



~ TEAM DISNEY Update~

Our mission is to educate for life, so every child acquires the knowledge and skills to succeed in school and beyond.

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TEAM DISNEY:

- Welcome to the first edition of the 2019-20 TEAM DISNEY update! This newsletter will come out the last Thursday of each month that we are in school, and is posted on the Disney website. A hard copy is available through the Disney office, if you prefer. The first one of the year is always the longest, as it is filled with information to make the year run smoothly.

COMMUNICATIONS

- If you need to make changes in how your child goes home at the end of the day, or need to request homework in your child's absence, it will help tremendously if you can call as early in the day as possible, but always before 3:00 p.m. We will do our best to communicate changes after 3:00 p.m., but cannot guarantee that successful communication of those changes can be made after 3:00 p.m. **The fewer changes in pickup procedures, the better for your child.**
- When you see bright blue papers in your child's backpack, please pay special attention! The Disney office will communicate using only those bright blue pages, and you do not want to miss any important announcements. Also, the PTA will communicate on salmon colored paper.
- Please note on our website, the list of communication modes we use throughout the year. We try very hard to communicate in multiple ways, as it is a vital key for success with the home-school partnership.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

- Thank you for allowing your children to walk to their classes on their own, as it is a great way to build self-esteem, while making sure teachers can meet and greet students and start class on time. It is also a safety protocol. If you would like to visit with teachers, please feel free to leave a message on their voicemail, leave a message in the office, e-mail them, or send a note with your child. Thank you for taking an interest in your children's education, and being a part of TEAM DISNEY!
- If your child arrives late to school, please walk them in to the Disney office to check them in. We respectfully ask that you not send them in on their own.
- Our neighbors at The Fremont have respectfully requested no parking in their driveways. This is private property. We also need to be respectful of our neighboring businesses' parking lots at dismissal times. These are **not** pick-up points, and please try not to block their entrances/exits. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

- Decreasing tardies is a major focus, so your child can have the best possible positive start to their day. If children are not in the classroom by the time the bell rings, they must stop by the office for a tardy pass. Every minute your child is not in class means lost learning time, and they miss out on before-school socializing. It also costs our school in state funding dollars. PLEASE make every effort to have your children at school in time to be **in class** when the bell rings. It will also help if you stress to them the importance of getting straight to class once they are in the building or dismissed from the Disney Diner.
- If your child is going to be absent, please call Disney at 523-3600. Phones are answered from 8:20 a.m. to 4:05 p.m. The school also has an answering machine, which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Messages are checked each morning, and frequently throughout the day.
- **In accordance with a district-wide attendance policy change, please note that all medical related absences will be coded as "elective" unless we receive a note from the doctor's office, or your child is sent home by the school nurse.**
- Please try your best to have your child in school each full day, and not have your child leave early. Again, they miss valuable learning.

SAFETY & POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- In order to promote a positive learning environment, please refrain from sending your child to school with colored hair, "tattoos," and costume or animal headbands. These can be a distraction for children, and hamper the learning process. We appreciate your help with this important item!
- Cell phones, if brought to school, must be off and kept in your child's backpack, including when riding the bus. Cell phones that are out may be taken and held in the Disney office for parents to pick up.

- For safety and confidentiality purposes, students and/or parents will **not** be allowed to return to their classrooms (for any reason) once school has been dismissed for the day, unless a conference has been scheduled with the teacher.
- As a reminder, Disney is a gum-free school. Thank you for not sending your child to school with gum. ☺

DISNEY DINER FRIENDLY FACTS

- Breakfast is served from 8:20 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. If your student is eating breakfast at school, please make sure your child arrives in enough time to finish eating and get to class on time.
- Students cannot charge at breakfast. You can go to www.mealpayplus.com at any time, without charge, and create an account (you will need your child's student ID number), and monitor the balance on their account. This will help you be aware of your child's funds availability. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Disney office, and we can transfer you to the kitchen staff. Please be aware, they do leave around 2:00 each day. But, we can certainly put your call through to their voicemail, and they are very good to return calls. Thanks for your assistance!
- **Students' lunchtimes are posted on the Disney website.** Throughout the year, you may also eat with your child from time to time during their regularly-scheduled lunchtime, by signing in at the Disney office. This year, the district has implemented "Hall Pass" as a visitor management system. The first time you come to Disney, you will need to bring a government-issued ID to receive a visitor pass. There is a special visitor table in the Disney Diner where you and your child can sit together to enjoy lunch. Sorry, for various reasons, other students cannot join you at this time. When leaving, please return your visitor pass to the Disney office when you leave, and check out at the Hall Pass kiosk. We do ask that you part at the end of lunchtime at the Disney Diner doors, (not planning to walk to class with your child), so teachers and students can return quickly to class and begin the remainder of their day's activities. Note: We ask that you make lunch with your child a special occasion—not a regular occasion.
- In support of the district Wellness Policy, please do not send or bring soda for your child's lunch. However, you do need to include a healthy drink if your child brings their lunch.
- Please send containers that are easy for children to open.
- If you pack your child's lunch, please be sure to include any necessary silverware and a drink. Also, please limit the amount of candy that is sent with your child's lunch.

FACILITIES

- When you come to school, you need to enter through the front doors (Door #1). To gain entry, you will be required to push the buzzer, and respond to the office staff via the intercom. Once cleared, you will be allowed to enter. **All** visitors must then report to the office to sign in and receive a visitor pass. Again, please be prepared to show government issued identification for our new "Hall Pass" system (see above). These measures are simply to increase security measures, NOT to make you feel unwelcome. ☺
- Special Note: All R-12 facilities are smoke-free, including the parking lots!
- Remember that Disney is air-conditioned, and it can be quite cool at times. And, students go out to recess, so it is helpful if your child dresses in layers. Honestly, dressing in layers throughout the year is best with our changing weather.

DATES

- This year, Open House is Thursday, September 12. It will run from 5:30 p.m to 6:30 p.m.
- "Dunk-it with Dr. Miller" continues this year. These will be held on September 17, November 19, February 4, and April 14. These informal times will be a chance to visit with me at Disney from 8:20 a.m. to 8:50 a.m., and enjoy a doughnut and coffee, if you choose. I look forward to seeing you!
- Additional Important Dates:
 - ✓ September 2 – **NO SCHOOL** (Labor Day holiday)
 - ✓ September 9 – School Pictures / Club Encore begins
 - ✓ September 10 – Skating Party 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. / PTA Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 - ✓ September 12 – Open House 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 - ✓ September 13 – Future Chief's Night at Kickapoo High School football game at 7:00 p.m. / Dynamics Perform "National Anthem"
 - ✓ September 17 –Dunk-it with Dr. Miller / Domino's Night (Republic Road location only). Disney will receive a portion of all sales between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Be sure to mention you are with Disney when you order, to show your support! Domino's Night will once again be the **third Tuesday** of every month, unless we are out of school. We thank them for their continued support! We are **LOYAL TO THE ROYAL!** ☺

- ✓ September 20 – Health Fair (Grades K, 1, 3, & 5) / Mid-first quarter
- ✓ September 23 – Fall Cross Country Meet (only meet this fall)
- ✓ September 24 – Story Time in the Disney library at 9:00 a.m. This is open to any preschool-aged child.
- ✓ September 25 – K-Prep at 2:00 p.m. in the Disney library for all children who will start kindergarten next school year

VALUABLE MISCELLANEOUS

- **All student medications** (including cough drops) must be transported to and from school by an adult, and the appropriate information filled out with the school nurse.
- Please note our birthday policy, posted on the Disney web site (www.disney.spsk12.org). The Disney website is a great place to frequent for important information!
- All individuals willing to volunteer and/or chaperone must complete a volunteer application and background check. Volunteer application approval must be received PRIOR to selection of volunteers/chaperones. The volunteer application must be completed on an annual basis. The form is found online at www.sps.org, by clicking on the “Communities” tab, and then on “Volunteering.” Contact our office if you need assistance.
- We will once again be collecting Box Tops for Education to use toward technology purchases. On the Disney web site you may download the lists of items that have eligible labels. Check your cupboards, check with your friends and family, and start tearing/cutting off those labels! THANK YOU!
- If you bring an item to school for your child, please leave it in the office, and it will be delivered at an appropriate time, in order to protect instructional time. Also, please do not plan to go to classrooms after the start of the school day, unless prior arrangements have been made. Due to confidentiality, safety, and theft issues, classroom doors are now locked at the end of the day as well. This makes it even more important that students remember to take what they need with them when they leave after school, as they will not be permitted to go back to class.
- We are very pleased to again be doing “The Weller Project.” There is no money involved in this win-win situation. Disney is partnering with Weller Elementary to provide their school with gently used clothes or toys. We are ready to accept your donations right away and throughout the remainder of the school year. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!! We can also print you a donation receipt upon request. Items can be sent to school with your child or dropped off at Disney. Please label items "Cents of Pride" or "Weller".
- If you have lost items at school or your child has lost something, we do have a Lost and Found barrel, or you can check in the office. Please consider labeling your child’s items (coats, lunch boxes, sweatshirts, etc.) to have the best chance of getting them returned to your child.
- Disney’s Perfect Attendance Banner is reserved for those students who have zero minutes missed from school, which means a student is at Disney all day, every day, and always on time. We hope all Dolphins develop the great habits (plus have the luck it takes to stay healthy all year) to have their name on this banner!
- Please note that our playground is reserved for YMCA Before and After School Care until 6:30 p.m. each evening. You are welcome to use our playground after school hours unless YMCA is out with their group. Adult supervision must be present for any children playing on the playground after school.
- Due to potential allergy issues, and for the safety of all, please do not bring pets of any kind into the school.
- We’ve had a very successful start to the new school year, and look forward to great days ahead! Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you, TEAM DISNEY!!

Lynne Miller, Principal

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