



the walt disney dispatch

May 19, 2024

Good Evening, Walt Disney Families,

After wrapping up another full week of school, we are now more than halfway through the month of May! We only have 19 school days left of school. Fifteen of those days are full days and four of those days are half days. We still have a lot going on between now and June 14th!

Events For The Upcoming Week

On Monday, May 20th Pennwood Middle School will be hosting a 5th grade parent night in their auditorium from 7:00-8:00 PM. Also



this week, we have our 5th grade field trip to Baltimore on Wednesday, May 22nd. Please be sure fifth grade students going on the trip **arrive at Walt Disney no later than 7:15 AM on Wednesday**, **May 22nd**. The fifth grade students will be visiting the National Aquarium and the Maryland Science Center before boarding the bus to return to Walt Disney. Their estimated return time is 5:00-5:30 PM. Also this week, we have our annual Field Day on Friday, May 24th! If you would like to sign up to volunteer, the information is in the Smore newsletter (see below). We are having spirit days each day this week leading up to field day. You can see the list of events in the Smore newsletter (see below). Lastly, Friday, May 24th is also an early dismissal day for our students with dismissal starting at 11:40 AM.

Looking Ahead - Field Day, Early Dismissal, No School

- May 20th Pennwood 5th Grade Parent Night 7:00 PM at Pennwood MS
- May 24th Field Day We need volunteers! See message below.
- May 24th Early Dismissal
- May 27th No School Schools & Offices Closed Memorial Day
- May 31st Dragon of the Month Upstander
- June 7th End of Year Picnic

Walt Disney Food Pantry UPDATE

The Walt Disney Elementary Pantry Committee is happy to announce that the shelves of the WD food pantry are open bi-weekly. If you are interested in receiving items from the WD food pantry, please complete the Google form linked <u>HERE</u>. Requests will be filled bi-weekly and you will receive a phone call when the request is ready for pick-up. <u>**Please note that the last bi-weekly</u> <u>pantry pick-up for the school year will be the week of 05/27/24**</u> Thank you for understanding.

Reminders

- 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. <u>Walker dismissal reminder kindly wait on the grassy area on the other side of the crosswalks</u> when waiting for your children 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.
- 5. No pets are allowed on school property.

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

Your proud principal, Dr. Ortiz

Field Day - May 24th - Volunteers Needed!

Mr. Kennedy has created a sign up genius for anyone that would like to volunteer for Field Day, Friday, May 24th. Here is the link to sign up:

• https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084FABAD23AAFE3-49578088-walt

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Kennedy at <u>skennedy@pennsburysd.org</u>.



Field Day Spirit Week





Pennwood 5th Grade Parent Night

May 20th from 7:00 - 8:00 pm Event starts in Pennwood's Auditorium

Enjoy this great opportunity to see Pennwood through a self-guided tour, learn about the day in a life of a 6th grader, and meet some of our staff and administration.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO YOUR NEW HOME!

WD Elementary End-of-Year Picnic - June 7th



2024-2025 Kindergarten Registration Is Open!

Calling all 5 year old friends! Kindergarten registration is now open!

Parents,

To register your child for Kindergarten at Walt Disney for the 2024-2025 school year, please click <u>HERE</u>.



Community Event Opportunity - May 23rd



In recognition of Mental Health Month, Falls Township Police has partnered with County of Bucks Human Services to host a special event dedicated to raising awareness and fostering understanding of mental health needs within our community. Join us for "Finding Mental Wellness in Falls" as we come together to learn, share, and support one another.

While this event is dedicated to our Falls Township Community, it is open to everyone whether you're a community member, a caregiver, or someone personally affected by mental health issues. Together, we can make a difference.

> Registration to this FREE event is encouraged but not

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Educational Presentations: Mental health professionals will lead informative sessions to help gain valuable insights into identifying signs and symptoms, recognizing warning signs, and understanding the complexities of mental health crises.

Interactive Discussion: This event is not just about receiving information—it's about engaging in meaningful dialogue. Our audience-guided discussion will provide a safe space for attendees to ask questions, share personal experiences, and exchange perspectives on navigating mental health challenges.

Finding Help for Loved Ones: One of the most important aspects of supporting mental health is knowing how to find help for ourselves and our loved ones. Explore resources and strategies for starting a conversation, reaching out, and seeking professional assistance.





Walt Disney PTO School Store



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 <u>link</u> to sign-up.

Walt Disney Attendance

If your child is absent, kindly let us know by emailing us at <u>wdattendance@pennsburysd.org</u>. 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

Pennsbury Bicycle Permission Form

If your child wishes to ride a bike to school, please read and sign the <u>Pennsbury Bicycle</u> <u>Permission Form</u>. Please send the completed form to the Walt Disney main office.

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!

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.

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 <u>School Cafe</u> and create an account. If you have an existing account, please log in. Follow the instructions to fill out a free and reduced meet application. This application peeds to be completed each cabect year.

information on our Food Services Department (The Nutrition Group) or Free and Reduced Lunch Program please visit the district webpage here: <u>PSD Food Services</u>.

NEW Walt Disney Elementary YouTube Channel



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, Dragon of the Month Assemblies, and more!

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 or new Facebook page!

Visit our new Facebook page here: <u>Walt Disney Elementary School</u> <u>Facebook Page</u>.

Also, don't forget to connect with us on Instagram! Visit our Instagram page here: <u>Walt Disney Elementary School</u> <u>Instagram Page</u> - psd_wdes



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Upcoming Events at Walt Disney!

5/20 - Pennwood 5th Grade Parent Night - 7:00 PM at Pennwood MS 5/24 - Field Day 5/24 - Early Dismissal 5/27 - No School - Schools & Offices Closed - Memorial Day 6/7 - End-of-Year Picnic 5:30-7:30 PM



Walt Disney Elementary School

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Dr. Ernesto Ortiz, Jr. Dr. Ortiz is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters