



PENNSBURY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



# THE WALT DISNEY DISPATCH

December 15, 2024



Good Evening Walt Disney Families,

As we prepare for the finally week of school before the winter break, I want to take a moment to share some exciting upcoming events and important dates with you. Please mark your calendars so you don't miss out!

### Upcoming Events

#### **Gingerbread Contest Drop-Off**

- **Dates:** December 16th & 17th
- Get creative and bring your gingerbread house masterpieces to school! We can't wait to see your festive creations.

### **Voting Dates**

- **When:** December 18th & 19th
- **Prizes:** The top three winners will receive exciting prizes!
- **Note:** Late entries will be displayed but will not be eligible for prizes.
- **Pickup Deadline:** Please ensure all gingerbread houses are picked up by the end of the day on December 19th. Any houses left behind will be discarded.

### **Winter Break**

- **Dates:** December 23rd - January 1st

- Wishing all of our families a joyous and restful winter break. School will resume on Thursday, January 2nd.

### **PTO Meeting**

- **When:** January 2nd at 6:30 PM
- Start the new year by joining us for our first PTO meeting of 2024. Your involvement makes a difference!

### **Dragon of the Month Assembly**

- **When:** January 3rd at 2:15 PM
- **Character Trait Focus:** Safe
- We look forward to celebrating our Dragons who exemplify the character trait of being safe.

Thank you for your continued support in making Walt Disney Elementary a wonderful place for our students to learn and grow. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Your proud principal,  
Dr. Ortiz

### **REMINDERS**

#### **Pets on School Property**

I want to remind everyone that pets are not permitted on school property. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

#### **Riding Bikes to School**

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.

#### **Breakfast & Lunch Menus**

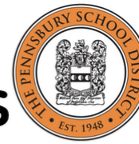
You can access our breakfast and lunch menu by visiting the following page:

- [Walt Disney Elementary Breakfast & Lunch Menu](#)
- **Reminder: every student at Walt Disney receives free breakfast and lunch!**

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## **Remote Learning Facts for Elementary Parents**

# REMOTE LEARNING FACTS FOR ELEMENTARY PARENTS



## **SCHOOLGY**



Teachers will post Google Meet links for each class in Schoology, along with all lesson materials and assignments for students to access. Students should log in to Schoology via Clever.

## **Schoology Parent Access**

- For your first time logging in to Schoology, go to <https://app.schoology.com/login> on a computer. Click "Forgot your password," and enter the same email address you use for your PowerSchool Parent Portal. Then, select "Send My Login Info." You'll receive an email with instructions to reset your Schoology Password. (This will be a separate password from your Powerschool Parent Portal Account).
- After your initial login on a computer, you can access Schoology on your phone by downloading the Mobile App and logging in with your Schoology account credentials. The free Schoology app is available for both Android and iOS devices.
- Additional information on setting up your Parent Schoology Account will be sent to you electronically.

## **DEVICES & LOG IN**

In the event of a remote learning day, students will bring home their district-issued Chromebook and charger. K-2 students will log in using their Clever Badges, while students in grades 3-5 will use their Student ID and password. Teachers will provide students with instruction on how to log in properly.

## **SCHEDULE**

- Remote Learning Days will run from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM for all K-12 students.
- Attendance will be taken as per the modified schedule.
- Instruction will be live and synchronous unless otherwise directed by the district.
- Detailed schedule information can be found on the PSD Remote Learning Website.

## **TIPS**

- Charge your Chromebook overnight, and gather all necessary materials.
- Choose a quiet, distraction-free space for your work.
- Keep your microphone muted when you're not speaking.
- Turn on your camera when requested (if possible).
- Dress appropriately, and maintain the same standards of behavior as you would in person.

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## WD PTO Sneaker Drive

# *Athletic* **SNEAKER DRIVE**



**From  
12/1-  
12/14**

Help the  
Walt Disney PTO  
raise money  
by donating  
your gently used  
**athletic  
sneakers!**

Examples of accepted **athletic** brands are  
Adidas, Nike, Under Armour, Asics, Jordan,  
**and many more!**

Donated **athletic sneakers** should be  
dropped off by you or your student in the  
designated box in the school lobby.

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## Walt Disney Pantry 2024-2025

Due to the upcoming Holiday/New Year break, the Walt Disney Pantry will be closed. All **bi-weekly pantry requests will be filled and available for pick-up as scheduled the week of December 16th**. The Walt Disney Pantry form **will re-open for requests on Sunday January 5th** with pick-ups resuming that week for the bi-weekly cycle. Thank you for understanding.

### 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 pick up that week.

**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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## SHOP with a COP 2024

The [Middletown Township Police Department](#) Shop-With-A-Cop program application is now open and families can complete it [here](#). Please be mindful that the Middletown Township Police Department wants as much detail as possible to determine eligibility. The application must be completed and submitted by Friday, November 15th but it would be helpful if it is completed sooner. If you have questions about the application or process, please contact the Middletown Township Police Department at 215-750-3845. If you need direct support with completing the application, please contact our School Social Worker, Ms. Tahira N. Jackson on her district cell phone at (267) 461-2522 or by email at [tjackson@pennsburysd.org](mailto:tjackson@pennsburysd.org).

### About the Shop With A Cop Program

The Middletown Shop With A Cop program, now in its sixth year, is a collaborative effort involving six police departments across Lower Bucks County. This program provides children from various school districts, including many in our own community, the opportunity to shop with local police officers during the holiday season. The Middletown Township Police Department manages the application process, determining eligibility and ensuring students from across the region can participate. We are proud to continue working with the Middletown officers to help brighten the holidays for our students.

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## School District Calendar

A copy of the Pennsbury School District calendar can be found here: [Pennsbury School District Calendar 2024-2025](#). **We will operate on a 5-day cycle and September 3, 2024 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 here: [Rotation Calendar 2024-2025](#).

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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 3:25 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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## Student Code of Conduct

The school board has passed an updated Elementary Student Code of Conduct. This includes information about our school-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Support System. It also includes attendance regulations and important information regarding support systems for families and students. We are committed at Pennsbury to help our kids be their best selves. You may reference the student code of conduct here: [PSD Elementary Student Code of Conduct](#).

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## School Bus Code of Conduct

Click the following link, [Pennsbury School Bus Code of Conduct](#), to read with your child(ren) so that everyone is aware of what is expected on the bus. We request you fill out the [Bus Code of Conduct](#) to show you have read and understand the information.

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## PSD Food Services - Breakfast & Lunch Program at WD

Breakfast & lunch will be served starting September 3, 2024. 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 form 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 to complete the **Free & Reduced Price School Meals and Special Milk Program** application form. 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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## Communication

Your child will receive a small packet of information and paperwork on the first day of school. Throughout the school year, our weekly newsletter (Walt Disney Dispatch) and other routine flyers and information will be sent home 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 PowerSchool.**

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## Birthday Celebrations

As part of the Pennsbury School District Wellness Policy, shared classroom snacks are not permitted in district schools. Suggested nonfood ideas for parents/guardians and staff include stickers, pencils, spirit sticks and reward activities. Please contact your child's teacher in advance to make arrangements. You can read more about Board Policy 246 - School Wellness by visiting [Pennsbury's School Board Policies](#) page.

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.

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## Volunteer Clearances

All individuals interested in volunteering in the 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 upload them into our volunteer tracker [App Garden](#). If you have previously submitted clearances to the school and were an approved volunteer, you are still required to complete the [Volunteer Affirmation Form](#). 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 [Volunteer Clearances](#).

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## Media Release

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

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## Walt Disney Elementary Social Media

Be sure to visit our social media platforms to stay informed and engaged with Walt Disney:

- Facebook page: [Walt Disney Elementary School Facebook Page](#).
- Instagram page: [Walt Disney Elementary School Instagram Page](#) - psd\_wdes
- YouTube page: [Walt Disney TV - Pennsbury School District](#)

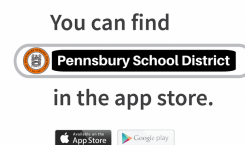


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## Pennsbury SD Mobile App & Text Message Opt-in

### PSD App

Download the **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.



Apple (iOS) - [Click Here to Download](#)

Android (Google Play) - [Click Here to Download](#)

### Text Message Opt-In

[August 26 is the District's official "Opt-In" day to receive text messages](#), but you can opt-in at any time by texting "Yes" to 67587 from the mobile device you have on file with the District. To receive text messages from PSD, opting in is required!

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## Upcoming Events!

11/11 - No School - Veterans Day Observance

11/13 - Picture Retake Day

11/15 - WD Veterans Day Program

11/25 - Early Dismissal AM - Parent/Teacher Conferences PM

11/26 - Early Dismissal AM - Parent/Teacher Conferences PM

11/27 - No School - AM Conference Makeups

11/28 & 11/29 - Thanksgiving Break

12/23-1/1 - Winter Break





# Walt Disney Elementary School

## Contact Information

### Walt Disney Elementary School

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**Dr. Ernesto Ortiz, Jr.**

Dr. Ortiz is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters