# WEEKLY FALCON NEWS

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2022

# **SPRING BREAK - APRIL 10 - 18**



# **ROTATING CHECK-IN SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 19 - MAY 8**

Tuesday, April 19th, 2022

Check-in Time: 6:00 – 7:00 AM 10th, 12th, and full-time boarding students

#### Sunday, April 24th, 2022

Check-in Time: 8:00 – 9:30 PM 10th, 12th, and full-time boarding students

#### Sunday, May 1st and May 8th, 2022

Check-in time: 8:00 – 9:30 PM 9th, 11th, and full-time boarding students

Additionally, we are still accepting requests from families that are interested in full-time boarding for the remainder of SY21-22. Families must complete the *Full-Time Boarding Request Form*. Lastly, per the trends of DC public health data all SEED DC students will be required to board full-time for SY2022-2023.

## JOIN THE F.A.S.T. - FAMILY AMBASSADOR SUPPORT TEAM

Please take a moment to learn about & sign up for volunteer opportunities at The SEED School. There are lots ways for families to be engaged with the school, from simply attending a meeting, to taking on a leadership role, and everything in between.

Click here to learn more: <a href="https://forms.gle/54GGqGJXay2JSmTQ6">https://forms.gle/54GGqGJXay2JSmTQ6</a>.

# FREE DROP-OFF TAX CLINIC FOR DC RESIDENTS - SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Join the constituent offices of the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs for a free clinic to help residents file their taxes.

Language services in Amharic, French, Spanish, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese will be available.

\*This is a drop-off tax clinic for low-income DC residents who make less than \$58,000 a year.\*

For a list of documents to bring, click *here*.

Please RSVP at: <u>TinyUrl.com/MOCAFreeTaxClinic</u>



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RESIDENCY VERIFICATION SEASON IS HERE!

# THE 2022-2023 RESIDENCY VERIFICATION DEADLINE IS... MONDAY, MAY 2ND!

DON'T DELAY! SUBMIT YOUR DOCUMENTS & COMPLETE THE DCRV FORM TODAY!







CHECK YOUR EMAIL (including junk/spam folders) FOR DOCUSION FORMS.

Questions? Contact the FACE Office - admissions@seedschooldc.org

## **RECRUITMENT FOR SY 2022-2023**

The application deadline for new high school applicants was February 1st. However, It is not too late to apply. Waitlist applications are still being accepted. If you know of a rising 9th or 10th grade scholar who would benefit from our college-preparatory program, encourage them to apply today.

Side Note: Current SEED families do not need to submit applications to re-enroll for next school year. Links for online re-enrollment & registration will be sent out later this month.





Five-Day

Boarding

Program



Curriculum







and Safe Campus



Are you seeking...



- Dual enrollment?
- Small class sizes?
- Student internships?
- College-like environment?
- Intensive academic supports?
- Domestic & international travel opportunities?
- To learn new skills through diverse electives & programs?

Then SEED just might be the school for you!

The SEED School of Washington, D.C., where we offer your scholar 24 hours to grow!

For more information call 202-329-8961 or email admissions@seedschooldc.org

Visit www.myschooldc.org to submit your application today!



Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 6 p.m. Beginning January 2022

The SEED Pubic Charter School of Washington, D.C. is the nation's first tuition-free, college-preparatory boarding school serving boys & girls in grades 9-12 and through college completion.

# **Scholar-Athlete Shout-Outs**

The SEED DC Athletic Department is proud to announce the following students for outstanding athletic performance:

- Kamarah Glasgow-Scales PCSAA All-Conference first team
- Devin Ballard PCSAA All-Conference second team
- Jamilla Bryant PCSAA All Conference honorable mention
- Dondre Blackwell PCSAA All-Conference first team
- Carmello Myles PCSAA All-Conference second team and DCSAA All-State second team
- Jason Carter PCSAA All-Conference honorable mention

This is the highest recognition of individual athletic accomplishment. For this honor, student-athletes are chosen as the top athletes in their team sport by the opposing coaches. This is initiated by each coach nominating players from their team. A ballot is then sent to all coaches to vote for the best players, but coaches are not allowed to vote for players from their team.



## MIKVA CHALLENGE DC SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

(Only for those students that submitted their SYEP applications by the February deadline)

Mikva Challenge DC aims to connect young people in DC with opportunities to become engaged, active and informed citizens and to help elevate youth perspectives and ideas. With our Summer Fellows Program, we place students in paid summer fellowship positions in local government offices for 20 hours a week during the summer. Guided and supervised by Mikva Challenge DC staff, student fellows conduct a research project to gather youth input on a specific policy issue.

- Fellows conduct participatory research, gathering youth perspectives, ideas and concerns on a key
  policy issue. In addition to their hours working in public officials' offices, student fellows will attend
  weekly Mikva DC professional development workshops where they develop critical thinking, public
  speaking, and teamwork skills.
- In addition to the hourly pay through the Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment Program, you are also eligible to receive up to a **\$500 stipend** from Mikva Challenge at the end of the program! The 6 week program runs from June 27 August 5th, 2022.
- The application link can be found here <a href="https://forms.gle/V8MqmcB1yLCwKmpL7">https://forms.gle/V8MqmcB1yLCwKmpL7</a> and must be completed before April 15th (but the earlier, the better; so apply TODAY!)

#### MIKVA CHALLENGE DC

# Summer Fellowship



#### IN THIS FELLOWSHIP YOU WILL:

- Help bring youth voice & perspective to local government!
- Meet other passionate, powerful students from across DC and work on issues you care about!
- Enhance your resume and college application!
- Earn \$\$\$ doing something interesting, worthwhile, and fun!

#### YOU CAN APPLY IF:

- 1. You are fully registered with SYEP, including completion of all enhanced certification steps by FEBRUARY 28th, 2022
- 2. You will be between the ages of 16-21 by June 27, 2022
- 3. You are available to work from June 27 August 5, uninterrupted

#### AS A MIKVA DC SUMMER FELLOW, YOU WILL:

- Develop your leadership and professional skills
- Conduct research and develop policy recommendations
- · Learn how city government works
- · Work in the offices of elected officials or government agencies
- Advise elected officials and decision makers on youth issues

#### DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS APRIL 15, 2022.

TO APPLY, COMPLETE FORM HERE: https://forms.gle/ZjXShzcC4Tra3tna9

#### **COMPENSATION**

Students ages 16-21, \$9.00 an hour for their work through the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program, for 25 hours a week. Based on attendance and participation, student fellows could be eligible for an additional stipend of up to \$500 at the end of the six weeks.

# MIKVA DC SUMMER FELLOWS PROGRAM POSITION DESCRIPTION

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- SYEP General Application Due: February 28, 2022
- Eligibility Documents Due for SYEP: March 12th
- Mikva DC Application Due: April 15, 2022
- Fellowship Dates: June 27th through August 5th
- Work Schedule: 20 hours with your assigned office and 5 hours of Mikva DC programming



# DC STUDENT LEADERS SUMMIT - APRIL 14TH

**Earn Community Service Hours!** 



# **#STUDENTVOICETAKEOVER2022**

Session Topics:
Accountability
Burnout Prevention
Identity
Organizing & Advocacy

Register here: bit.ly/2022DCSLS





# For one year of Comcast Internet Essentials or RCN's NTERNET to 69866 Text <u>C</u>

For one year of Comcast Internet Essentials or RCN's Internet First paid for by DC Government.

# Eligibility:

- Any home that has PK3-12th grade student(s) enrolled at a DC traditional, charter public schools or adult charter school.
- Need one year of internet access.
- Your home is covered by RCN or Comcast.
- For more information, visit: techtogetherdc.com/internetforall
- TECH TOGETHER

  Closing the Digital Divide in DC





# Internet Access Opportunities in DC

Internet access is the first and most basic step to digital equity. DC residents in need of in-home internet subscription assistance have several options available to them: Internet for All provided by the Bowser Administration and the Federal Communications Commission's new Emergency Broadband Benefits program.



# Which Internet Program Is Right for You?

#### Internet for All: DC Students

Text INTERNET to 69866 to sign up

#### What You Get:

One year of Comcast Internet Essentials or RCN's Internet First paid for by DC Government.

#### Why Choose Me:

- You have a PK3-12th grade student(s) enrolled at a DC traditional, charter public schools or adult charter school
- · You need one year of internet access
- · Your home is covered by RCN or Comcast
- · 50 Mbps of internet speed is enough for your household needs

#### Find Out if You're Eligible:

Visit techtogetherdc.com/internetforall

### FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program

#### What You Get:

A temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households.

#### Why Choose Me:

- You do not have a student enrolled in DC. traditional or Public Charter Schools
- You need device assistance (up to \$100) in addition to Internet for All
- Your household needs a higher speed internet than Internet Essentials (Comcast) or Internet First (RCN), which are both 50 Mbps.

#### Find Out if You're Eligible:

Visit fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit





# **Attendance Alerts**



Attendance alerts go out daily to the parent/guardian(s) of all scholars who are marked absent in their first and second period classes. We understand that some absences are unavoidable, but please remember to send an email to <a href="mailto:attendance@seedschooldc.org">attendance@seedschooldc.org</a> in all cases. Please see below for some more reminders:

School starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. each morning and scholars are allowed to start entering the building at 7:30 a.m. to check temperatures, show proof of passing daily health screening and grab breakfast before heading to class.

Scholars should be in complete uniform which includes the maroon polo (5 provided for all scholars), khaki pants and any closed-toe appropriate shoe.

Teachers' complete attendance within the first 10 minutes of class, any scholar who arrives after 8:10 a.m. will be marked absent until the Attendance Coordinator goes back at the end of the day to rectify attendance.

Please try your best to get your scholar here on time. If you have any questions and/or concerns, don't hesitate to contact Ms. Holloway (202.381.8065) or Mrs. Holman Jones (202.329.8961).

# **ACADEMIC ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES**

#### **EARLY DISMISSALS AND PLANNED ABSENCES**

In the event, a scholar needs to leave campus during the school week and will miss any part of the school programming (academic or student life), including Sunday check-in, families should send an email to <a href="mailto:attendance@seedschooldc.org">attendance@seedschooldc.org</a>. The email should include the following:

- 1. Scholar's name
- 2. Date(s) of absences
- 3. Date and time of pick-up and drop off
- 4. Name of an adult who will pick up the scholar (proof of identification will be required)
- 5. If student is departing on their own, please indicate the mode of travel (Uber, Lyft, Metro, etc.)
- 6. Reason for absence/appointment

**Please note:** All communication regarding absences must be submitted in written form by the parent/guardian/caregiver on file. SEED DC will not allow a scholar to leave campus without a prior written communication from the parent/guardian/caregiver on file. Scholars must be signed out at the front desk in the lobby for early dismissal and signed in when returning to campus. All written communication should be sent to **attendance@seedschooldc.org** and should include the time the student will depart and return, mode of transportation, and contact information for an adult authorized to pick the student up. This includes transportation via Metro, Uber, Lyft, or riding with other families. Staff may be directed to conduct a follow-up phone call, to confirm details or ask clarifying questions. When a scholar returns to campus following a medical visit, a signed medical note from the medical facility must be presented to the receptionist stating the reason for the absence.

If a scholar needs to leave early on a Friday, families should send an email to attendance@seedschooldc.org no later than 8 p.m. on Thursday evening. Student Life staff will be notified to have scholars bring their belongings from the residence halls in the morning to place in the academic building. Please note that emails sent after 8 a.m. will not be honored, as the residence halls are closed from 8 a.m. until student life staff arrives for check-out, 4 p.m. If you still have to pick-up your scholar, you will have to return to pick up their belongings between 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Absent for three (3) or more days? Please contact the Attendance Coordinator at (202) 248-7773 x5116.

# STUDENT LIFE PROTOCOLS FOR SY21-22

#### **CHECK-IN PROTOCOLS:**

Sunday check-in is from 8 - 9:30 p.m. by grade level. Families are not permitted to enter campus during check-in, except to submit prescription and over-the-counter medication or health-related documentation to the school nurse.

Any overnight on-campus scholar who arrives after 9:30 p.m. will not be permitted access to campus and must check-in on the following morning. Any overnight oncampus scholar who does not check-in on the following morning will not be permitted to board for the remainder of their week.

#### SIGN-OUT PROTOCOLS:

Overnight on-campus scholars are not permitted to leave campus after 4 p.m. Monday - Thursday, except for pre-approved appointments. If a scholar leaves campus for a pre-approved appointment, the parent/guardian must return with the scholar and provide the appropriate documentation no later than 7 p.m. of the same day. Scholars must also complete the *Daily Health Screen* and temperature check **BEFORE** returning to campus or the residence halls. Families must submit all appointments that occur after 4 p.m. for review and approval to Mr. Rooks, Director of Student Life with a minimum of one week in advance of the appointment.

#### **EARLY DISMISSAL PROTOCOLS:**

**Brown Hall and Marshall Hall are not accessible during the academic day, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Scholars may only retrieve their belongings from the residence halls at the end of the academic day. Although we are aware that emergencies do arise and are inevitable, scholar belongings will remain secured in the residence halls until the end of the academic day. *Residence halls open at 4 p.m.* 

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Rooks, Director of Student Life by email: <a href="mailto:crooks@dc.seedschool.org">crooks@seedschooldc.org</a> or by phone on (202) 381-8055.

# **WELLNESS SUITE MEDICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Please be reminded that that only parents/guardians/caregivers or authorized adults can bring medication to the Wellness Suite. Medication will not be accepted from students and students are not allowed to carry medication on their person, with the exception of an asthma inhaler.

In order for the school to administer prescription medication, a <u>medical</u> <u>authorization form</u> must be filled out by the doctor. Parents must also sign the form before school medical personnel can administer medication. Only creams, antibiotics, or medical equipment will be sent home on Fridays during checkout and that no student will be allowed to take medication home. Be sure to request for your pharmacist to divide the medication in two (2) bottles, one to keep at home and one to be left at school. Also we have over the counter medications here and all parents should fill out the form if their student needs to take any over the counter medications. All of the medical forms mentioned here can be found on the <u>health & wellness suite page</u> of the school website.

Click here to review the full *medication policy*.

Thank you,

The Wellness Team: Nrs. Jones & Ms. Faison 202-248-3008 (phone) 202-318-8625 (fax)



# PowerSchool Portal for Parents & Families

The SEED School of Washington, D.C. is proud to offer a tool that parents and family members may use to stay connected to their school.

The PowerSchool Parent & Family Portal gives you real-time access to valuable information such as grades, assignment details, & messages from teachers.

Through the portal, view your scholar's:



**ACADEMIC HISTORY** 



**TEST RESULTS** 



ATTENDANCE



& MORE!





You can log in any time from any computer, tablet, or mobile phone.

#### **GET ALERTS VIA:**







**EMAIL** 

Receive alerts about attendance, school events, & weather-related closures.

Turn over for more info on how to set up your Parent Portal,

# Parent & Family Portal: Getting Started

How do I sign up for the Parent & Family Portal & set up my account? You must have a personal email address to sign up for a Parent & Family Portal account.

You can register for a free email account using Gmail, Outlook, Yahoo, or a similar service..

#### WHERE DO I START?

Visit https://seedschool.powerschool.com/public/

- Click "Create an account"
- · Enter your first & last name and email address
- Create a password at least 6 characters
- · Re-enter password
- Enter student's name (If you have multiple student's @ SEED, each will have their own access ID & password)

#### HAVE YOUR CONFIDENTIAL ID READY

- Enter Confidential ID (provided by school)
- Enter Access Password (provided by school)
- Select appropriate relationship to student

Once completed, you will be taken to the login page of the Parent & Family Portal

#### DOWNLOAD THE MOBILE APP

- App Store or Play Store
- · Enter district code: FQGN
- · Click Continue
- Enter Confidential ID
- Enter Password
- You're all set to go!

Still need help?

Contact the registrar:

ctyson@seedschooldc.org