

**WALT DISNEY MAGNET SCHOOL**  
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To: Disney Parents  
From: Kathleen Hagstrom, Principal  
Re: Assorted Matters

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**Monday, December 24 – Friday, January 4, 2019 – Winter Break**  
**Monday, January 21 – Martin Luther King Holiday – No School**

Winter has arrived! We want to apologize for the snow and ice problems immediately after the intense storm last week. CPS had made a change in the snow removal contract and we were not aware. Since then, we have held meetings with all the concerned parties to ensure that snow removal on our property will be appropriately handled in the future. The safety of our students and families is always of concern and we appreciated the notifications we received from parents of the problem areas. We also want to remind all parents that students will go outside for recess, as long as the temperature is above 20 F. with wind chill. Please send your child dressed for the weather; we strongly encourage that names be written on hats, mittens and scarves. They have a way of getting lost!

**-Picture Week – Monday, December 10 – Friday, December 14, is picture week.** Each class has an assigned date and time for their pictures to be taken. Order envelopes were sent home on Monday, showing the scheduled date for your student's classroom. A classroom photo will be taken and students have an opportunity to have an individual photo taken. If you want your child to take an individual photo, you need to complete the order form and enclose payment in the envelope. Payment can be in cash (exact amount please), check or money order. Checks or money orders are to be payable to Disney Magnet School PTA. The order envelope with full payment inside, must be at school before the child has their picture taken.

**-Holiday Theme Week –** As winter break and the holidays approach, we want to encourage good spirit and good tidings. Students and staff are encouraged to participate in Holiday theme week; a flyer was sent home with the students last week. To summarize:  
Monday, December 17 – Mistletoe Monday – wear red and green  
Tuesday, December 18 – Tinsel Tuesday – dress in shiny colors of silver and blue  
Wednesday, December 19 – Winter Candy Cane Wednesday – get decked out in red and white or any stripes  
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!

**-Pod 200 CAC Unit –** Our 4th grade students have started their 2-week CAC unit, which will continue to Friday, December 14. The culminating activity, "*Disney Diversity: Passport to the Future*", is **Friday, December 14**, 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. Please consult with your child's teacher for volunteer needs.

**-Disney Holiday Concert –** We invite you to attend the Holiday concert, featuring our beginning and advanced band and the choir. The concert will be **Wednesday, December 19**, at 9:30 a.m. in the CAC. Join in the holiday merriment, as well as some sing-along carols. We remind you that children under the age of 5 years old are not allowed at CAC events.

**-Next Year Admission Application-** The deadline for elementary and high school admission applications is **Friday, December 14**. Parents to apply at [Go.CPS.edu](http://Go.CPS.edu). The application period pre-school Early Learning Program is held in the spring. Applications are being taken now, on a first-come, first-served basis for the tuition based pre-school. Both of our pre-school programs are for children, who will be 4 by September 1. Brief tours are given on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. for those interested in learning about our pre-school.

**- Local School Council –** the next LSC meeting is **Tuesday, December 11**, at 5:30 p.m. All Disney parents are welcome.

**- Parent Advisory Council –** PAC will meet **Friday, December 14**, from 7:45-8:45 a.m. All Disney parents are welcome.

**-Parent Teacher Association –** You can reach the PTA at [info@disneyschoolpta.org](mailto:info@disneyschoolpta.org). The next *PTA General Meeting* is **Tuesday, December 11**, at 7:30 a.m. planning for spring events will be the agenda; come join other parents and bring your ideas. *Movie Night* is **Friday, December 14**, at 6:00 p.m. The feature movie will be Disney's "Santa Paws 2." PTA thanks all volunteers who helped with the fall fundraiser. It could not have been done without you.

**-Vocabulary of the week –** STOLID – calm, dependable, showing little emotion. At Disney we love words and encourage all to learn.