



PENNSBURY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



# THE WALT DISNEY DISPATCH

October 15, 2023



Good Evening, Walt Disney Families,

We had another great week at Walt Disney which ended with our lockdown drill on Friday. Our students, faculty, and staff did a great job during the drill. Also, I wanted to thank everyone for donating to the PTO classroom party fund. If you would like to send in a donation to support the PTO classroom party fund, you can still do so.

Looking ahead to this week, on Thursday, October 19th we have our annual Trunk or Treat event from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Walt Disney parking lot. The following week, on Saturday, October 28th, we have our inaugural Fall Festival from 1:00-5:00 PM. Lastly, on October 31st, we will have our annual Walt Disney Halloween parade at 1:30 PM. We hope you can join us for our Halloween parade.

## Dragon of the Month Assemblies

Our first Dragon of the Month Assembly will be held on Friday, October 27th. The K-2 assembly will be in the morning from 9:15-9:45 AM while the 3-5 assembly will be in the afternoon from 2:45-3:15 PM. For this month's assembly, we will be celebrating students who are "**Respectful**" to their friends and everyone else at Walt Disney. Parents, you will be invited to the assembly if your child earns the Dragon of the Month!

## Walt Disney Food Pantry

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**October 1st which started the bi-weekly cycle.** If you are interested in receiving items from the WD food pantry, please complete the Google form linked [HERE](#). Requests will be filled bi-weekly, you will receive a phone call when the request is ready for pick-up.

### Reminders

I want to remind everyone of a few things:

1. If you are sending notes into the main office, **please write your child's first and last name on the note.**
2. Please note that Tullytown borough has added "No Parking" signs around the school property on the Disney side of the street during school hours.
3. Walker dismissal reminder - kindly wait on the grassy area on the other side of the crosswalk when waiting for their kids to come out of the building.
4. If your child is riding a bike to and from school, they **MUST** have a signed permission slip on file. The permission slip can be found in the Walt Disney Dispatch below.

Thank you for your time everyone and have a great evening!

Your proud principal,  
Dr. Ortiz

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## Medical Assistance Workshop Opportunity

Direct support with applying for Medical Assistance (MA) through the state on PA COMPASS is now available. If you have a Pennsbury School District student that has an IEP at Afton, Oxford Valley, Penn Valley or Walt Disney and you would like to complete the MA application, please click this [link](#) to sign-up.

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### Pantry FAQ's

**If I am interested in receiving items on a regular basis do I need to fill out the Google form each time?** Yes, if you are interested in receiving items, you **MUST** complete the form each time. Forms must be completed by the Monday after the Walt Disney Dispatch announcement in order to schedule a Friday pick up.

**How will I know when my requested items are ready for pick up?** Once your request has been submitted, a committee member will call you to schedule a pick up time. Requests submitted by

Monday each week will be available the same week. If the form is not submitted by Monday, your items will be available for pick up during the next bi-weekly cycle.

**I do not have transportation to the school to pick up requested items, may I still request items from the pantry?** Yes, please complete the form and contact a member of the committee to discuss your need.

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## Trunk or Treat October 19th



Below is our Google form for our Trunk or Treat event. Please complete the form if you plan to attend the event and/or decorate a trunk.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhHgUzRuDMpay5C1PQEbyoIWfbkEICI8F3Dka2cS1EclFgtQ/viewform>

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## Inaugural Fall Festival October 28th



REGISTER BELOW BY CLICKING OR SCANNING THE QR CODE!



RSVP:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8PgYLxBfcFIXZQnYBKSLuoMPErmnzVCwwleP\\_F56LQXjtQ/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8PgYLxBfcFIXZQnYBKSLuoMPErmnzVCwwleP_F56LQXjtQ/viewform?pli=1)

Volunteer/Donate: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FABAD23AAFE3-44944794-walt#/>

Pizza Order:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRjCSuGNQ4cnuKrNcZZEPaE8osxtTYFb6s0VprQ-SBnzdcqw/viewform>

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## Pennsbury Parent Academy 2023-2024 Events

# PENNSBURY PARENT ACADEMY

## 2023-2024 EVENTS

### SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

**Monday,**  
**October 9, 2023**  
**6:30-7:00 PM**  
**(Virtual)**

This workshop guides caregivers through practical steps that will allow their child to feel supported at school and at home. Specific emphasis is placed on helping children with homework and helping children learn to develop healthy friendships.

### MENTAL HEALTH

**Monday,**  
**October 23, 2023**  
**6:30-7:30 PM**

This workshop will provide parents and caregivers with an overview of what children need to be healthy, both physically and emotionally. This question has become more and more common as we have been confronted by big events like COVID Recovery and Social Media.

### ELECTRONICS: SCREEN TIME AND DEVICES WHAT CAREGIVERS NEED TO KNOW

**Monday, November 6,**  
**2023**  
**6:30-7:00 PM**  
**(Virtual)**

This workshop will provide an overview of the prevalence of screen time among children and adolescents, a review of research on the effects of screen time, and guidelines parents might consider as they help their child develop healthy habits with technology.

### INDIEFLIX FILM VIEWING

**Monday,**  
**February 12, 2024**

More information to come.

### WHAT CAREGIVERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TRAUMA

**Monday,**  
**March 4, 2024**  
**6:30-7:00 PM**  
**(Virtual)**

This workshop explores the nature of trauma, how trauma impacts a child's development and learning, and what we can do as caregivers to help children who have been traumatized feel safe at home.

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## Walt Disney Attendance

If your child is absent, kindly let us know by emailing us at [wdattendance@pennsburyisd.org](mailto:wdattendance@pennsburyisd.org). Please be sure to provide:

1. Your child's first and last name
2. Name of teacher
3. The date(s) of the absence
4. The reason why your child will be absent

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## Pennsbury Bicycle Permission Form

If your child wishes to ride a bike to school, please read and sign the [Pennsbury Bicycle Permission Form](#). Please send the completed form to the Walt Disney main office.

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## Walt Disney Elementary Breakfast & Lunch Menu

You can access our breakfast and lunch menu by visiting the following page:

- [Walt Disney Elementary Breakfast & Lunch Menu](#)

**Reminder: every student at Walt Disney receives free breakfast and lunch!**

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## Arrival & Dismissal Time

Each day the doors to the school will open at 8:40 AM. Students should plan to arrive at school at exactly 8:40 am. All students must be in their homeroom by 9:00 AM or they will be marked tardy and given an excuse card. Dismissal begins at 3:30 PM for kindergarten. All other students will be dismissed immediately following kindergarten.

Parents and guardians, for all students K-5, you can help your child(ren) greatly by discussing the following topics with him/her:

1. Go directly home from school each day.
  2. Respect school and community property at all times.
  3. Proper behavior in school and in our community 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 expected behavior will have their bus riding privileges revoked.
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## PSD Food Services - Breakfast & Lunch Program at WD

Breakfast & lunch will be served daily. The food service provider is The Nutrition Group. **At Walt Disney, there is no cost for breakfast or lunch.** 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 by 8:40 A.M.

Although all Walt Disney students receive free breakfast and lunch, it is still important to complete the lunch application forms as this information is used to determine eligibility of other benefits your child(ren) and/or household may be able to receive. Please visit [School Cafe](#) and create an account. If you have an existing account, please log in. Follow the instructions to fill out a free and reduced meal application. This application needs to be completed each school year. For more information on our Food Services Department (The Nutrition Group) or Free and Reduced Lunch Program please visit the district webpage here: [PSD Food Services](#).

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## Walt Disney TV - Pennsbury School District

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Subscribe to our NEW Walt Disney TV - Pennsbury School District YouTube channel! Here you will see our daily morning announcements and more!

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## NEW Walt Disney Elementary Facebook Page

If you would like to keep up on the latest news and happenings at Walt Disney, connect with us on our new Facebook page!

Visit our new Facebook page here: [Walt Disney Elementary School Facebook Page](#).

Also, don't forget to connect with us on Instagram!

Visit our Instagram page here: [Walt Disney Elementary School Instagram Page](#) - psd\_wdes



Walt Disney Elementary School

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The official Facebook page of Walt Disney Elementary School in the Pennsbury School District.

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## Download the Pennsbury SD Mobile App

Download the new **FREE**, Pennsbury School District App today and receive important alerts, news, and information. Customize your app experience and follow specific schools, calendars, lunch menus, and more! Available for free in the App Store and Google Play.



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## Upcoming Events!

### 10/19/23 - Trunk or Treat - 6:30-7:30 PM

- Set up: 5:30-6:15
- Trunk or Treating: 6:30-7:30

### 10/27/23 - Dragon of the Month Assembly

- K-2 at 9:15 AM
- 3-5 at 9:45 AM

**10/28/23 - Fall Festival**

- 1:00-5:00 PM

**10/31/23 - Walt Disney Halloween Parade**

- 1:30 PM (approximately 20 minutes in length)

**11/2/23 - PTO Meeting - 6:00-7:00 PM**

**11/7/23 - Schools Closed**

**11/10/23 - No School for Students**

**11/13/23 - Schools and Offices Closed**



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## Walt Disney Elementary School

### Contact Information

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**Dr. Ernesto Ortiz, Jr.**

Dr. Ortiz is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters