



October 31, 2018: Student ID Cards

Dear Families,

At CDS, we are continually looking for ways to support our students and families. Given the divisive rhetoric that surrounds us and seems to seek to divide rather than unite, we are trying to take steps that bring us together as one community.

Today, we are writing to let you know that ID cards for both Lower and Middle School students have been updated to include students' date of birth. Middle School IDs have been distributed, and Lower School IDs are on the way. Our hope is that this additional information may be beneficial in a number of ways:

- The ability to obtain a youth Clipper Card. The card is free and then allows for discounted rides on MUNI, BART and other local transportation. You can find out more at [Clipper](#).
- A way for students to have an identification card for any circumstance where proving status as a minor might be useful such as discounted admission to movies or museums.
- An opportunity to have a form of identification for things such as our school trips to Ashland and DC.

We recognize that some of our students have the privilege of government-issued IDs such as passports and birth certificates, while all may benefit from an ID which serves as proof of age and can readily be used by students.

Additionally, you may know that all 4th graders and their families are eligible for free admission to all federal parks, lands, and waters. You may get a free pass [online](#) and if you need to prove eligibility you may use your new student ID.

Please let us know other ways we can help!

On a different note, thank you to everyone who helped organize and was able to join us for our annual All-Family Diversity Potluck last Saturday. We hope the CDS Passport will encourage people to continue having meaningful dialogue with all members of our community and beyond. If you were unable to attend the potluck, we have copies of the CDS Passport at the front desk at 333 and 601 Dolores and would love for you to participate. And please enjoy [some photos and a short video](#) from the event.

Sincerely,

Shelly
Head of School

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Director of Inclusion