

September 24, 2015

THANK YOU for attending Open House on September 17. It was a packed house and a successful evening. My theme was, "Why are you here?" This is a question I will be focusing on this year. It is meant to be used for reflection purposes. I want to make sure we, as a community, remember the reasons why we have come to love Columbus Magnet, and the type of work it will take to stay true to its principles. Feel free to send me your thoughts on why you are here at Columbus Magnet. I will look to share some of your comments.

Fondly, Mr. T

A Note on Transportation from Mr. T.

Transportation has been an issue this past month. An aging bus fleet, along with new drivers getting acclimated with routes have caused drop off delays in the afternoon. When parents try to call dispatch to get information, it is very difficult to get through. At Columbus Magnet, the phones go off at 4:00 PM. Even though I am here in the evenings, I do not hear the phones if I am in the office. I have been told it is typical for transportation issues to occur the first month of school; however, they level off as time passes. Will that be of comfort to you if the bus is 45 minutes late in November; probably not. Here is a small solution. **My cell# is 203-515-9768.** This is a last resort #. This means, if there is a very late bus, you have been unsuccessful in your attempts to connect with dispatch and you are truly worried then call me. If I am in the building, I will do what it takes to find out what is going on. This number should be used to contact me for immediate emergencies. Finding out if school is closed due to inclement weather does not constitute an emergency. As you all know, I am a dad of three, so please be mindful of my parenting needs if the thought crosses your mind to call me late at night. I hope this helps provide a small measure of comfort. Thank you!