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

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Monday, March 7 – Pulaski Day
Friday, April 1 – Professional Development Day

Disney students continue to achieve great things! Caleb Wilkerson, third grade, represented Disney Magnet at the recent Area 2 Spelling Bee, and advanced to the second to last round. As a third grade student, this is an amazing achievement! Two kindergarten students are winners in the Anticruelty Society Young Artist Contest. Congratulations to Eli Furgeson, 1st place, for his entry “Feeding My Pet” and Jocelyn Pointer, Special Recognition for her entry “My Bird”. We also congratulate our 7th grade student, Celeste Lopez, who placed in the elementary school semi-finals of the Illinois Junior Academy of Science Essay Contest with the theme “The Science of Music”. We are so proud of all of your accomplishments!

- **ISAT Testing** – Next week is ISAT week! We will hold our ISAT Pep Rally for the students Tuesday afternoon. Testing will take place on **Wednesday, March 9 and continue through Tuesday, March 15**. Students in grades 3-8 will be tested in reading and math. Additionally, students in grades 4 and 7 will be tested in science. It is important that all healthy children are at school on time and well rested. School will provide raisin snacks; you may want to send your child with a plastic bottle of water. If your child is sick, please keep them at home to rest; absent students will have an opportunity to make up missed tests. As needed, through March 18. A sick child will not do their best on a test and may spread germs to other students.

- **Progress Reports** – Progress reports will be sent home with the students **Wednesday, March 9**.

- **After School Sports** – Congratulations to our basketball teams who have all had successful seasons. Three teams are still participating in the playoff rounds. We invite parents to accompany their child to cheer on our teams. Scheduled games are listed below. Our cheerleading team is competing in an area event on March 12 at 9:00 am at Northwest Middle School, 5252 W. Palmer. Parents and supervised students are welcome.

- **Pod 100 CAC Unit** – First grade students are now hard at work on their arts-integrated unit in the CAC studying biomes. Please consult with your child’s teacher on volunteer needs. Parents of first grade students are invited to the culminating performance of their 2-week CAC unit. Please plan to attend **Friday, March 11**. The show will start promptly at 9:30 a.m.; the SW door of the CAC will open at 9:15 for admittance. The children have worked very hard and this is their time to shine for you. No children under 5 will be admitted to avoid potential disruption of the show.

PAC Meeting – PAC will host its monthly “Coffee Time” on **Friday, March 11**, at 8:15 a.m. in the CAC Dining Room on the 1st floor. All parents are welcome; first grade parents may be interested in attending this meeting prior to the pod 100 show.

- **Local School Council** – The regular LSC meeting for March is scheduled for **Monday, March 14**, at 5:30 p.m.

- **PTA** – Completed orders with payment for the Spring PTA **Red Apple Fundraiser** are due at school no later than **Tuesday, March 8**. Orders will be delivered Wednesday, April 6, which is report card pick up day. The next **Movie Night** is **Friday, March 11**; the movie will be *Megamind*. Families are welcome; all students must be supervised by their parent. The next regular **Membership Meeting** will be **Monday, March 28** at 7:45 a.m. The Spring Scholastic **Book Fair** will be April 4-15.

- **End of Day Departure Procedures** – Parents meeting these upper grade students should arrange to meet them at the Northwest end of the property only; parking is available on Clarendon. Upper grade students are not to be met in the morning drop off area in the South driveway. Please do not block the driveways or bus lanes with your cars; double parking is not allowed. For the safety of all of our students and consideration of other parents, please comply so that we can keep traffic moving efficiently during arrival and dismissal. **Parents need to be on time to pick up children at 1:45 pm and then promptly leave the property**. This policy is in place for the safety of all students, and to expedite the safe exit of our buses from the property. After 1:45, there is no supervision outside; students may not reenter the building. Once buses leave the property, students supervised by their parent may return to the playground.

- **Future Dates/Events** – Please mark your calendar for upcoming activities of interest and important dates:
Basketball at Disney – **Thursday, March 3** 4:00 pm – 5th & 6th grade boys
Pod 300 CAC Performance – **Thursday, March 31, 9:30 a.m.**; parents welcome
Spring Break – **Monday through Friday, April 18-22**; No School for Students/Building Closed
Report Card Pick-Up – **Wednesday, April 6** – No school for students/Parent Teacher Conferences

(Over for March Calendar)