-School Tutoring Program. This program is focused on helping support MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS develop and practice critical ELA and civic skills as they explore issues impacting their community. Registration is open and middle school students are encouraged to take advantage of this tutoring opportunity!

**Program highlights include:** • Focus on English Language Arts • Excellent Tutors and Support • Students Meet 2x a week, one-hour sessions • Incentive for Students (service-learning hours, gift cards, and prizes)

[Tutoring Flyer Link \(MS\)](#)

**ATHLETICS- No spectators will be allowed at athletic events through the end of January.** Athletes who are not vaccinated will continue to be tested weekly. Starting Tuesday, February 1, attendance at athletic events will be limited to 25 percent of building capacity.