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## The Walt Disney Magnet STEAM School

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### **Pre-K & "New" Kindergarten Open House - May 31, 2018.**

#### **Welcome Incoming Pre – K & Kindergarten Parents/Guardians,**

Your child has been offered a Pre- K or Kindergarten placement in our school, P.S. 160 The Walt Disney School for the 2018-2019 school year. We are looking forward to the start of a wonderful relationship.

The vision statement of P.S. 160 is to provide a nurturing academic environment that creates life-long learners who will meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Here at P.S. 160 our mission is to provide a Common Core Standards based education through high expectations, creativity, respect and the cooperation of family, community and school. At P.S. 160, our children are the future and we instill in them that if they believe in themselves and work hard they are on the right path to success. That is why our motto here at P.S. 160 is "The Future Starts Here. Believe, Achieve, Succeed!"

In our upcoming 2018-2019 school year we will continue to focus on S.T.E.A.M (science, technology, engineering, art and math) while providing each student with new challenges that will result in a rewarding school experience. Academic emphasis on the core content areas of reading, writing, math, social studies, and science will remain a priority. Instruction in the arts, technology, and physical education intensify our program providing each student with the opportunity to develop areas of interest and skill.

In an effort to ensure a successful beginning to the upcoming 2018-2019 school year, please take a moment to pay special attention to the following important information.

- **First Week of School- Sept. 5, 2018 is the first day of school.**
- Arrival/ Dismissal location for Pre-K- Students will line up in the small (front/side) school yard. **Due to the construction of our new playground Kindergarten - 5th grade students will enter through the main entrance and line up in the auditorium.**
- **School Hours-** The school start time is 8:00 AM for all students. The end time for all students is 2:20 PM Monday - Friday.

- **The First Day of School- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> –**  
There will be a **half day of school for Kindergarten students only**. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 AM.  
**Pre-K students will be utilizing a staggered schedule for the first day of school.** Parents will be informed via the mail regarding the procedures for the day.
- Sept. 6, 2018 will be the first **full day for Kindergarten** and an early dismissal for **Pre-K (10:50 am dismissal)**. **Pre-K's first full day will be Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**
- **Breakfast-** All students are encouraged to participate in the free breakfast program. Breakfast will be served each morning at 7:30 AM in the school lunchroom.
- **Arrival/Drop off-** For the safety of our students we ask that you do not leave your child/children unattended outside the school building prior to 7:30 AM.
- **School Uniforms-** The P.S. 160 school uniform colors are red, white and blue. All students are asked to wear their uniforms daily. Blue pants for boys (no jeans), and a blue skirt or pants for girls as well as blue or black shoes. During the warmer months navy shorts are permitted to be worn as long as they are appropriate for school. In the interest of safety we ask that you please refrain from permitting your child to wear flip – flops to school. They can be dangerous for children when playing on the school yard. On the days when the children have gym they are required to wear sweats and sneakers.
- Your child will be bringing home a blue emergency contact card, we ask that you please complete the blue card promptly and verify that all information is accurate. Be aware that students will not be released to anyone whose name does not appear on this document. Please make sure that all numbers are transcribed correctly and are functioning. All information must be returned the first week to your child's teacher.
- **Student Behavior and Discipline-** Students are expected to follow all school rules. The guidelines for student behavior and discipline are outlined in the NYCDOE discipline code titled the NYCDOE Citywide Standards of Discipline and Intervention Measures. A copy of the NYCDOE discipline code will be sent to each parent/guardian in the fall. You may also find a copy on the Dept. of Education website by clicking on the link to Rules and Policies at <http://schools.nyc.gov>.
- **School Supply Lists-** Supply lists for grades Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be posted on our school website under the Parent 411 tab beginning June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Young Achievers after School Program-** We are fortunate enough to have an after school program that is housed within the school building; however, it is a grant based program that only facilitates 125 students. Children who attended the program last year as well as the summer program are automatically enrolled in September. All vacancies for the upcoming school year are filled via a lottery, with priority given to Kindergarten. All parents interested in the program must submit their child's name to be entered into the lottery.  
**At this time the Young Achievers program does not accept Pre-K applicants.**

As we look towards the start of a new school year, please remember that the success of our students depends greatly on the continued collaboration of parents and school staff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the main office.

You may also contact our Parent Coordinator, Ms. Kwafi Gray at (718) 822-8402 or e-mail – [kgray6@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:kgray6@schools.nyc.gov).

We look forward to working with you and your child during the upcoming year to provide a productive and safe learning environment that supports student success.

Sincerely,

Lori Baker  
Principal