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To: Disney Parents
From: Kathleen Hagstrom, Principal
Re: Assorted Matters

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Monday, January 21 – No School – Martin Luther King Day Holiday

Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone. We are excited to see everyone's smiling face back at school and eager to continue this year's journey of learning. MAPS testing in reading and math has resumed and will continue to January 25. The MAPS results help us chart the students' path as we move through the 2nd quarter, which ends January 31. 2nd quarter report cards will be sent home with students on **Friday, February 8**. Parents are encouraged to continue to build the partnership with your child's teacher; strong communication between you and the teacher will reinforce with your child the importance of their education and help you to support your child's learning at home. If you have questions or want to set up a meeting, please reach out to the teacher via email or call the office and leave a phone message.

-Pod 310 CAC Unit – Our 6th & 7th grade students in pod 310 will begin their 2-week arts integrated unit on Monday, January 14. The culminating show will be in our CAC at 9:00 a.m. on **Friday, January 25**. Pod 310 is focusing on preparing for the workplace of the future; parents approved to volunteer should reach out to their child's teacher for needs during this unit. All parents are invited to the CAC show; we remind you that children under the age of 5 are not allowed at these performances. This policy is in place to avoid potential disruption and to allow the 6th & 7th grade students a forum to shine for you!

- Local School Council – the next LSC meeting is **Tuesday, February 12**, at 5:30 p.m. All Disney parents are welcome.

-Parent Teacher Association – The next PTA *Movie Night* is **Friday, January 18**, at 6 pm.

- Parent Advisory Council – The next PAC meeting will be **Friday, January 25**, at 7:30 a.m. All parents are welcome; this meeting will be immediately before the pod 310 CAC show.

-School Wall Calendar – The CPS 2019 wall calendar was distributed to families at report card day. We have a small supply left. If you did not receive one, you may pick one up in the main office, or request one through your child's teacher, and we will send it home – while supplies last.

-Disney Drop-off and Pick-up – We need to offer a reminder to all parents on proper protocol for morning drop off and afternoon pick up, to keep traffic moving and avoid safety hazards for all of our children. If you are dropping off in the morning in the South Fire Lane please follow direction of the security guards outside. Traffic will move more efficiently if you pull all the way up near the cones and have your children exit on the right side of the drop off area, away from traffic. No double parking is allowed at any time in our parking lots. We have been made aware that some cars are double parking or stopping to unload or pick up on Clarendon Road and blocking the alleyway exit near Bittersweet. Cars cannot block city alleyways or crossing areas; this can be an extreme hazard. We appreciate everyone's cooperation to keep both cars and pedestrians safe, and to keep traffic flowing.

-Word of the Week – MONTURE (mon-TOOR) – A type of mounting or setting; a frame. We set the picture in an elaborate *monture*, which accentuated its beauty.

Calendar Dates – Following are non-attendance days for students:

Monday, January 21 – Martin Luther King Holiday – No School
Friday, February 1 – School Improvement Day – No School
Monday, February 18 – President's Day Holiday – No School
Friday, April 5 – School Improvement Day – No School
Wednesday, April 10 – Report Card Pick Up Day – No School
Monday, April 15 – Friday, April 19 – Spring Break – No School