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From: Dr. Hagstrom
To: Disney Parents
Re: Assorted Matters

**REMINDER – SCHOOL DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL 7:30 A.M.
DUE TO LIMITED SUPERVISION**

Disney students continue to achieve great things! Our basketball teams displayed great teamwork throughout the season and advanced to the playoffs. Both girls' teams and the boys' 5th & 6th grade teams played in the area championship games. Congratulations to all of our student athletes and many thanks to our dedicated basketball coaching staff: Mr. Cataldo, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Page and Mr. Russell. We also congratulate chess team members: Jorge Alvizures, Zamaan Bagban, Andy Cam-Koo and Sanee Kassam, earned the right to compete in the City Championship this past weekend. Our 6th grade student, Sanee Kassam, finished ranked third for 6th grade in the city. Hats off to Trevor Scott, our Chess Coach, for his development of our players and his commitment to the chess program. We are so proud of all of the students' hard work and rewarding accomplishments!

- **Teacher Summer Grants** – Two of our teachers have received grants for very special educational travel experiences this summer, which they will incorporate into next year's classroom learning. Tim Reilly, first grade, will spend his summer living in a Massai village in northern Tanzania, Africa. He will work in a primary school teaching English and work with village leaders to design service projects on environmental education and water purification. William Cataldo, 8th grade, will visit Europe studying World War II and Holocaust sites. His study will take him to France, Germany, the Netherlands and Poland. We are very excited for their opportunities and the knowledge they will bring back to school in the fall.

- **PAC Meeting** – PAC will host a Meeting on **Friday, March 18** at 8:15 a.m. A special election will be held to fill the vacant Chair position; refreshments will be served. PAC will also be offering a family activity "Calm Classroom", from 4:45 – 5:45 p.m. on **Friday, April 8**, immediately prior to the PTA Movie Night. We encourage parents to come and learn about this program which we utilize in our daily classroom activities.

- **Non Attendance Days** – There is no school for students **Friday, April 1** (Staff Development Day); **Wednesday, April 6** (Report Card Pick Up Day); **April 18 – 22** (Spring Break); **Monday, May 30** (Memorial Day).

- **Report Card Pick Up Day** – The next Report Card Pick-Up day is **Wednesday, April 6**. Parents will need to come to the school to pick up the report card, and to have a conference with the teacher. Pick-up hours are 12-3 and 4-6 p.m. on a drop-in basis. While in the building on this day, you will also be able to visit the Scholastic Book Fair and pick-up PTA fundraiser orders that were turned in by March 11.

- **ISAT Testing** – Testing has been completed and we know the students worked very hard. We appreciate your support. Test results typically arrive towards the end of the school year.

- **Spring Sports** – Tryouts are taking place this week for Spring Sports – 5th-8th grade boys' and girls' track and 7th & 8th grade girls' soccer. In order to try out, students must have the signed parental permission slip the day of try outs.

- **PTA** – The next regular Membership Meeting will be **Monday, March 28** at 7:45 a.m. Red Apple Fundraiser orders will be distributed **Wednesday, April 6**, which is report card pick up day. The next Movie Night is **Friday, April 8**. Parents, we need to remind you that all students at movie night **MUST** be actively supervised by their parent and are to be watching the movie. Students are not allowed to be playing or sitting outside of the carpeted movie watching area. These policies are in place for the safety and enjoyment of all those in attendance. Those who do not comply, may be asked to leave. The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be **April 4-15**.

- **Morning Arrival** – Now that the weather is warming up, we need to remind all families that students being dropped off by parents or arriving to school on their own, should not be on the school grounds before 7:30 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation.