



~ 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 2018-19 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.
- Please note on our website, the list of communication modes we use throughout the year. Communication 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 voice mail, leave a message in the office or 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 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.
- 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. And, our overall attendance percentage dropped to an all-time low last year as compared to recent years. ☹

SAFETY & POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- In order to promote a positive learning environment, please refrain from sending your child to school with colored hair and/or "tattoos." Colored hair and tattoos 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, enter 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 voice mail, 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 office and receiving a Disney Diner Guest lanyard. 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. Please sign out at the office when you leave. 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.
- 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. Children may purchase milk or juice, if needed. 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. 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's sticker or ID badge. Please be prepared to show identification. 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 20. 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 11, November 20, February 5, and April 16. 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 3 – **NO SCHOOL** (Labor Day holiday)
 - ✓ September 11 – Skating Party (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)/PTA Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
 - ✓ September 12 – School Pictures
 - ✓ September 14 – Mid-First Quarter/Elementary Night at Kickapoo High School football game at 7:00 p.m.
 - ✓ September 18 –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 27 – SSB (Saxton, Schmitz, and Blakey) Music Program at 7:00 p.m.

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 must complete a background check. The form is online. 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.
- We've had a very successful start to the new school year. Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you, TEAM DISNEY!!

Lynne Miller, Principal

