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To: Disney Parents
From: Kathleen Hagstrom, Principal
Re: Assorted Matters

September 18, 2019
8th Grade High School Fair – Thursday, September 19: 8:30-11:00 a.m.
“Back to School Night Open House” – Wednesday, October 2: 6-7:30 p.m.

This morning we completed our annual “Code Yellow” drill, to practice emergency procedures during bad weather. ! Last week we completed our “Code Red”, active intruder drill. The drills went well and we are confident in our students’ preparedness. Learning is in full swing; hard to believe but 1st quarter progress reports will be going soon with students **Friday, October 4.**

-Back to School Night Open House -Please plan to attend our annual “Back to School” Open House, **Wednesday, October 2**, at 6:00 p.m. You will be able to meet your child’s teachers and hear about plans for your child’s school year. Parents in grades 3, 6, and 8 will also have presentations about the promotion policy which is important for you to understand in these benchmark grades.

-Parent Packets – If you have not already completed and returned these forms, please do so as soon as possible. All parents need to complete annually: 1) Family Income Information Form (located on the back of the booklet) --Deadline September 30
2) Request for Emergency and Health Information
3) Media Consent Form and Release
4) Student Medical Information 2019-20

Please remove those forms from the back of the Parent Checklist booklet sent home earlier, complete and return to the teacher.

-Local School Council – The next LSC meeting is **Monday, October 7**, at 5:30 p.m. All parents are welcome. There is a vacancy for Parent Representative; if you are interested, applications are available in the office and are due Tuesday, October 1. Candidates will be asked to participate in Parent Candidate Forum **Monday, October 7.**

-Parent Teacher Association – The Walt Disney School PTA welcomes all new families and invites their participation in all activities; you can reach the PTA at info@disneyschoolpta.org. PTA General Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:45 a.m. at school. The next meeting is **Tuesday, October 8**. The popular *Movie Night* is **Friday, October 18**, in the CAC. All children must be accompanied and supervised by the parent/guardian during Movie Night. PTA is preparing for the first fund raiser of the year, *Yankee Candle*. Watch the backpack for the catalogue full of goodies!

-Pod 320 CAC Unit – Our 5th grade students are hard at work on their CAC unit. The culminating activity is **Friday, September 27**; all parents are invited to attend. Please consult with your child’s teacher on volunteer needs.

-Volunteering at School – If you want to chaperone a field trip this year, or if you are a new parent to Disney, we encourage you to apply now for approval as a CPS volunteer. The CPS volunteer site can be accessed at cpsvolunteers.org Most parents will want to apply for Type 2 volunteer status, which covers a daily field trip or occasional help to a teacher. As part of the updated CPS policy on Maintaining the Safety of Students, all volunteers must be approved through CPS; while this may seem burdensome, we want and need your continued volunteer help and remind everyone that the safety of students is always a top priority.

-School Hours – Our **school day begins promptly at 7:30; the school day ends at 2:30 p.m.** Parents please make every effort to get your child to school on time, and help set the tone for a successful school day.

-Entry/Departure – Drop off and Pick up procedures are structured to provide for safety and efficiency. **There is no double parking at any time and no pedestrian walking in the bus lanes during arrival and dismissal.** Double parked cars are a safety hazard and can be towed. No parking, drop off or pick up of students is allowed on Marine Drive in front of school. Morning drop off is in the South Fire Lane accessible from Marine Drive; cars exit onto Clarendon Road, right turn only please. Students enter school via the SW door of the CAC in back of the school; the door opens at 7:15 a.m. In the afternoon, students in PK through 4th grade must be signed out by 2:30 p.m. 5th-8th grade s walk through the field and meet parents at Clarendon Road at the NW end of our property.

(Over for Letter Regarding Risks of Vaping/E-Cigarettes)