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

December 19, 2018

Monday, December 24 – Friday, January 4, 2019 – Winter Break-School Closed

I want to wish everyone a safe and joy filled holiday. Over break we encourage everyone to enjoy the myriad of activities around the city – ice skating, holiday lights, local park district winter break camps, or quiet times at home with pop corn and a movie or curling up to read as a family. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, January 7!

-Holiday Theme Week – Just a few more days until break; we will finish out our holiday theme week with a chance for everyone to join in the fun:

Thursday, December 20 – Holiday Traditions Thursday – don your ugly sweater, holiday shirts or other holiday wear

Friday, December 21 – Fuzzy, Comfy Jammie Friday – everyone loves to enjoy the comfort of casual pj's!

-Disney Holiday Concert – We thank the parents and visitors who attended our wonderful Holiday concert today. Our choir and bands performed to everyone's delight; the audience sing-along made all of our spirits bright. We give a special shout out to our music instructors Ms. Dunne and Mr. Fahrenbach for motivating our students to perform their very best.

- Local School Council – the first LSC meeting of the new year is **Tuesday, January 8, 2019**, at 5:30 p.m. All Disney parents are welcome.

-Parent Teacher Association – The next *General Meeting* of the PTA will be **Tuesday, January 8, 2019** at 7:30 a.m. *Movie Night* will be **Friday, January 18**, at 6 pm. PTA thanks all volunteers who have helped with all of the PTA activities and extends best wishes to the Disney community for a wonderful holiday.

-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 – SUSURRATION (soo-suh-RAY-Shun) – A soft sound; a murmur, rustling or whisper. He bought a device to help him sleep: an electronic synthesizer that mimics the susurraton of a drizzle or rainstorm.

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

December 22 – January 4 – Winter Break – School Closed. Students Return Monday, January 7.

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

Monday, April 15 – Friday, April 19 – Spring Break – No School