



ARE YOU A DISNEY DREAMER AND DOER? DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?

*Then participate for a chance to be selected as your school's Dreamer and Doer!**

Must be submitted to Mrs. Prugel by Monday, March 11th at 4:00pm

In 400 words or less, answer the following question:

What is a positive action you have taken, or a student has taken, to improve the community, home, or school? What inspired this action?

Although academic achievement, stellar attendance and volunteerism are important, this program is intended to reward unique accomplishments of positive action and/or improvement, compassion, empathy and creativity. Students can inspire others through their actions in many areas, including:

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| <i>Supporting others</i> | <i>Conservation/environmental</i> | <i>Leading by example</i> |
| <i>Strengthening families</i> | <i>Improving your school</i> | <i>Safety</i> |
| <i>School achievement</i> | <i>Displaying kindness</i> | <i>Or others!</i> |

**WALT DISNEY
The Original Dreamer and Doer**

When Walt Disney was only five years old, his family moved to a farm, where he enjoyed country life, played outdoors, and even had his own pony. Then his father fell ill, and the family had to sell the property and virtually all of their possessions. That included the pony and, for the rest of his life, Walt would remember wrapping his arms around the pony's neck and crying his eyes out, as his beloved pet was led away.

Later, when Walt was a young man with his own film studio, a client called him about a short movie, a commercial that could run at the local theater. He asked Walt to come over and meet with him, and Walt stalled for a while, and then finally confessed that he could not come to the meeting because he had no shoes; his only pair was at the shoe repair shop, and he didn't have the \$1.50 he owed to get them out. Walt's client paid for the repair so Walt could get his shoes back; that was one of the many people who would support Walt and help him along the way.

Walt faced many challenges. He went bankrupt, and later nearly lost another company. Then, nearly broke, on a cross-country train trip, he discovered Mickey Mouse. Later, he created a new way of making cartoons—not the silent films of that era, but a cartoon with sound, with characters who whistled, laughed and spoke.

Walt Disney refused to quit, no matter what life offered up. He accepted the challenges that faced him and used his creativity to overcome them. When confronted with overwhelming odds, he answered with the greatest power he had: the power of his dreams.

Your creativity, your imagination, your dreams are some of the most powerful tools ever known. Are you facing challenges? Maybe you can do what Walt did.

Use your imagination to rise above what life has to offer. Unleash your creativity ... and dream your way out.