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Re: Assorted Matters

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Monday, October 8 - No School, Columbus Day Holiday
Friday, October 12 - "High School Fair" at Disney 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Welcome to fall; we are midway through the 1st quarter of school already. Progress Reports will be sent home with student **Friday, October 5**. Bus Evacuation Drills are on **Wednesday, October 10**; all students will participate. Alderman Kappelman's Office has shared an opportunity: The Uptown Partnership through Latin School of Chicago is hosting free "Uptown Moves" dance classes at 4956 North Sheridan for children who live in the 46th Ward. Classes begin on Sunday, October 7, and will be held every other week through December 2. Morning classes are offered for 4-6 and 7-9 year olds. For more information/to register visit Eventbrite.com and search for Uptown Moves Dance Classes.

-Pod 220 CAC Show – Second grade parents, come one, come all on **Friday, October 5**, to the pod 220 CAC show, "*Water, " You Going To Do Tomorrow?*" The show begins promptly 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 second graders have worked very hard and this is their moment to shine for you.

-High School Fair – Parents of 8th grade students are invited and encouraged to attend the High School Fair being held at Disney School on **Friday, October 12**. The fair will be in the CAC from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Students and parents will be able to talk with representatives of both private and public schools and gather helpful information.

-Local School Council – The LSC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 10**, at 5:30 p.m. All parents are welcome.

-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. The next *General Meeting*, focusing on Scholastic Book Fair planning is **Tuesday, October 16**, at 7:30 a.m. Our *Yankee Candle Fundraiser* is in its last week. All order forms and payments need to be turned in by **Tuesday, October 9**. The next *Movie Night*, featuring "Hotel Transylvania 3", is **Friday, October 19**. All families are invited to join; if your kids love the movies please think about volunteering to help. 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!!

- Pod 100 CAC – Our first grade students will spend 2-weeks in their CAC beginning **Monday, October 15**. The culminating activity will be the morning of **Friday, October 26**; all parents are invited to attend this activity. Check with your child's teacher on volunteer needs. Please remember that all volunteers in the school must be approved via the CPS process. If you have not started that application, please do so now, as it can take a few weeks.

- Volunteering at School – As part of the updated CPS policy on Maintaining the Safety of Students, volunteers may be required to reapply for permission to volunteer at the school. This process may now include background check and fingerprinting. The CPS volunteer site can be accessed at cpsvolunteers.org. Once you apply on line, you should receive an email which directs you to visit the school and provide a copy of your photo id. Once you do this, that information is submitted to CPS and you will need to wait for a further email from CPS advising that you are approved to begin volunteering While this may seem burdensome, we very much want and need your continued volunteer help and remind everyone that the safety and protection of students is always a top priority.

-Afternoon Dismissal – We want to remind everyone that once children have left the building at the end of the school day they are not allowed back in the building. If your child has left a lunch bag or other item, please email the teacher or come the next day to visit the Lost and Found; we have one located on each floor.

-Next Year Admission Application- Parents who need to apply for admission to CPS Elementary of High School for next year, the application process is now open. Visit: [CoCPS \(go.cps.edu\)](http://CoCPS.go.cps.edu) for all the information and on-line application material.