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

LAST DAY FOR AFTER SCHOOL ALL STARS PROGRAM THURSDAY, APRIL 14!

- **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).

- Salute to Student Achievement – We congratulate Celeste Lopez, Mr. Holland's 7th grade student, whose Science of Music essay "Music Can Help Children with Disabilities" took 1st place in the Illinois Junior Academy of Science essay contest. Awards were announced at the CPS City Science Fair this past weekend. Celeste, we couldn't be prouder! We also recognize the following students whose Young Author submissions were selected to advance to the Area level competition: Primary level – Quincy Tye (Kindergarten) and Caleb Sharkey (2nd grade); Intermediate level – Zachary Huff and Jireh Lyons (both in 4th grade); Upper level – Matthew Reilly and Carol Castro-Adolphus (both 7th grade students).

- **Pod 210 CAC Performance** – The third grade students have been very busy learning about African animals and habitat. The culminating performance, "Going Wild in Animal Style," is **Thursday, March 31,** at 9:30 a.m. The SW door of the CAC will be open at 9:15 for admission to seating. Parents will be able to park in the school parking lots as well as on the blacktop area at the back of the school. 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. As well, use of cell phones and video equipment is prohibited; due to CPS policy against photographing children without written permission. We need and appreciate the cooperation of all audience members to enable everyone to enjoy the show to the fullest.

- Spring Concert – **Thursday, March 31,** is also the day for our eagerly anticipated Spring Concert. The performance will be at 12:05 pm and will feature performances by Disney choral members and musicians. We look forward to this special event and welcome parents to attend.

- **Next Year Lottery Confirmation Deadline** – If you applied last fall for a spot for a child to attend Disney Magnet next year you should have received a letter from Academic Enhancement last week. Parents who received an "Offer" to enroll must return the Enrollment Confirmation Form to school by April 1 or you will lose your spot.

- **Report Card Pick Up Day** – 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 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 (1st floor gym), purchase Disney wear (1st floor hallway) and pick-up PTA fundraiser orders (1st floor CAC Dining Room. We also have a vast collection of lost and found items on display in the first floor planning area. Please check here for items your child has lost; all unclaimed items will be donated to charity on April 12.

- PTA –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.** The final Movie Night of the school year will be Friday, May 13. The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be **April 4-15.**

- PAC Meeting – Erika Harasimowicz has been elected to the position of PAC Chair. The monthly meeting is **Friday, April 8** at 8:15 a.m. A PAC sponsored workshop "Calm Classroom", will be is on **Friday, April 8**, from 4:45 – 5:45 p.m. Space is limited and pre-registration for this workshop is requested. A workshop planned for May 6 from 4:30 – 5:30 will cover use of the Promethean Boards in the classroom.

- **Graduation Dates** – To assist parents in planning, graduation dates are listed below;details for each event will be provided to those families as they become available. A limited number of tickets are made available to each 8th grade student; tickets are not required for the kindergarten program. For both graduation programs, we remind you that children under 5 are not allowed. Please plan accordingly so that you are not disappointed.
Wednesday, June 15 – 8th grade graduation **Friday, June 17** – kindergarten graduation

(over for April calendar)