



RINK RoundUp

June 2022

FDIA is gearing up for another amazing season at the Fort! Check out what we've been up to and what our plans are for next season.

DCPS and DC Charter Schools Skate For Fitness

Field trips and lessons were in full swing at the Fort this Winter season. Our Schools Skate For Fitness program, which offers free lessons to DCPS and DC Charter Schools, saw over 500 students take to the ice for their very first time! More inside.



DoMore 24 Success!

This year's DoMore24 was a huge success thanks to all of you! This annual fundraising event raised a total of \$21,504 from 103 donors. Thank you for your continued support and interest in our programs!



Thank you!

“The Cannons” Documentary

The Cannons, an immersive feature documentary, follows the day-to-day lives of Coach Neal Henderson, the Cannons and the history behind the longest serving minority hockey program in North America. This film is a story about hope; the power of sport; and the pursuit of the American Dream. The Cannons made its official debut last November and blew everyone away! Congratulations Coach Neal and the Cannons. For more information, please visit thecannonsdocumentary.com.



New Rink Update:

Members of the rink’s Board are scheduled to meet with the city soon to discuss options for the new rink.

Council Chairman Mendelson included an additional \$9,000,000 to the available funds for the new rink in the District’s 2023 Budget. We are awaiting word from the city on exactly how much money remains from the initial appropriations.

Our hope is that the city will agree with us that the current plan doesn’t work and together we can agree on a plan for the new rink. We’re open to all ideas. For example, can we build the new rink in the parking lot while keeping the current rink open and, with available funds if sufficient, or future funds if required, build the second rink where the current rink is located. This option, which has many hurdles to overcome, would keep us here and eventually have two rinks.

Another option to explore is other locations in Ward 7 or 8 where the rink could be re-located and still hold its place in the community.

We still need to see if the city has the flexibility needed to meet our needs. While it’s true that a DGS/District government built rink will be more expensive than the same rink if built privately, we need to ensure the design, and cost, meet the needs of the community, beginning with our Kids On Ice programs.

More to follow

Thank you Gonzaga! Last month, players and coaches of the Hockey team helped FDIA get ready for our next season by painting, gardening and cleaning up both inside and outside of the Fort!



Schools Skate For Fitness



2021-2022 Winter Schools

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| Barnard Elementary School | Kimball Elementary School |
| Brightwood Education Campus | Kramer Middle School |
| Browne Education Campus | Maya Angelou PCHS |
| Capitol Hill Day School | Plummer Elementary School |
| Center City PCS Petworth | Randle Highlands |
| Cesar Chavez PCS Middle School | Elementary School |
| Cornerstone Schools | Roots PCS |
| DC Department of Recreation | Sousa Middle School |
| Excel Academy | Stoddert Elementary School |
| Friendship Armstrong PCS | Washington Latin PCS |
| Kelly Miller Middle School | Camp Adventure |

If you know a teacher or principal that may be interested in bringing a class, please have them email programming@fdia.org



Camps this year will run from July 5-August 12th and will include a Summer Learn to Skate, Figure Skating and Speed Skating camp! For more information, please visit fdia.org/camps.



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Help Support Kids On Ice With a Tax-Deductible Contribution

- \$60 Sponsors one child for an 8-week Learn to Skate session
 - \$240 Sponsors a school group of up to 30 children for 2 visits
 - \$375 Sponsors one child for a week of summer camp
 - \$1,000 Covers the cost of 10 new pairs of skates
- \$ _____ Any amount you can send today helps keep our programs going!

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Please make checks payable to Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena and mail to 3779 Ely Place SE, Washington, DC 20019.

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Important Dates

- July 5-Aug 12
Summer Camps
- July 11
KOI® Fall 2022
Registration Opens
- Aug 17
KOI® Fall 2022
Returning Deadline
- Aug 24
KOI® Fall 2022
New Student Deadline
- Sept 10
First day of KOI® Fall 2022