

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

November 9, 2011

**No School for Students Thursday and Friday, November 10 & 11**

**-Calendar Dates** - Mark your calendar for these non-attendance days:

**Thursday, November 10** –Professional Development

**Wednesday, November 16** – Report Card Day

**Friday, November 11** – Veterans Day Holiday

**Friday, November 18** – Staff Development

**Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25** – Thanksgiving Break

**-Winter Break** – Winter break begins after school on **Friday, December 23**. Children return to school on **Monday, January 9, 2012**

**- Report Card Pick-Up Day** – Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, November 16**. This is a non- attendance day for students and all families are invited to come to school between 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm (Building closed for lunch from 3:00 – 4:00.) Parents will pick up report cards and have an opportunity to conference with the teacher. Conferences are on a drop-in basis. You can also visit the *PTA Scholastic Book Fair* and stock up on great books for the entire family! *PTA Red Apple fund raiser* orders will be available for pick up. *Disney apparel* will be available for purchase to support our physical education program. Please check the *Lost & Found* in the first floor planning area; all unclaimed items will be donated to charity after November 16.

**- NCLB School-Parent Compact** – A School Parent Compact letter was previously sent home. We need all parents to read and sign the letter and return it to your child's teacher. If you have not done so, please complete it in the pod on report card pick-up day.

**-Promotion Policy for 3, 6 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade** – A copy of this policy will be provided to parents on report card pick-up day. Parents of students in these bridge grades need to review the policy with their children and sign the bottom of the document. If you have questions on this policy please ask your child's teacher or the floor director.

**- LSC** – the next Local School Council meeting is **Monday, November 14**, at 5:30 p.m.

**-PAC** – The next "Coffee Time" meeting of the Parent Advisory Council is **Friday, December 2**, at 8:15 a.m. Ms. Collazo, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Director will be presenting.

**-PTA** – PTA will be hosting its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, December 6**, at 7:45 a.m. Red Apple fundraiser orders received by the deadline will be available for pick up on **Wednesday, November 16** – report card day. The PTA Scholastic Book fair is open from 8:20 am – 1:00 pm on school days until **Thursday, November 17**. All classrooms visit the fair at least one time; parents are welcome to visit often! The Book fair will also be open during report card pick up hours; a perfect time to browse with your family.

**-After School All Stars** – The ASAS program will continue on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through **March 29**. For students in the program, consistent attendance is important; we have many students on a waiting list if you find that you need to withdraw your child. **Parents we need you to be prompt for pick-up at 3:15 from the CAC.** We ask that parents not come for early pick up from After School All Stars since the time is limited and we do not want to disrupt the activities. If your child needs to miss a day of after school, you need to send a note, via your child's teacher and to the attention of Ms. Juarez, ASAS Coordinator.

**-Hearing & Vision Screening** – Students in pre-school, kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, third, fifth and eighth grades will all receive vision and hearing screening in school over the next few weeks. This is mandated by the State of Illinois; screenings that indicate further evaluation is recommended will receive information from the Vision & Hearing Screening team.

**- Morning Drop Off** – Please note, the CAC entrance door will close at 8:00 in the morning; after 8:00 students enter Door 6.

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**-Tip of the Month – Keep Track of Peer Relationships:** Know what's going on with your child's friends. Depending on the age of your child, peer relationships can have a profound effect on their emotional, academic and social behavior. Talk to your children about what kind of problems they may be having and help them learn how to problem solve.