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To: Disney Parents

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From: Ms. Bandolik, AIC/Principal

Friday, November 8 – School Improvement Day - no school

Re: Assorted Matters

Wednesday, November 13 – Parent Teacher Conference/Report Card Pick Up-no school

We are all thrilled to be back in school and eager to continue the teaching and school activities that enrich your children's growth. There have been a number of calendar changes, which we expand upon in this newsletter. We want to share our congratulations to Ms. Rowe, Disney librarian, who recently was presented with the Rochelle Lee Teacher Award from Working in the Schools. Library is an integral component of each child's education and we have a great library staff who work tirelessly to encourage your child's appreciation of literature and love of reading! Ms. Zha, Mandarin Chinese teacher, will be chaperoning 4 of our 8th grade students on a trip to China. Disney has been part of a group of three CPS schools that take this annual trip together. In the spring students from China who host our students will visit Chicago and our school. We wish everyone a wonderful trip.

- School Non Attendance Days – Friday, November 8 – School Improvement Day

Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day Holiday

Wednesday, November 13 – Parent Teacher Conference Day/Report Card Pick Up

Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Important Note: The CPS proposed revised calendar now has Wednesday, November 27 as an attendance day

-Parent Teacher Conference Day/Report Card Pick Up – We look forward to seeing everyone on **Wednesday, November 13**, for Parent Teacher Conferences. You will receive your child's report card and have an opportunity to meet individually with the teacher. Hours are 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; there will be a staff lunch break from 2:00 – 2:45 pm at which time the building will be closed. On this day you can also pick up PTA Yankee Candle fundraiser orders; purchase Disney wear from our gym teachers and check lost and found in the planning area on each floor.

-PTA- The next General Meeting will be at a special day and time; the PTA will meet on **Friday, November 15**, at 5:00 p.m., before Movie Night in the CAC. Come with your ideas and learn about upcoming PTA plans and events. They hope to see everyone there! Movie Night will be the same night, November 15 at 6:15. The feature will be Toy Story 4; join in the fun with a variety of concessions to purchase for a true movie experience. The PTA Yankee Candle Fundraiser orders will be available for pick up in the 1st floor lunchroom on **Wednesday, November 13**, Parent Teacher Conference/Report Card pick up day. Don't forget to stop by and grab any items you ordered! PTA will run the Scholastic Book Fair from Wednesday, **November 13-Thursday, November 21**. This is a great time to stock up on books for the holidays! We are also looking for parent volunteers to help out; please contact the PTA for more information. to help run the retail store. In addition to cultivating a love of reading in students, the book fair directly supplies books to our library and teachers! Email PTA at info@disneyschoolpta.org for more info and to sign up to help.

-Community Forum – The community forum has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, November 19**, at 6 pm in the CAC. The forum is open to all Disney community members. The forum hosted and led by the LSC, PAC and PTA parents and school leaders is dedicated to building a vision for strong collaboration amongst parents, students and the school community. Come prepared with creative ideas, honest thoughts and a willingness to brainstorm in teams.

- Prospective Parent Open House/Magnet School Admission – Disney will host an Open House for prospective parent **on Thursday, November 21**, at 9:00 a.m. If you know parents that are interested in applying for Walt Disney School admissions, please tell them to come to the Open House. Applications for admission for kindergarten and up for next school year are now available through the CPS website: www.go.cps.edu. Anyone interested in admission for Magnet or selective enrollment schools for next year needs to complete the application process online. The deadline to apply has been extended to **Friday, December 13, 2019**.

-Local School Council – There is an LSC meeting Monday, December 2, at 5:30 p.m. All parents are welcome.

- Student Photos – Student pictures will be taken the week of **December 2-6, 2019**. Picture order envelopes will be sent home soon.