

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our school will open for children on Monday, August 30, 2021. School hours are as follows:

Levels K-5 9:00 AM to 3:40 PM

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

EACH DAY, THE DOORS TO SCHOOL WILL OPEN AT 8:45 A.M. STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL PRIOR TO 8:45 A.M. ALL STUDENTS MUST BE IN THEIR HOMEROOM PRIOR TO 9:00 A.M. OR THEY WILL BE MARKED TARDY AND GIVEN AN EXCUSE CARD. DISMISSAL BEGINS AT 3:30 PM FOR KINDERGARTEN. ALL OTHER STUDENTS WILL DISMISS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING KINDERGARTEN.

Regardless of age or grade level, you can help your child greatly by discussing the following topics with him/her:

1. Go directly home from school each day.
2. Respect school property at all times.
3. Proper behavior in school is expected at all times. Disney students are always respectful, responsible and safe!
4. Proper behavior at the bus stop and on the bus is expected. Students that do not demonstrate appropriate behavior will have their bus riding privileges revoked.

TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS/WELCOME BACK ENVELOPE

The district no longer mails home Welcome Back Packets. Only Kindergarten students and families new to Walt Disney Elementary School will receive a mailing. All information, including your child's homeroom teacher and transportation information (if applicable) can be viewed in the Home Access Center (HAC). This information is expected to be available in HAC a week prior to the school year starting. If you need assistance accessing HAC, please refer to the link below. Additional assistance can be provided by contacting the school office.

HOME ACCESS CENTER (HAC)

The Home Access Center (HAC) is a valuable tool to use throughout the school year. You'll want to familiarize yourself with it and keep your username/password on hand. HAC is used to verify your child's demographic information, transportation information and to view your child's report card. Report cards will not be sent home in paper form. Parents/guardians need to log onto HAC in order to view their child's report card each marking period. The Home Access Center will be closed until a week prior to school beginning. **BUS TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K THROUGH 5 RESIDING WITHIN WALT DISNEY SCHOOL'S ATTENDANCE AREA AND ATTENDING WALT DISNEY CAN BE FOUND ON THE HOME ACCESS CENTER (HAC). THE HOME ACCESS CENTER CAN BE FOUND AT <http://www.pennsburyisd.org>.**

YOU WILL NEED TO CLICK ON THE HOME ACCESS CENTER ICON  LOCATED IN THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THE WEBPAGE. For more information about the Home Access Center (HAC) click [HERE](#).

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM

The cafeteria will be open and breakfast & lunch will be served the first day of school. To ensure adequate time to introduce the Kindergarten students to the cafeteria, we are asking that each Kindergarten student pack a lunch on their first full day of school. The food service provider is The Nutrition Group. The price of an elementary student's lunch, including milk, will be **\$2.50**. This fee will be waived for ALL students during the 2021 - 2022 school year. The cost of breakfast will be **\$1.25**. This fee will also be waived for ALL students during the 2021 - 2022 school year. Breakfast and lunch menus will be published on the district website in the weeks to come. **STUDENTS THAT WILL BE EATING BREAKFAST SHOULD ARRIVE AT SCHOOL NO LATER THAN 8:45 A.M. BREAKFAST WILL NOT BE SERVED AFTER 8:55 A.M.**

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FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

During the 2021 - 2022 school year, ALL students will qualify for free meals. Families DO NOT need to apply for the program for the current school year. For more information on our Food Services Department (Nutrition Group) or Free and Reduced Lunch Program click [HERE](#).

BACKPACK THURSDAYS

Your child will receive a small packet of information on the first day of school. Throughout the school year, **routine flyers and information will be sent home on Thursday of each week via email. Please be sure to add your email address to your child's emergency card and confirm that your contact information is correct in the Home Access Center (HAC). If you do not have access to email, a hard copy of all Backpack Thursday information can be obtained from the office or by visiting the [Parent Information](#) section of the Walt Disney Elementary Website.**

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

As part of the Pennsbury School District Wellness Policy, we do not permit "sweet treats" to be brought in for birthday celebrations. This includes items such as cupcakes, cookies, donuts/munchkins, etc. Students are permitted to bring in a healthy snack option or approved non-food item. Please contact your child's teacher in advance to make arrangements. Items such as stuffed animals, balloons and other party favors are not permitted to be brought into school. Birthday invitations will only be distributed if there is an invitation for each child in the classroom. Parents/guardians are encouraged to join our School Directory to gain access to contact information for families of Walt Disney Elementary School. Only those that join the directory will be provided with the contact information. To join the Walt Disney Elementary School Directory click [HERE](#).

SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

A copy of the Pennsbury School District calendar can be found [HERE](#). Please note that inclement weather and other school closings can impact our school calendar. It is recommended that you check back periodically to view the school calendar. **We will operate on a 5-day cycle and AUGUST 30, 2021 will be day 1 on the cycle;** please note that if school is closed due to inclement weather or an emergency, we will continue the rotation schedule the next day that school is in session. We will not skip rotation days due to unscheduled school closings. A copy of the rotation calendar can also be found in the calendar section of the district website.

VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES

All individuals interested in volunteering as part of Pennsbury School District are required to have clearances on file in the office. This includes individuals that are interested in working at school events such as parties, field trips, classroom events, PTO events, etc. While events such as field trips do not occur until the middle to end of the school year, we encourage all parents/guardians to apply for their clearances immediately. Individuals that do not have clearances on file in the office can not be chosen as chaperones or volunteer at any other school function. Once you have obtained all required clearances, you must call the office to schedule a time to meet with the building principal. If you have previously submitted clearances to the school and were an approved volunteer, you are still required to print the [Volunteer Affirmation Form](#) and return it to school. Individuals are not considered an approved volunteer until that form is submitted each year. Parents/guardians are highly encouraged to check their clearance expiration dates. We have several individuals that currently have expired clearances on file. For more information about required clearances click [HERE](#).

MEDIA RELEASE

At times, we may take photos of your child involved in school activities. These photos may appear on our school/district website, yearbook or the local newspaper. If you DO NOT wish for your child to be photographed, please complete the Google form by clicking [HERE](#).

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The list of necessary school supplies for each grade level can be found on the Parent Information section of the Walt Disney Elementary website. If you are unable to provide school supplies for your child, please contact Mrs. Heather Errhalt at Herrhalt@pennsburyisd.org. Each year we receive a donation of school supplies and we would be happy to assist your family.

BUS RIDING PHILOSOPHY

Behavioral expectations for all bus riders are included in this mailing. This document should be reviewed with your child prior to the start of the school year and the online google form completed. Please click [HERE](#) to access the form.

SAVE THE DATE

August 25th	Open House	2:00 – 3:00 PM
August 30th	First Day of School (1st - 5th grade)	8:45 AM - 3:40 PM
September 6th	Schools Closed (Labor Day)	
September 7th	Schools Closed (Rosh Hashanah)	
September 8th	Schools Closed (Rosh Hashanah)	
September 10 th	PTO Back to School Picnic	5:30 – 7:30 PM
September 14 th	Back-to-School Night	6:30 PM
September 16th	Schools Closed (Yom Kippur)	

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. We look forward to seeing everyone soon!