



PENNSBURY
SCHOOL DISTRICT



THE WALT DISNEY DISPATCH

April 14, 2024

Good Evening, Walt Disney Families,

I hope everyone is doing well and having a great weekend! Can you believe we are almost halfway done with April?! Well, we are and with that this is our final week of school before we begin our annual PSSA state assessment!

Events For The Upcoming Week

This week is another shortened week for our students. We do have our after school clubs going on this week. On Tuesday, April 16th we have the Drama Club for grades K-2 and on Wednesday, April 17th we have our Chef Club and Soccer Club. On Thursday, April 18th is an early dismissal day for our students with dismissal beginning at 11:40 AM. Parent/teacher conferences will be held in the afternoon and into the early evening (until 6:20 PM). Friday, April 19th there is no school for students since we will be having parent/teacher conferences all day.



Looking Ahead - PSSA Pep Rally Assembly, Early Dismissal, Conferences, No School, PSSA Testing

- April 18th - Phillies Phanatic and PSSA Pep Rally assembly
- April 18th - Early dismissal

- April 18th - Parent/teacher conferences in the afternoon & early evening
- April 19th - No school for students - parent/teacher conferences all day
- PSSA testing dates (for grades 3, 4, and 5)
 - April 22, 24, 26, 29, 30, and May 2, 3
- April 23rd - No school for students - Primary Election Day

Walt Disney Food Pantry UPDATE

The Walt Disney Elementary Pantry Committee is happy to announce that the shelves of the WD food pantry are now open bi-weekly. 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 and you will receive a phone call when the request is ready for pick-up. *****Please note that the week of 04/01/24 is a bi-weekly pantry pick-up week. Therefore the next bi-weekly pick-up will be the week of 04/15/24. The last bi-weekly pantry pick-up will be the week of 05/27/24***** 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. **Walker dismissal reminder - kindly wait on the grassy area on the other side of the crosswalks 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

Pennwood 5th Grade Parent night



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!

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 [HERE](#).



Important Message From the School Nurse

PENNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
FALLSINGTON, PA.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Reminder: Symptoms that indicate your child should stay home from school.

During the cold and flu season, you are faced with the decision of whether or not your child is well enough to attend school. If your child does come to school sick, the school nurse will most likely send him/her/they home. This will cause more disruption to your day and will spread unwanted disease to other students and faculty.

Here are the guidelines for you to follow. If your child does experience any of these symptoms the evening before school, please keep your child home until the symptoms are completely resolved or until he/she/they has been seen by a Physician and has a note clearing him/her/they to return to school.

- **Temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher:** The student needs to be fever free without the use of fever reducing medications such as Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen, for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Vomiting or Diarrhea:** Please do not send your child even if these symptoms occurred the evening before and the student is starting to feel better. He/she/they may still be contagious and may be weak for at least a day.
- **Thick or green nasal discharge:** This could be an indication of an infection and your child needs to be treated by a Physician.
- **Red, itchy eye with a crusty/yellow discharge:** This could be conjunctivitis (pink eye), which is contagious and needs to be treated by your Physician.
- **Sore throat with spots:** This could be Strep Throat and will need to be treated by your Physician.
- **Unknown rashes:** Any rash that has not been seen and diagnosed by a Physician.
- **Please notify the Health Office of any contagious illness your child is diagnosed with and obtain a note from the Physician for your child to return to school.**

If your child has Chicken Pox, he/she/they is able to return to school when all the vesicles are crusted over. This usually occurs about 7 days after the start of the outbreak. You must bring your child to the Health Office before the school day begins to be cleared to return to class. Please note that your child may still have the disease even if he/she/they received the vaccine. The disease can be present and a child can be contagious even if there are less than 20 vesicles on their body. Contact your Physician with any questionable vesicles.

If you discover that your child had head lice, please notify the Health Office as soon as possible. You can treat your child with any over-the-counter treatment, but your child needs to be free of lice in order to

return to class. Your child will be allowed to return to school with nits (eggs) only. You need to bring your child to the Health Office prior to the start of the school day with proof of lice treatment. Students are not permitted on the school bus until seen by the Nurse.

Reminder: What to do if your child has an injury?

For a minor injury not requiring a Physician's care: Please send a written note to the Health Office. You must give written permission for your child to be excused from gym class for one week (Elementary) and three days (Secondary level). A student may not participate in gym class with a splint, sling, brace, ace bandage, or cast, unless cleared by a Physician.

For a more serious injury requiring a Physician's care or to be excused from gym for more than three days: You must obtain a Physician's note stating the exact restrictions your child has, and how long your child is excused from gym class. You must bring your child to the Health Office if crutches are ordered with a Doctor's note allowing the student to use crutches. Students are not permitted to use the stairs while on crutches. This may pose a risk to the injured party as well as to other students.

Reminder: If your child requires medication during the school day.

- All medication must be sent to the Health Office in the original prescription container.
- All controlled substances must be delivered to the Nurse by a parent/guardian or adult designee.
- A Physician's order is required for ANY medication other than those listed on the Emergency card. This applies to both prescription and over-the-counter medications.
- A parent permission form must be completed for each medication.
- Students are not permitted to carry or self administer medication on the bus or during school hours.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Health Office.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Certified School Nurse

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 [link](#) to sign-up.

Walt Disney Attendance

If your child is absent, kindly let us know by emailing us at wdattendance@pennsburysd.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.

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.
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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](#).

NEW Walt Disney Elementary YouTube Channel



Walt Disney TV - Pennsbury School District

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More about this channel >

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 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



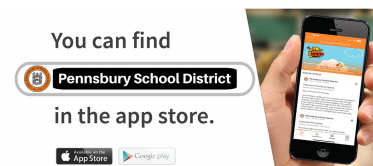
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Upcoming Events at Walt Disney!

4/18 - 1/2 day for students - Parent Teacher Conferences in Afternoon & Early Evening

4/19 - No School for Students - Parent Teacher Conferences

4/22-5/3 - PSSA Test

- Grades 3, 4, and 5

4/23 - No School for Students - Primary Election Day

5/10 - Dragon of the Month Assembly - Kindness



Walt Disney Elementary School

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