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Congratulations and good luck to the DPSCD graduates this season. We would like to congratulate all our brilliant students and families.

Summer School registration is now open for K-12 grade students. Enrichment courses will be available for K-5 students who wish to review their skills, and course recovery is available for K-12 grade students. Parents can register students at https://bit.ly/2swR4u3 or visit their school to complete a hard copy form. For more information on programs, times and locations contact 313-240-4377.

Congratulations to the outstanding 2018 graduating seniors who have maintained all A’s in their entire high school career.

- Alonzo Rodriguez, Cass Tech
- Amirul Miah, Cass Tech
- Anthony Womack Jr, Renaissance
- Atai Templeton, Mumford
- Cassandra Herr, Osborn
- Edith Carreon, Western
- Hatem Mohamed, Western
- Hafizur Rahman, Benjamin Carson
- Je’Shaun White, Detroit School of Arts
- Jonathan Jenkins, Davis Aerospace
- Joshua McIntosh, Cass Tech
- Mohammed Hossain, Cass Tech
- Montana Travis, Cass Tech
- Myron Masters, Mumford
- Nicole Jackson, Renaissance
- Nuzhat Prova, Detroit International Academy
- Sadia Farha, Benjamin Carson
- Shaida Nishat, Cass Tech
- Tanbirul Miah, Cass Tech
- Tayebah Chowdhury, Benjamin Carson

Summer Reading Recommendations
Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez
It All Comes Down to This by Karen English
The ABCmouse app; patrons will need a valid library card.

Libraries will now offer ABCmouse’s award-winning software to families as part of an effort to increase childhood literacy rates. ABCmouse offers a step-by-step learning path for students with more than 856 lessons at ten levels. Visit your local Detroit library to use the software or check out a tablet with the ABCmouse app. Patrons will need a valid library card.

The library is also sponsoring a summer lunch program called Meet Up and Eat Up at Chandler Park for kids. Families can stop by for a nutritious lunch throughout the summer on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Stop by a Detroit Public Library this summer and check out one of the acclaimed books:

K-2
What Do You Do With a Problem? by Kobi Yamada

3-5
Flying Lessons & Other Stories by Ellen Oh

6-8
If It All Comes Down to This by Karen English

9-12
Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez

DPSCD has selected LitCamp as the core instructional materials for grades K-2 summer school. LitCamp, a summer literacy program, combines innovative reading and writing lessons with an engaging and interactive summer camp approach. It is designed to bring a sense of joy, community, and accomplishment to both students and teachers. A typical day includes; Opening Campfire, Read Aloud, Working with the Text, Community Lit, Writing Power and Closing Campfire.

Parent Academy Summer Courses
Parent and family participation is crucial in a child’s learning development. With the Parent Academy, parents can sign up for free classes to receive the necessary tools and skills to build capacity and confidence in order to support their children academically, socially and emotionally. We hope this will not only impact our students’ lives but also create a community where parents and teachers thrive.

Check out the upcoming Parent Academy summer classes below!
For assistance with registration, contact Collette Carlton at 313-873-7490 or email parent.academy@detroitk12.org.

- July 10, 2-3 p.m. at Knapp Branch Library: K-12 science experiments
- July 12, 6-7 p.m. at the DPSCD Police Department: K-8 learning support for new curriculum
- July 18, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Peoples Missionary Baptist Church: K-12 mathematics
- July 24, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Early Diagnostic Center Office of Family and Community Engagement: K-8 learning support for new curriculum