





MOST LIKELY TO INSPIRE FUTURE LEADERS



August 2025

Dear DC Public Schools (DCPS) Community,

Unveiling the official calendar to our students, staff, and families is something I look forward to every year. This School Year 2025-2026 calendar is a resource for you and your family to plan a successful and joyful academic year.

"DCPS Yearbook" is a calendar theme that highlights a fun and thoughtful superlative each month, allowing us to give accolades for the incredible work happening across the district every day. And just like a traditional yearbook, it celebrates the best of DCPS and what makes us so special—our people.

When our Communications Team shared this theme for my input, I knew I had to choose a superlative that is especially meaningful to me. While I may be the Chancellor, I did not select **"Most Likely to Inspire Future Leaders"** to nominate myself, but to spotlight four of our longest-serving principals, who together have dedicated more than 90 years of service to our district:

- **Principal Holly Searl** has led **Ross Elementary School** where she has developed positive learning conditions and fostered a sense of belonging within the close-knit school community for over 15 years.

- **Principal Maria Tukeva** is the founding school leader of **Columbia Heights Education Campus (CHEC)**, where she has educated generations over the last four decades, building a legacy of excellence.
- Since 2005, **Principal Anita Berger** has shaped the bright minds of emerging global leaders at **Benjamin Banneker Academic High School**—the first public high school in the District to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.
- For more than 15 years as principal, **Dr. Grace Reid** has encouraged the young Bears of **Barnard Elementary School** to pursue acts of service under the school's motto "Only the Best Is Good Enough."

Mayor Bowser, another HER-story-maker who also inspires future leaders across our city, once said, **"a new school year is a new opportunity to open doors for young people."** It is my hope that the superlative to describe School Year 2025-2026 will be "Most Empowering"—a year in which every student is capable and ready. Thank you for supporting DCPS in opening doors and empowering students to thrive.

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

KEY DATES

Labor Day
Parent-Teacher Conference Day
Professional Development Day for Staff
Indigenous Peoples' Day
Records/Wellness Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Break
Thanksgiving
Winter Break
Christmas Day
New Year's Day
Professional Development Day for Staff
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
PD/Records Day for Staff
Professional Development Day for Staff
Presidents' Day
Wellness Day
Records/Wellness Day
Spring Break
DC Emancipation Day
Memorial Day
Primary Election Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day (Observed)

September 1, 2025
October 9, 2025
October 10, 2025
October 13, 2025
November 3, 2025
November 11, 2025
November 26-28, 2025
November 27, 2025
December 22-31, 2025
December 25, 2025
January 1, 2026
January 2, 2026
January 19, 2026
January 26, 2026
February 13, 2026
February 16, 2026
March 13, 2026
April 6, 2026
April 13-17, 2026
April 16, 2026
May 25, 2026
June 16, 2026
June 19, 2026
July 3, 2026



RELIGIOUS OR CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

FULL DAY

Whenever possible, schools should refrain from scheduling special events (homecoming, field trips, family events), important meetings, or DCPS scheduled athletic events on these days to avoid excluding staff, families, and students. This includes observances that occur on the weekend.

Rosh Hashanah	September 23, 2025	Eid al-Fitr	March 20, 2026
Yom Kippur	October 2, 2025	1st Day of Passover	April 1, 2026
Last Day of Sukkot	October 13, 2025	2nd Day of Passover	April 2, 2026
Diwali	October 20, 2025	Good Friday	April 3, 2026
Christmas Eve	December 24, 2025	Easter	April 5, 2026
Christmas	December 25, 2025	Eid al-Adha	May 27, 2026
First Day of Ramadan	February 18, 2026	First Day of Muharram	June 17, 2026
Ash Wednesday	February 18, 2026	Ashura	June 26, 2026

EVENING ONLY

Religious holidays and observances begin after sunset on these days. Schools may schedule daytime activities as usual, but whenever possible, schools should refrain from special evening events (homecoming, Back to School Night) and important meetings after school on these days. This includes observances that occur on the weekend.

Rosh Hashanah Begins	September 22, 2025
Yom Kippur Begins	October 1, 2025
Ramadan Begins	February 17, 2026
Eid al-Fitr Begins	March 19, 2026
Eid al-Adha Begins	May 26, 2026

AUGUST

KEY DATES

◆ STUDENTS

- 01 Summer School Ends
- 08 Rainbow Graduation
- 25 First Day of School for K-12 Students
- 28 First Day of School for Pre-K Students

◆ TEACHERS

- 13-15 New Educator Orientation
- 18-22 Preservice Week

◆ SPECIAL DATES

◆ OBSERVANCES



In Roosevelt High School's Culinary Arts Academy, teacher and Chef James Wiggins guides students through the fundamentals of cooking and exploration of the exciting world of restaurant and hospitality careers.



Roosevelt High School
MOST LIKELY TO EARN
A MICHELIN STAR 

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



SEPTEMBER

KEY DATES

◆ STUDENTS

01 Labor Day

★ TEACHERS

01 Labor Day

* SPECIAL DATES

01 Labor Day

07 Grandparents Day

15 Hispanic Heritage Month Begins

✖ OBSERVANCES

22 Rosh Hashanah Begins (Evening)

23 Rosh Hashanah (Day)



The Drama Players of Stuart-Hobson Middle School perform *Matilda the Musical* in front of a packed house of classmates, families, and community members.



Stuart-Hobson Middle School
**MOST LIKELY TO WIN
A TONY AWARD**



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



OCTOBER

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 09 Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- 10 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day

TEACHERS

- 09 Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- 10 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 31 Term 1 Ends

SPECIAL DATES

- 13 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 15 Hispanic Heritage Month Ends
- 31 Halloween

OBSERVANCES

- 01 Yom Kippur Begins (Evening)
- 02 Yom Kippur (Day)
- 13 Last Day of Sukkot (Day)
- 20 Diwali (Day)



Throughout its history, Benjamin Banneker Academic High School has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School four times. In the Legacy Room, students flip through old yearbooks and reflect on their school's rich heritage.



Banneker High School
MOST BLUE RIBBONS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 ✖ Yom Kippur Begins	2 ✖ Yom Kippur	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 ◆ ⚡ Parent-Teacher Conference Day: No school for students	10 ◆ ⚡ Professional Development Day for Staff: No school for students	11
12	13 ◆ ⚡ * Indigenous Peoples' Day: DCPS Closed ✖ Last Day of Sukkot	14	15 * Hispanic Heritage Month Ends	16	17	18
19	20 ✖ Diwali	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 ⚡ Term 1 Ends * Halloween	1



NOVEMBER

KEY DATES

◆ STUDENTS

- 03 Records/Wellness Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Break

◆ TEACHERS

- 03 Records/Wellness Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Break

◆ SPECIAL DATES

- 11 Veterans Day
- 27 Thanksgiving

◆ OBSERVANCES

Powell Elementary School

MOST LIKELY TO BE ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE



Civic-minded student advocates from Powell Elementary School lobbied city leadership to designate the Eastern red-backed salamander as DC's official amphibian. Their bill was unanimously passed by the DC Council and enthusiastically signed into law by DC Mayor Muriel Bowser.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 ◆  Records/Wellness Day: No school for students	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 ◆   Veterans Day: DCPS Closed	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 ◆  Thanksgiving Break: No school for students and teachers	27 ◆  Thanksgiving Break: No school for students and teachers  Thanksgiving: DCPS Closed	28 ◆  Thanksgiving Break: No school for students and teachers	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6



DECEMBER

KEY DATES

◆ STUDENTS

22-31 Winter Break

★ TEACHERS

22-31 Winter Break

* SPECIAL DATES

14 Hanukkah Begins (Evening)
26 Kwanzaa Begins (Day)

X OBSERVANCES

24 Christmas Eve (Day)
25 Christmas (Day)



Leckie Education Campus

MOST LIKELY TO PRODUCE A POET LAUREATE



Long-time school program provider DC SCORES hosts its annual poetry slam, bringing together poet-athletes from across the city to inspire crowds through spoken word. Middle school poet-athletes from Leckie Education Campus claimed the top prize with their performance at last year's East Side Slam.



JAM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 *Hanukkah Begins	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 ◆☀ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	23 ◆☀ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	24 ◆☀ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers ✖ Christmas Eve	25 ◆☀ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers ✖ Christmas: DCPS Closed	26 ◆☀ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers * Kwanzaa Begins	27
28	29 ◆☀ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	30 ◆☀ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	31 ◆☀ Winter Break: No school for students and teachers	1	2	3



JANUARY

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 01 New Year's Day
- 02 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 26 PD/Records Day for Staff

TEACHERS

- 01 New Year's Day
- 02 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 23 Term 2 Ends
- 26 PD/Records Day for Staff

SPECIAL DATES

- 01 New Year's Day
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

OBSERVANCES



Watkins Elementary School

MOST LIKELY TO PUT A PERSON ON THE MOON



Spacewomen and men from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) touch down at Watkins Elementary School to engage students and staff in fun STEM experiences including rocket launches, dry ice volcanoes, and a lot of future astronaut energy.



WARDS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 ◆☀️✳️ New Year's Day: DCPS Closed	2 ◆☀️✳️ Professional Development Day for Staff: No school for students	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 ◆☀️✳️ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: DCPS Closed	20	21	22	23 ☀️ Term 2 Ends	24
25	26 ◆☀️✳️ PD/Records Day for Staff: No school for students	27	28	29	30	31



FEBRUARY

Johnson Middle School

MOST LIKELY TO WIN A SUPER BOWL

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 13 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 16 Presidents Day

TEACHERS

- 13 Professional Development Day for Staff
- 16 Presidents Day

SPECIAL DATES

- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Presidents Day

OBSERVANCES

- 17 Ramadan Begins (Evening)
- 18 Ash Wednesday (Day)
- 18 First Day of Ramadan (Day)



JOHN HAYDEN JOHNSON
MIDDLE SCHOOL



For nearly 30 years, Coach Mike Sharrieff has shaped young athletes at Johnson Middle School—instilling teamwork and discipline and leading the Panthers to victory in last year's DC Interscholastic Sports Association (DCIJA) middle school football championship.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 ♦️☀️ Presidents Day: DCPS Closed	14 ✳️ Valentine's Day
15	16 ♦️☀️ Presidents Day: DCPS Closed	17 ✖️ Ramadan Begins	18 ✖️ Ash Wednesday First Day of Ramadan	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



MARCH

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

13 Wellness Day

TEACHERS

13 Wellness Day

SPECIAL DATES

OBSERVANCES

19 Eid al-Fitr Begins (Evening)
20 Eid al-Fitr (Day)



What began as a gossip column in 1935 is now an award-winning student newspaper. The Beacon boasts alumni such as The New York Times theatre critic, Frank Rich, and former CBS Evening News anchor, Roger Mudd.



Jackson-Reed High School
**MOST LIKELY
 TO WIN A
 PULITZER PRIZE**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 ◆ ☀ Wellness Day: No school for students and teachers	14
15	16	17	18	19 ✖ Eid al-Fitr Begins	20 ✖ Eid al-Fitr	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4



APRIL

KEY DATES

◆ STUDENTS

- 06 Records/Wellness Day
- 13-17 Spring Break
- 16 DC Emancipation Day

◆ TEACHERS

- 03 Term 3 Ends
- 06 Records/Wellness Day
- 13-17 Spring Break
- 16 DC Emancipation Day

◆ SPECIAL DATES

- 16 DC Emancipation Day

◆ OBSERVANCES

- 01 First Day of Passover (Day)
- 02 Second Day of Passover (Day)
- 03 Good Friday (Day)
- 05 Easter (Day)



Chisholm Elementary School ♥ MOST COMPASSIONATE



Shirley Chisholm Elementary School teams up with "DC's Finest" to support young people across the District. Students donated their stuffed animals to DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services (FEMS) for pediatric patients who are transported.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 ✖ First Day of Passover	2 ✖ Second Day of Passover	3 ✖ Term 3 Ends ✖ Good Friday	4
5 ✖ Easter	6 ◆☀ Records / Wellness Day: No school for students	7	8	9	10	11
12	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 ◆☀ Spring Break: No school for students and teachers ◆☀ DC Emancipation Day: DCPS Closed	17 ◆☀ Spring Break: No school for students and teachers	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2



MAY

Excel Academy BEST DRUMLINE

KEY DATES

◆ STUDENTS

25 Memorial Day

★ TEACHERS

25 Memorial Day

✳ SPECIAL DATES

10 Mother's Day
25 Memorial Day

✖ OBSERVANCES

26 Eid al-Adha Begins (Evening)
27 Eid al-Adha (Day)



Excel Academy's all-girls drumline captivates the audience at DCPS' 15th Annual Standing Ovation, an awards ceremony where district and city leadership honor the achievements of outstanding educators and schools.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 ✳ Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 ◆✳✳ Memorial Day: DCPS Closed	26 ✖ Eid al-Adha Begins	27 ✖ Eid al-Adha	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



JUNE

Deal Middle School TRAVELED FARTHEST

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

- 05 Last Day of School for Seniors
- 16 Primary Election Day
- 18 Last Day of School

TEACHERS

- 16 Primary Election Day
- 18 Term 4 Ends
- 22 PD/Records Day for Staff

SPECIAL DATES

- 19 Juneteenth
- 21 Father's Day

OBSERVANCES

- 17 First Day of Muharram (Day)
- 26 Ashura (Day)



Deal Middle School is well on its way to filling a passport with stamps from around the world! These well-traveled students have been from France to Costa Rica, with stops in Taiwan and Thailand along the way.



WARDS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5 ◆ Last Day of School for Seniors	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 ◆ Primary Election Day: No school for students and teachers	17 ✖ First Day of Muharram	18 ◆ Last Day of School ✖ Term 4 Ends	19 ✖ Juneteenth: DCPS Closed	20
21 ✳ Father's Day	22 ✖ PD/Records Day for Staff	23	24	25	26 ✖ Ashura	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



JULY

KEY DATES

STUDENTS

TEACHERS

SPECIAL DATES

- 03 Independence Day (Observed)
- 04 Independence Day

OBSERVANCES



At Columbia Heights Education Campus' Scholarship and Awards Gala, students wear traditional clothing from just a few of the many countries represented at the school, including China, Bangladesh, and the Philippines.



WARDS



Columbia Heights
Education Campus

**MOST LANGUAGES
SPOKEN**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3 * Independence Day (Observed): DCPS Closed	4 * Independence Day
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	30	31	1



AUGUST

KEY DATES

◆ STUDENTS

- 07 Rainbow Graduation
- 24 First Day of School for K-12 Students
- 27 First Day of School for Pre-K Students

★ TEACHERS

- 12-14 New Educator Orientation
- 17-21 Preservice Week

✳ SPECIAL DATES

✖ OBSERVANCES



RIVER TERRACE
EDUCATION CAMPUS

Special Olympic gold medalist and River Terrace Education Campus alumnus Jojo Woodland competed in Special Olympics sports for over 10 years through DCPS programs before bringing home the gold at the World Summer Games in Berlin, Germany. The entire school community cheered him on as he competed in multiple track & field events.



WARDS

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River Terrace
Education Campus

★ MOST LIKELY TO
WIN AN OLYMPIC
GOLD MEDAL ★



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



DIRECTORY OF SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

- Afterschool Programs **202.442.5002**
dcps.testing@k12.dc.gov
- Assessments **202.729.3288**
- Athletics **202.727.0488**
- Attendance **202.442.5885**
dcpscollegeandcareer.org
- Chancellor's Office **202.442.5885**
- College and Career Readiness **202.939.4913**
- Central Services **202.727.6030**
dcps.earlychildhood@k12.dc.gov
- Office of Integrity **202.698.8037**
- DC One Card **202.478.5738**
- Early Childhood Education **202.719.6613**
- Early Stages **202.299.2159**
- Enrollment **202.442.5047**
- Engagement **202.576.9502**
- Food Services **202.939.3506**
- Graduation Requirements **202.673.4488**
- Homeless Youth **202.671.0750**
- Home/Hospital Instruction Program **202.719.6613**
- International Baccalaureate **202.671.0750**
- Language Acquisition Division **202.671.0750**
- Language Testing **202.442.5103**
- LGBTQ Student Support **202.888.6336**
- Local School Advisory Team **202.478.5738**
dcpsmentalhealth.org
profiles.dcps.dc.gov
dcps.partnerships@k12.dc.gov
- My School DC Lottery **202.673.4488**
- Residency Verification **202.939.2004**
- School Mental Health **202.442.5002**
- Schools **202.299.2115**
- School Partnerships **202.442.5149**
- Special Education **202.724.8600**
- Student Placement **202.442.4090**
- Summer School (K-8) **202.442.5149**
- Summer School (9-12) **202.724.8600**
- Title I **202.442.4090**
- Transportation [Parent Call Center, OSSE Special Education, Division of Transportation (DOT)] **202.442.4090**
- Volunteers **202.442.4090**

MOST MILESTONE YEARS SERVED



ADDITIONAL SERVICES: DC GOVERNMENT

- Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) **202.727.6436**
- DC State Board of Education **202.741.0888**
- Mayor's Call Center **311**
- 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 Agency (CFS) **202.442.6100**
- Report Abuse **202.671.SAFE**

YOUNGEST LEARNERS SERVED



FIND US HERE:

AT SCHOOL

Schools are always ready and available to provide information, answer questions, and address concerns.

ONLINE

- Visit dcps.dc.gov for important information and updates.
- Follow student stories on X and Instagram: [@dcpublicschools](https://www.instagram.com/dcpublicschools).
- Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/dcpublicschools](https://www.facebook.com/dcpublicschools).

ON THE PHONE

Reach DCPS Central Services at 202.442.5885.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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

