

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
Wednesday, November 14 – No School for Students, Report Card Pick
Wednesday, November 21-Friday, November 23 – Thanksgiving

Holiday

- **Early Childhood Halloween Carnival** – Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with our Early Childhood Halloween Carnival today. From setting up, to running games, to cleaning up – everyone contributed to the great success of another smashing event! Kudos to Ms. Caudill, Early Childhood Director, who made it all happen.

- **Pod 300 CAC Unit** – Our 7th & 8th grade students in pod 300 will be spending 2 weeks in the CAC arts-integrated unit from November 5 through November 16. The culminating activity, *Shark Tank*, will be **Friday, November 16**, at 9:00 a.m. in the CAC; 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.

- **Report Card Pick Up/Parent Teacher Conference Day** – Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, November 14**, for Parent Teacher Conference Day. There is no school for students and parents need to come to school to pick up the report card and to conference with the teacher. Hours for pick up and conferences will be 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. and 2:45 –6:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to talk with the teacher to hear about your child's progress and to plan strategies together to assist in your child's education.

- **Parent Advisory Council** – The next PAC meeting is tomorrow, **Thursday, November 1**, from 7:45-8:45 a.m. Ms. Morales, Disney Case Manager, will be addressing the high school admission process and the many opportunities for high school that are available to our students. Parents of 8th grade students are especially encouraged to attend. The meeting will be in the CAC Dining Room. All Disney parents are invited to participate in the PAC activities.

- **Local School Council** – The LSC meeting is **Tuesday, November 6**, 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. Our next *PTA General Meeting* is **Tuesday, November 13**, at 7:30 a.m. Our next *Movie Night*, featuring "Incredibles 2," is **Friday, November 16**, at 6:00 p.m. *Scholastic Book Fair* is gearing up and will be open from **Tuesday, November 6**, and ends **Friday, November 16**. PTA hopes to see everyone there and volunteers are always needed! 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! We remind parents that Yankee Candle fundraiser orders will be available for pick up at school on report card pick up day, **November 14**. You can also visit the Book Fair and stock up on great books for the family!

- **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. 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.