



## MAGIC APPLE SCHOOL

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### **Hello and Welcome to the fall session of Magic Apple 2013/2014!**

We are thrilled to be able to have your student join us as we have nearly 98 percent of our students returning from the summer and were only able to add 4 new students! The following is a summary of important first week reminders; please take the time to read carefully:

1) **ABSENCES** Always call or email if your student will not be in attendance for any reason—it is NOT okay for a sibling or friend to tell us. Neglect of this results in needless worry, time and energy in attempting to track down your student. For Rio students, absences also affect which bus we bring for pickup and you don't even want to know our gas bills for our buses!

2) **INFORM YOUR SCHOOL OF MAGIC APPLE ATTENDANCE:** Please call AND send a note to your student's teacher AND office informing them of your student's days of attendance for Magic Apple. Valencia students will need the correct bus route to be dropped at Magic . Rio students gather at the cafeteria to walk as a group to the waiting Magic Apple bus (Clubhouse /Pinehurst); you might also list the days for younger students on their binder.

3) **RIO DEL MAR PICK UP BY MAGIC APPLE BUS:** Parents of Rio students need to impress upon their child to get to the bus line in a timely manner--this is not the time to get a drink, chat with friends, etc. If a child will be delayed for an important reason tell them to tell another student to let us know to wait. Please also remind them that it is not easy to hold a full bus of students while we wait for 1-2 late students. Students walking home pass us so there is no reason for a student to be late. If a student walks to the corner and the Magic Apple bus is not there, they are to return to the office; we will not return to pick up students.

4) **PICK UPS AT MAGIC APPLE:** Parents may pick up their students **AT** Magic Apple **anytime until 4:45**. After that, we are cleaning the classrooms and boarding the bus and it is a very hectic time. When entering Magic Apple pull **SLOWLY** through the paved driveway and park in the gravel parking lot—never park nor block the driveway (be sure others picking up are aware of our rules too). When leaving always exit slowly from the gravel parking lot and watch carefully for oncoming traffic—please take your time pulling out!

5) **DAILY DEER PARK OPTION TO MEET PARENTS:** As a courtesy to families we drive to Deer Park Shopping Center daily to meet parents (we are near the vineyards to the left of Bank of America). We leave at 5:10 daily from Magic Apple and arrive at about 5:20. Students wait on the bus to meet parents until 5:30. **PLEASE REMEMBER ALSO:**

- ✓ Parents must always park in a proper parking space at Deer Park, exit the car, walk over to our bus to meet students and escort students to their car
- ✓ Parents must always say goodbye, letting teachers know you have your student.
- ✓ If visiting with other families, please stand out of the way of traffic.

Please also make sure that ANYONE picking up your student also knows these rules as well!

6) **LATE PICK UPS AT DEER PARK:** If you do not arrive by 5:30 we will bring your student back to Magic Apple as AN EMERGENCY SERVICE ONLY. *Please have a back-up plan in place;* late pick ups are stressful for us and your child(ren) and may be subject to a late fee.

7) **SCHOOL TUITION:** Tuition is due on the first and late after the 10th. There is a \$15 late fee and \$15 returned check fee. If you need to pay late, email your request, put a sticker on a post-dated check, or call to make arrangement *in advance* to avoid fees. We are a very small school and completely dependent on tuition for our costs. Tuition may be brought to the bus, dropped off at Magic Apple (white payment box in room one) or mailed.

8) **SNACKS AT MAGIC APPLE:** Please send extra daily snacks with your student apart from their lunch. They arrive very hungry after school. We do have a student run "snack shack" with bagels, ramen, fruit snacks and chips for purchase as well.

9) **STUDY HALL AT MAGIC APPLE:** As former public school teachers we feel parents have a vital responsibility to monitor their student's homework, however, as parents we are also aware that it is difficult to get everything completed. In that regard, we do offer a daily study hall "jump start" period (4:15-4:45). Usually our students choose when they need to go to study hall or give up recess time to start homework, however, If you would prefer your student be mandated to attend simply email or send a note with the days you want.

10) **MAGIC APPLE SCHOOL CALENDAR:** Our school calendar for 2013-2014 is on our parent's website, [magicappleparents.net](http://magicappleparents.net). During winter/spring breaks in January and April parents may also choose to enroll their student in our special full day camps (use of any hours between 7:45 and 5:30 p.m.). We send registration and activity information a few weeks before any full day camps for interested parents. These camps are held at our sister school campus Apple Afterschool 221 Thunderbird Drive, 685-0629.

11) **BIRTHDAYS:** We have a 100+ year-old bell that loudly proclaims each student's birthday. All students line up and the birthday child rings the bell, once for each year as we sing with great enthusiasm. Afterwards the birthday child passes out a small treat (small sized candy, lollipop, licorice, etc.) and a small gift is given—please email Jan in advance.

12) **MAGIC APPLE IS A PRIVATE SCHOOL, NOT** a daycare or recreation program. We hope you will value our program (we have the same credentials as your child's teacher, Fran also has an MA, administrative and counseling credentials) so that student will as well. We work very hard to present exciting and enriching experiences to enhance our student's education and are thrilled to begin working with your student this fall! Please encourage and support your student's interest in our many activities—from elections, science, poetry, special days, arts, drama and dance classes—to maximize your student's success at Magic Apple.

**BI-WEEKLY** notes listing dates, activities, and reminders will also be sent via email; please take the time to read over and discuss Magic Apple's studies and activities with your child.

**ONCE AGAIN WELCOME to another spectacular year of Magic! Jan and Fran Jimenez**