



“It Starts with Us”

MAGNET SCHOOLS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Quote: "The greatest gift you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." Dennis Waitley

ATTENTION PARENTS

APPLICATIONS: There is a new procedure for all students wishing to attend a MCPSS magnet school for the 2018-2019 school year. Beginning with new applications in January 2018, ALL STUDENTS MUST APPLY, including currently enrolled students. All applicants will be required to meet the same entrance criteria and be selected. Be assured, all current students who meet entrance criteria and apply within the priority application period will be reselected for their current school. More information will go home in the quarter 1 and quarter 2 report cards. Information will also be provided at community meetings being held at the magnet schools. You may attend any meeting at any location, even if it is not your school. See upcoming events below for dates, times, and locations.

TRANSPORTATION: Magnet schools are open-zoned, schools of choice where parents have selected to send their child to a school that may or may not be located near their home address. Since they are schools of choice, it is the parents' responsibility to get their child to and from the magnet school while following the school's rules and procedures. This includes drop-off and pick-up times, traffic lanes, use of cell phones, parking, busing procedures, interaction with school personnel, and any other policies outlined by the student's magnet school. Please be aware that rules and procedures are not put in place to make it harder for you to deliver and retrieve your child from school. They are put in place as the most efficient, and most importantly, the **safest** way to manage hundreds of students as they arrive and exit schools. While your focus may be on your own schedule, schools must focus on what needs to be done for all students. Failure to follow established arrival and dismissal procedures can result in withdrawal from the magnet school program.

Upcoming Events

MAGNET SCHOOLS INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

There will be 2 meetings at each location. One at 9:00 a.m. and second one at 5:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, October 3, 2017 -Old Shell Road Magnet School
- Tuesday, October 10, 2017 -Denton Magnet School
- Tuesday, October 17, 2017 -Dunbar Magnet School
- Tuesday, October 24, 2017 -Council Traditional School
- Tuesday, November 14, 2017 -Clark-Shaw Magnet School
- Tuesday, November 28, 2017 -Denton Magnet School
- Tuesday, December 5, 2017 – Phillips Preparatory School

APPLICATIONS

Application period for the 2018-2019 school year is January 4, 2018 to June 30, 2018. Priority application period (returning students) is from January 4, 2018 to January 25, 2018.

Reminders

ATTENDANCE

Make sure you are keeping track of your child's attendance. Any student who has more than 5 unexcused absences or more than a total of 12 unexcused early dismissals and/or tardies will not be selected or be allowed to return to a magnet school. Make sure you are submitting parent notes within 3 days of an absence and you are getting your child to school on time. You can check attendance on progress reports, report cards, or by logging into your child's INow account.

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