



Dora Kennedy French Immersion School

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Important PGCPS Administrative Procedure Updates

Please Note: Administrative Procedures have been revised incorporating recommendations from the Student Safety Task Force.

Please note the following updated Administrative Procedure.

PGCPS Administrative Procedure 0500 - School Visitors and Classroom Visits

School visitors:

- ◆ Upon arrival at the school, each visitor is required to have their photo identification scanned (that includes the visitor's name, date of birth) into the Raptor system prior to initiating any school-related business, and to sign out at the conclusion of any designated school-related business. On subsequent visits, the visitor's name may be located through a quick find screen.
- ◆ For honor roll assemblies, performances, etc. that are only located in one part of the building, visitors will not be required to be scanned through the Raptor system. Instead, school personnel may be located in the hallway to provide a sign-in sheet for all visitors as they enter the building and to direct visitors to the location where the event is being held. Once the event is over, visitors will be directed out of the building. If a visitor wishes to remain in the school and visit anywhere else in the building, the visitor will be required to have their ID scanned into the Raptor system and receive a visitor's badge.
- ◆ Permission to visit the school may be rescinded if the visitor does not comply with the stated purpose of visit or violates any policy or procedure

Classroom visits and/or conferences:

- ◆ Classroom visits and/or conferences with parents/guardians must be arranged in advance.
- ◆ Classroom visits and conferences must be conducted in such a manner that the visits and/or conferences do not interfere with the classroom activities of any student.
- ◆ Parents are required to arrange the visit one of two ways:
 - Contact the teacher directly via email
 - Fill out a visit request form in the main office (the card will then be put in the teacher's mailbox)
- ◆ The teacher will contact you to set-up an appointment.
- ◆ The spirit of the Administrative Procedure is not to prevent parents from visiting classes, but to avoid interruptions to instruction and testing, and to keep our students safe.
- ◆ Teachers will inform the office of the visit arrangements (date/time). In turn, the information will be entered in the "Teacher appointment log".
- ◆ Teachers will instruct parents to sign into the main office. During the visit, visitors are not to talk to or touch students, or interfere in any way with the classroom instruction and routines.
- ◆ Visits must be 30 to 45 minutes in length, at most.

***For security reasons, Lunch visits are not permitted.**

*** Class visitors and volunteers must have current fingerprint record on file in the office**

No More Excuses: You Need a Flu Vaccine

Get the Facts

- The flu vaccine is safe, does not cause the flu, and can protect the ones you love.
- Spread the word and GET VACCINATED

Even healthy people need a flu vaccine. Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease which affects the lungs and can lead to serious illness, including pneumonia. Even healthy people can get sick enough to miss work or school for a significant amount of time or even be hospitalized. The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older. Pregnant women, young children, older people, and people with certain chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes and heart disease are at increased risk of serious flu-related complications, so getting a yearly flu vaccine is especially important for them.

Is the flu vaccine safe?

Yes. The flu vaccine is safe. Each year, CDC works closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and other partners to ensure the highest safety standards for flu vaccines. The most common side effects of flu vaccines are mild. The flu vaccine cannot cause flu illness; however, it can cause mild side effects that may be mistaken for flu. For example, people vaccinated with the flu shot may feel achy and may have a sore arm where the shot was given. People vaccinated with the nasal spray flu vaccine may have a stuffy nose and sore throat. If experienced at all, these effects are mild and last only 1-2 days.

Even if I get sick, won't I recover quickly?

Not necessarily. Influenza can be serious and anyone can become sick with flu and experience serious complications. But even if you bounce back quickly, others around you might not be so lucky. Older people, young children, pregnant women and people with medical conditions like asthma, diabetes, heart disease and lung disease are at especially high risk from the flu. Kids, teens and adults who are active and healthy also can get very sick from flu and spread it to others. Some people can be infected with the flu virus but have no symptoms. During this time, you can still spread the virus to others.

Can't I wait and get vaccinated when/if flu hits my community?

It is best to get vaccinated before flu begins to spread. It takes about two weeks for the flu vaccine to provide full protection, so the sooner you get vaccinated, the more likely it is that you will be fully protected once flu begins to circulate in your community. Even if you got a flu vaccine, there are reasons why you might still get flu or a flu-like illness.

- You may have been exposed to a non-flu virus before or after you got vaccinated.

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The flu vaccine can only prevent illnesses caused by flu viruses. It cannot protect against non-flu viruses that may cause flu-like illness.

- Or you might have been exposed to flu after you got vaccinated but before the vaccine took effect.
- Or you may have been exposed to an influenza virus that was very different from the viruses included in that year's vaccine. The flu vaccine protects against the influenza viruses that research indicates will cause the most disease during the upcoming season, but there can be other flu viruses circulating.
- Unfortunately, the flu vaccine doesn't provide the same protection for everyone. How well the flu vaccine works can range widely from season to season and also can vary depending on who is being vaccinated. Don't avoid getting a flu vaccine because you don't like shots. The very minor pain of a flu shot is nothing compared to the suffering that can be caused by the flu. For most healthy, non-pregnant people ages 2 through 49 years old, the nasal spray flu vaccine is a great choice for those who don't like shots. Also, there is an intradermal shot that uses a much smaller needle than the regular flu shot. Either way, getting the shot or nasal spray can help to protect you from catching the flu. So, whatever little discomfort you feel from the minor side effects of the flu vaccine is worthwhile to avoid the flu.

There are two reasons for getting a flu vaccine every year:

- The first reason is that because flu viruses are constantly changing and flu vaccines may be updated from one season to the next.
- The second reason that annual vaccination is recommended is that a person's immune protection from the vaccine declines over time. Annual vaccination is needed for optimal protection.

For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu> or call 1-800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636).

Is it a Common Cold or Allergies?

It's a question that puzzles lots of folks when those familiar symptoms hit: Is all that coughing and sneezing from a cold or hay fever? It's sometimes a tough call, but how long your problems last is one of the big clues.

What Are Colds and Allergies?

They have different causes. You get a cold when a tiny living thing called a virus gets into your body. There are hundreds of different types that can get you sick. Once a cold virus gets inside you, your immune system, the body's defense against germs, launches a counter-attack. It's this response that brings on the classic symptoms like a cough or stuffed up nose. The viruses that cause colds are contagious. You can pick them up when someone who's infected sneezes, coughs, or shakes hands with you. After a couple of weeks, at the most, your immune system fights off the illness and you should stop having symptoms. It's a different story with allergies. They're caused by an overactive immune system. For some reason, your body mistakes harmless things, such as dust or pollen, for germs and attacks them. When that happens, your body releases chemicals such as histamine, just as it does when fighting a cold. This can cause a swelling in the passageways of your nose, and you'll start sneezing and coughing. Unlike colds, allergies aren't contagious, though some people may inherit a tendency to get them.

Differences Between Colds and Allergies

Take stock of your symptoms and how long they last to help you decide what's causing your trouble. The most important difference is that colds usually don't last longer than 14 days. So see your doctor if you still have symptoms after 2 weeks. These may be allergy symptoms or signs of another problem.

Characteristic	Cold	Allergy
How Long It Lasts	3-14 days	Days to months -- as long as you're in contact with the allergy trigger
When It Happens	Most often in the winter, but possible at any time	Any time of the year -- although the appearance of some allergy triggers are seasonal
When It Starts	Symptoms take a few days to appear after infection with the virus	Symptoms can begin immediately after contact with allergy triggers
Symptom	Cold	Allergy
Cough	Often	Sometimes
Aches	Sometimes	Never
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes
Fever	Rarely	Never
Itchy, watery eyes	Rarely	Often
Sore throat	Often	Sometimes
Runny or stuffy nose	Often	Often



Mobile Dentist Clinic
Friday, October 7, 2016

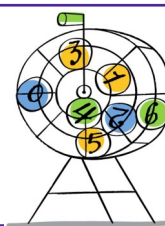
PICTURE DAY:
Friday, October 14, 2016

Picture make-up date,
Friday November 18, 2016



Family Bingo Night
Friday, October 14, 2016

Doors Open @ 6:45 pm
First Game @ 7:15 pm



School Clean-up Day
Saturday, October 29, 2016
With Mrs. Wutoh-Baylor
a.wutoh-baylor@pgcps.org



What is still the best way to contact a teacher?

Even though there are telephones located throughout the building; it is hard for teachers to contact parents during the hours of instruction and vice-versa. Please inform family members, friends, and parents that non-emergency phone calls will not be transferred to classrooms so as not to disturb the instructional day.

Please PLAN AHEAD, inform your child's teacher of any changes in his/her normal dismissal routine as they are the ones dismissing the students.

**** Spur of the moment changes are strongly discouraged as they add confusion to the dismissal process. Thank you for your cooperation.**

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Please Note!

Change of address, registration/withdrawal are done by appointment ONLY!

Please call or email Mme. Wright to schedule your appointment.

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SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
OCTOBER 2016						
2	3	4	5 PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm	6 8th Grade/France trip meeting 6:00-7:30 pm (Media Center)	7 Mobile Dentist Clinic	
9	10 "Men Make a Difference" Day sponsored by Ms. Donohue rachele.donohue@pgcps.org BoxTop Contest Starts!	11	12 Yom Kippur SCHOOL CLOSED	13	14 Picture Day (Individual pictures) Family BINGO Night @ 6:30 pm	
16	17	18 6th Grade Quebec Trip Information Night 6:00-7:00 pm (Media Center)	19	20 Kindergarten Classes trip to the farm : 9:30 am-1:30 pm BoxTop Contest Ends!	21 MSEA Convention SCHOOL CLOSED	
23	24	25	26	27 8th grade JA Finance trip with Ms. Donohue: rachele.donohue@pgcps.org	28 Professional Develop. ***** 2 HR EARLY DISMISSAL (1:55 PM)	
30	31 Professional Develop. ***** SCHOOL CLOSED for STUDENTS					

OCTOBER 2016 TESTING

8/23 - 10/1	KRA Kindergarten Readiness Assessment / KRA	Reading	K
9/19 - 10/19	MAP-R (SRI) online	Reading	2-8
9/26 - 10/28	Comprehensive Reading/L.A Data Capture	Reading	K, 1 & 2
9/26 - 10/21	SMI: Scholastic Math Inventory online / Online	Math	2-8
10/5 & 10/6	OLSAT-3rd grade TAG Identification	Cognitive Abilities	3
10/26 & 10/27	FAST#1	Science	5 & 8

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES as of September 2016

DAYS	ACTIVITY	GR.	ROOM	LEADER	TIME
MONDAYS	Girls Softball Practice	6,7,8	GYM	Mr. Price	4:15-5:45 pm
TUESDAYS	"Le Petites Voix"	3,4,5	103	Mr. Cunningham	8:00-9:00 am
	Girls Softball Practice	6,7,8	GYM	Mr. Price	4:15-5:45 pm
WEDNESDAY	Girls Softball Practice	6,7,8	GYM	Mr. Price	4:15-5:45 pm
	Boys Baseball Practice	6,7,8	GYM	Mr. Price	4:15-5:45 pm
THURSDAY	"Drama Kids"	6,7,8	119	Michelle Durr	4:20-5:20 pm
	Girls Softball Practice	6,7,8	GYM	Mr. Price	4:15-5:45 pm
FRIDAY	Girls Softball Practice	6,7,8	GYM	Mr. Price	4:15-5:45 pm



October Baseball & Softball Schedule Fall 2016 -All games are @ 5:30 pm



10/4 Dora Kennedy @ Robert Goddard Montessori
 10/6 William Wirt Middle Sch. @ Dora Kennedy FI
 10/10 Dora Kennedy@ Greenbelt Middle Sch.
 10/13 Dora Kennedy @ Gholson Middle Sch.
 10/17 Dora Kennedy @ Thomas Johnson Middle Sch.

For any questions regarding games/practices, please contact our athletic director, Mr. Price at Samuel.price@pgcps.org