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A message from Garrison ES

Greetings Garrison families,

We're sending this *Gazette* early due to the Veteran's Day holiday tomorrow. It includes several important updates for the coming week, so please read on and note!

Love,

Principal Kip

#### **UPDATES:**

**Asymptomatic testing update:** Yesterday we tested 90 Wildcats out of 336 (26%), and all results were negative!

**Awards Ceremonies update:** After much staff discussion, we have decided to revise how we've done our quarterly K-5 Awards Ceremony in the past to ensure that any celebration aligns with our Wildcat Values and our vision of an abolitionist school community that is inclusive and equitable. **Therefore, we will not be holding our outdoor Term 1 Awards Ceremonies** (originally scheduled for Friday, then moved to Monday due to the rainy forecast). I sincerely apologize for any disappointment and inconvenience this late change may cause you. Instead of a formal schoolwide awards ceremony, classes will be celebrating Wildcat Value Awards and toasting their writing (see Publishing Party details below!), and we will share details later about how we will celebrate the Wildcats each quarter. Thank you for your grace and support!

**Eat Pizza for the 'Cats TODAY!** Want to support Garrison by eating delicious pizza? The PTO and **&pizza** have you covered! **TODAY, Wednesday, November 10** from **11:00am until midnight**, order from the **&pizza** at **1250 U Street NW** in person or online and half of the proceeds from your order go to the Garrison PTO. You must show the attached flyer (in person) or use the code GEPTO (online) for your order to count toward the fundraiser!

**Lost & Found:** Missing a coat, jacket, hoodie, water bottle or lunchbox? We may have it here! The Lost and found is overflowing. We will have the coat racks outside at arrival and dismissal. Please stop by!

**Publishing parties:** K-5 Wildcat writers will be celebrating their second published pieces of the year, and you're invited! Here are the times and outdoor locations:

- **Kindergarten:** This Friday at 2:45 on the Tot Lot
- **First grade:** Wednesday, Nov 17 at 2:45 on the Tot Lot
- **Second grade:** Monday, Nov 15 at 2:45 on the Tot Lot
- **Third grade:** Monday, Nov 15 at 2:30 on the basketball court
- **Fourth grade:** Wednesday, Nov 17 at 2:45 on the basketball court
- **Fifth grade:** Monday, Nov 15 at 2:00 on the Tot Lot

**Student vaccine clinic:** We are thrilled to be hosting a Children’s Hospital **student COVID vaccine shot clinic right here at Garrison** (in the Commons) next **Wednesday, November 17 from 3:30-7:30pm!** It is SO important for ALL of our 5-11 year-old Wildcats to get their first shot here next week if they haven’t already, as this is the best way to keep our children, their classmates, teachers, families, and our community safe, healthy, and in school. It takes each of us! Here are the details for our Garrison clinic:

- No appointment is required; shots will be given first come, first served. Please arrive to the front entrance as soon as you can, as we expect a large turnout. DC Health will give you a number in the order in which you get in line, and then you can pick up your child from regular or after-school dismissal.
- Once you’ve received your line number, children may play on the playground while they wait to be called to come in for their shot.
- All children must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other trusted adult. Please see the attached consent form to be completed, and the parent/guardian/trusted adult must bring a photo ID to the clinic.
- Amharic and Spanish language interpretation support will be provided.
- Have questions or worries about the vaccine? We’ll have knowledgeable and caring Garrison staff and parent volunteers to help answer your questions. Questions in the meantime? Please call Ms. Bailey or Ms. Ramirez in the office at (202) 673-7263 and we’ll get you the information you need.
- The second dose of the vaccine will be administered here at Garrison 21 days later, so we’ll host a **second dose clinic on Wed, December 8, also from 3:30-7:30pm.**

#### **Upcoming:**

- **Nov 15:** Monthly Coffee Chat w/ Kip & DG 8:30 on Tot Lot (rescheduled due to Friday’s rainy forecast – please join us for coffee and treat to start your week!); K-5 Awards Ceremony canceled (see note above)
- **Nov 24-26:** Thanksgiving Holiday

#### **File attachments:**

[Garrison Pizza Fundraiser 11-10!.pdf](#)

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