

WALT DISNEY MAGNET SCHOOL
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To: Disney Parents
From: Kathleen Hagstrom, Principal
Re: Assorted Matters

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Friday, November 2 – No School for Students, School Improvement Day
Monday, November 12 – No School for Students, Veteran's Day Holiday

-Pod 100 CAC Show – First grade parents, come one, come all to the pod 100 show, "From Crayons to Careers", **Friday, October 26**, The show starts at 9:00 a.m.; the SW door of the CAC will open for seating at 8:45 a.m. We remind everyone that children under 5 years of age are not allowed at the CAC show. Your first graders have worked very hard and this is their moment to shine for you.

- Parent Advisory Council – The next PAC meeting is **Friday, October 26**, at 7:45 a.m., immediately prior to the pod 100 CAC performance. The meeting will be in the CAC Dining Room; parents here for the CAC show will be taken to the CAC for seating after the meeting. All Disney parents are invited to participate in the PAC activities.

-Local School Council – The LSC meeting is **Tuesday, November 20**, at 5:30 p.m. All parents are welcome.

- Early Childhood Halloween Carnival – Students in preschool, kindergarten and 1st grade will attend the Halloween Carnival on **Wednesday, October 31**. Those students may arrive at school in costume or bring it to change into for the festivities. Hair paint and makeup should be applied at home; no masks, toy props or weapons are allowed. Please make sure the costume length does not pose a safety hazard for your child. Parents who are scheduled to volunteer by the Floor Director, may attend the carnival with their child at the classroom's designated time. Volunteers will receive their assignments next week, via their child's teacher. This is one of only two days approved for treats per CPS and Disney School Wellness Policy. Food or non-edible treats may be sent with your student to give to classmates. Candy/food items must be individually wrapped, store purchased and "peanut free". NO HOMEMADE TREATS ALLOWED. Treats will NOT be consumed at school; they will be sent home in plastic bags at the end of the school day.

-Parent Teacher Association – The Walt Disney School PTA welcomes all new families and invites your participation in all activities; you can reach the PTA at info@disneyschoolpta.org. *Movie Night*, featuring "Hotel Transylvania 3," is this **Friday, October 19, at 6:00 p.m.** All families are invited to come. The next *General Meeting*, is **Tuesday, November 13**, at 7:30 a.m. Thank you to everyone who supported our *Yankee Candle Fundraiser*; save the date and plan to pick up your order on report card pick up day, **Wednesday, November 14**. October is the deadline for the fall *Box Top Collection*; all box tops need to be turned in by **Wednesday, October 31**. This is free money for our school so clip those box tops!! Everyone is excited for our fall Scholastic Book Fair which start **Tuesday, November 6**, and ends **Friday, November 16**. PTA always needs volunteers for the Book Fair; if you haven't already started your CPS volunteer approval process, now is a great time to apply. All students will have an opportunity to attend the Book Fair with their class; teachers will send home a schedule. Parents are also welcome to visit the Book Fair during the school day; support PTA and help us replenish our great library with new books for our kids!

-New cell Phone Policy- Disney Magnet School does not allow for unauthorized use of electronics; Disney is a cell phone free zone. Students who need to contact a parent during the school day may use a school phone upon request. If a student cell phone is seen or heard, it will be immediately confiscated and the parent will be contacted. Confiscated items are kept locked in the office safe and parents are required to pick up the item from the main office during three designated times. If an additional accommodation for retrieval needs to be made, please make that request to a school administrator. The established retrieval times are:

Tuesday or Friday mornings between 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. or Friday afternoon between 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

-Next Year Admission Application- Parents who want to apply for admission to CPS Elementary or High School for next year, need to apply on line via GoCPS. The deadline to apply is **Friday, December 14**. Disney will host a Magnet School Open House on **Tuesday, December 4**, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Open House will consist of a general FAQ session, along with a school tour; please arrive by 9:00 a.m.; reservations are not needed. Parents interested in applying for admission to Disney in 2019-2020 through the Magnet School General Lottery are encouraged to attend this Open House. The lottery at Disney is for those seeking admission to Kindergarten, First and Second grade only. Families of 8th grade students applying for high school are encouraged to attend high school open houses. Dates and times for open houses can be found on the GoCPS website. Please visit go.cps.edu for all the information and on-line application material.

- Volunteering at School – Please see the back of the newsletter for a more detailed letter on the volunteer application process.

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