



First Friday Coffee Chat

Café con Padres

Welcome, Families! Please post-it jot and share some feedback on the charts up front & meet someone new before we begin!

¡Bienvenidas! Antes de empezar, por favor brinden retroalimentación en las pizarras al frente y ¡conozcan a alguien nuevo!

Our Agenda / *Nuestro Agenda*



- Summer & beginning-of-year school updates / *Actualizaciones del verano y principios de año*
- Important Reminders / *Recordatorios importantes*
- Upcoming Events / *Próximos eventos*
- Q&A & feedback time / *¡Preguntas y respuestas y comentarios!*
- After-School Program Launch / *Lanzamiento del programa extraescolar*

An Invitation to a Brave Space



An invitation to a brave space

Together we will create brave space
Because there is no such thing as a "safe space"
We exist in the real world
We all carry scars and we have all caused wounds.
In this space
We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world.
We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere,
We call each other to more truth and love
We have the right to start somewhere and continue to
grow.
We have the responsibility to examine what we think we
know.
We will not be perfect
It will not always be what we wish it to be
But
It will be our brave space together
And
We will work on it side by side.

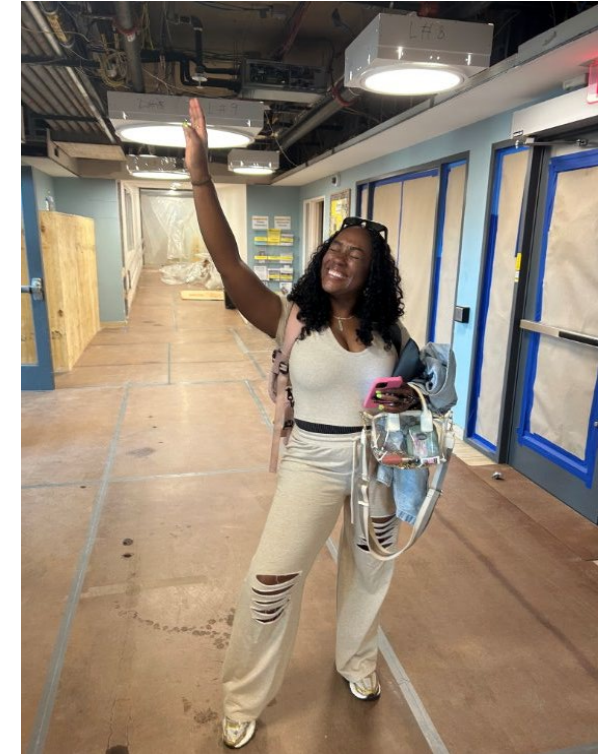
- Mickey Scottbey Jones

Una invitación a un espacio de valentía

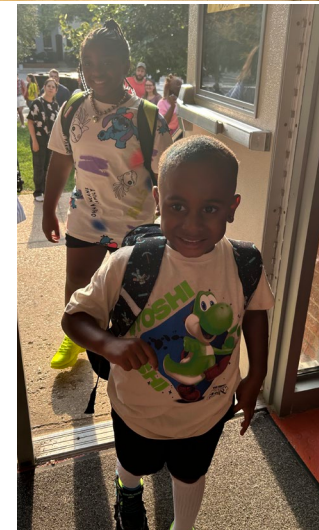
Juntos crearemos un espacio de valentía
Porque no existe un "espacio seguro"
Vivimos en el mundo real
Todos llevamos cicatrices y todos hemos causado heridas
En este espacio
Buscamos silenciar el ruido del mundo exterior.
Amplificamos las voces que luchan por ser escuchadas en otros
lugares.
Nos invitamos mutuamente a más verdad y amor
Tenemos derecho a empezar desde cero y seguir creciendo.
Tenemos la responsabilidad de examinar lo que creemos saber.
No seremos perfectos
No siempre será como deseamos
Pero
será nuestro espacio de valentía juntos
Y
Trabajaremos en él codo con codo.

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Summer @ School / *Verano en revisión*



Back to School Joy/*Alegría de regreso a clases*



After-School Program/*Programa extraescolar*



On-Site Options

Wonders (PK3 to Grade 1)



- We are full to capacity for PK3, PK4, and Kindergarten.
- Families can join the waitlist.

OSTP (Grade 2)

- Limited spaces are available!

Kid Power (Grades 3 to 5)

- Grade 3, 4, and 5 classes are filled. Families can join our waitlist.
- Families who have gotten a space received email notification from Kid Power.



Off-Site Options

Edlavitch Jewish Community Center (JCC on 16th St) (PK4 to Grade 5)

- Students are walked to the location by JCC staff.
- They are almost full to capacity, so call ASAP if interested!

Please reference the *Garrison Gazette* and Garrison website (garrisonelementary.org) for all registration information for our After School programming.



After-School Enrichment: *Introducing P.A.W.S., our Partnership for Afterschool Wildcat Success!*



- Girls on the Run (Grades 3-5)
- *Jewels* Howard U Mentoring) (Grades 2/3 Girls)
- Girl Scouts (All Grades)
- Volo Sports (Grades 2-5)
- Martial Arts (Grades 2-3) TBD
- Band Club (Grades 2-3)
- Chess Club (Grades 2-5)
- Cooking Club (Grades 4 & 5)



- *Wildcat Wonder* Newspaper Club (Gr 4-5)
- Yearbook Club (Grades 4-5)
- DC SCORES Soccer & Poetry (Grades 4-5)
- Cheerleading (Grades 4-5)
- Boys & Girls Basketball (Grades 4-5)
- Co-Ed Flag Football (Grades 4-5)
- Spring School Musical (Grades K-5)
- Math Club (Grade 2)
- **...and even more options coming soon!**

Have an enrichment idea and/or want to volunteer? Contact our PAWS Coordinator Cicie S. at support@garrisonelementary.org and make a pitch!



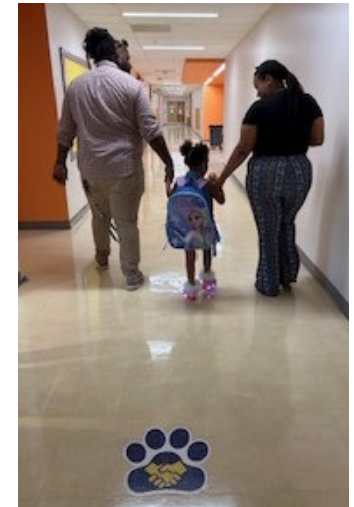
After-School Financial Contribution/*Contribución financiera para actividades extraescolares*

- **All families in Grades 2-5 who use our Garrison after-school program and are **not** TANF/Medicaid eligible are expected to support enrichment programming through a \$150 contribution each month per enrolled child (\$1,500 per child for the school year per child), which is paid to the Garrison PTO, and therefore tax-deductible as a 501(c)3 non-profit.**
- Families have the option of **paying up front** for the year OR **monthly**
- If your family is not TANF/Medicaid eligible and you need a reduced rate, please reach out AP Harris & R. (OG) Harris about a sliding scale option
- Payment links available at [**garrisonelementary.org/after-school**](https://garrisonelementary.org/after-school)

Important Reminders / *Recordatorios importantes*



- **Arrival is 8:15!** (Late @ 8:30) / *¡Llegada a las 8:15! (Tarde 8:30)*
- **Dismissal:** no parking in school lot / ***Despido:** no estacionar*
- **Dismissal Authorization Form** (new DCPS requirement)
- **Emergency Preparedness** / *Preparación para emergencias*
- **Food (& water)** / *Comida y agua*
- **Label everything!** / *¡Etiqueta todo!*
- **Playground use** / *Uso del patio de juegos*
 - Active supervision / *Supervisión activa*
 - Caring for our campus / *Cuidando el campus*
 - Gates locked 4:25-6:00pm / *Encerrado durante extraescolar*
- **Review your Family Handbook!** / *¡Revisa tu Manual Familiar!*



Upcoming Events / *Próximos eventos*

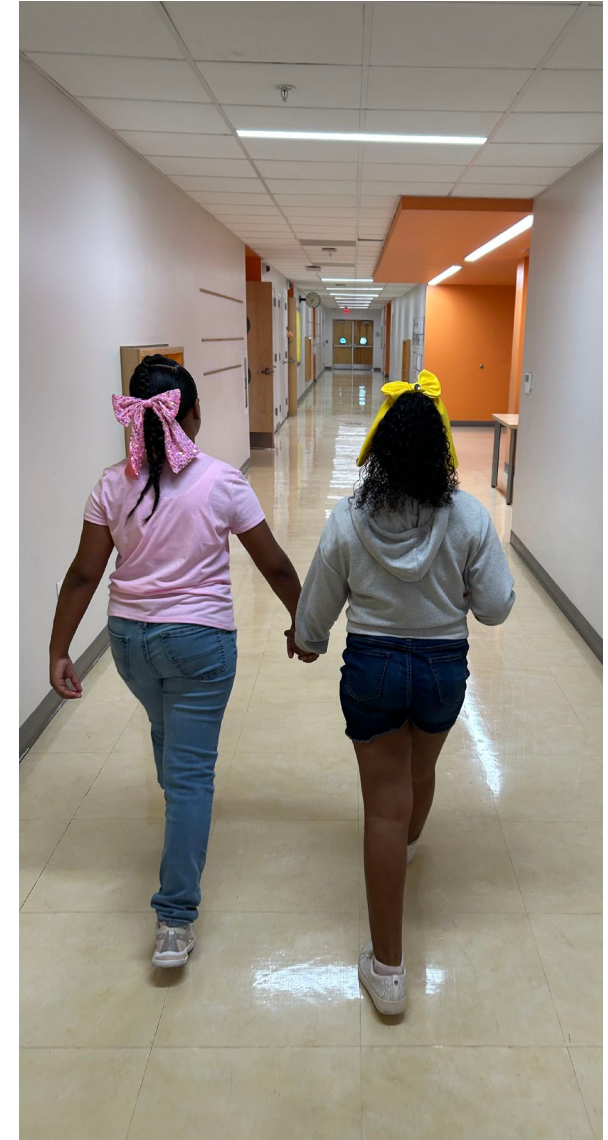


- **Facilities:** Connector hallway, playground upgrades (new turf! more shade!) all hopefully done ~December? 🙌 / *Instalaciones...*
- **Back to School Night:** Thurs, Sep 10, 5:30-6:30 (HW next week!) / *Noche de regreso a clases: ¡10 de septiembre, de 5:30 a 6:30* 🏫
- **PTO Community Meeting:** Sep 17, 5:30 / *Reunión comunitaria de la PTO: 17 de septiembre, 5:30* 🌻
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Sep 28-Oct 9 / *Conferencias de padres y maestros: del 25 de septiembre al 9 de octubre* 🤝
- **October Coffee Chat:** Oct 2 / *Charla de café: 2 de octubre* ☕

PTO Welcome, Q&A / *PTO y Preguntas*



- **PTO Welcome / *Bienvenida del PTO***
 - [garrisonelementary.org/volunteer /](http://garrisonelementary.org/volunteer/)
¡Oportunidades de voluntariado!
 - pto@garrisonelementary.org (general) &
support@garrisonelementary.org (PAWS)
- **Q&A time / *Preguntas y respuestas***
- Please share your feedback & turn in your **Student Dismissal Authorization Form!**
- **Kid Power Intro / *Introduccion a Kid Power***
- **Thank you, Families! 🧡 💙 / *¡Gracias!***



School Leader Contact Info



- **After-School Coordinator:** Rackeal.Harris@k12.dc.gov
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