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

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Monday, February 21 – Presidents Day

Disney students continue to demonstrate their excellence. We recognize the work of: Ariana Lazia (8th grade), William Kang (7th grade) and Ethan Recinto (6th grade), who all participated in the recent Area 2 Science Fair and received ratings of excellent for their projects. We wish good luck to Caleb Wilkerson (3rd grade) who will represent Disney School at the upcoming Area 2 Spelling Bee. We are so proud of all of you!

- **After School Sports** – Congratulations to our basketball teams that have been playing some exciting team ball! All the teams are finishing their regular season this week. The girls' teams currently have records of 9-2 (5th & 6th) and 10-1 (7th & 8th); both boys' teams have records of 7-0 in the conference! Playoffs will begin next week; students accompanied by their parent will be able to attend any games held at Disney School. Those in attendance at sports events are expected to follow the "Disney Way": no gum chewing, no electronics, no ball playing, respect for others at all times. Our cheerleading team participated in the game yesterday; they impressed us all with their routines and certainly added to the spirit!. They will be competing in an area event on March 12; stay tuned for more details. Spring sports will begin in late March; upper grade students will be provided try-out forms when they are ready.

- **Pod 120 CAC Unit** – Parents of kindergarten students are invited to the culminating performance of their 2-week CAC unit. Please plan to attend "Dream Jobs In Scienceland", this **Friday, February 18**. The show will start promptly at 9:30 a.m.; the SW door of the CAC will open at 9:15 for admittance. Parking will be available on the concrete court for this show only. 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 – Please come this **Friday, February 18**, for the monthly "Coffee Time" at 8:15 a.m. in the CAC Dining Room on the 1st floor. All parents are welcome; kindergarten parents may be interested in attending this meeting prior to the pod 120 performance. PAC also invites Disney families to a financial literacy workshop where they will learn new ways to equip their children with basic money management skills through fun games, activities, songs and hands-on workbook activities. The workshop is free and will take place at DePaul University, 1 E. Jackson on Friday, February 25, 2011 from 3pm-5pm. It will also include lunch and a tour of the Money Museum which is walking distance from DePaul. Please reserve a space by email to disneypac@yahoo.com, or via phone to 312.804.6931 to attend. Space is limited to the first 30 responses.

- **PTA** – The next Movie Night is **Friday, February 18**; the movie will be *Princess and the Frog*. Families are welcome; all students must be supervised by their parent. Parking will be free in the parking lots at Disney for this Movie Night only. The March Movie Night, *Megamind*, will be Friday, March 11. The next regular Membership Meeting will be **Monday, March 28** at 7:45 a.m. Parents please come and see how you can get involved and to learn more about PTA activities. Within the week you will be receiving an envelope for the Spring Red Apple Fund Raiser. Completed orders with payment are due at school by **Monday, March 7**. Orders will be delivered Wednesday, April 6, which is report card pick up day. The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be April 4-15. PTA thanks everyone who participated in the Fall Book Fair; due to the great support the Disney library now has over \$8,000 in new books on the shelves for our students to read!

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

- **ISAT Testing** - Due to the snow closings, the CPS Board of Education has decided to delay the ISAT tests by one week. Disney will begin tests on **Wednesday, March 9 and continue through Tuesday, March 15**. Makeup tests for students who miss a test will be done as needed through March 18. Students in grades 3-8 will be tested in reading and math. Additionally, students in grades 4 and 7 will be tested in science. As a parent you can help them prepare by becoming familiar with their homework assignments and making sure they are doing their work. We also encourage you to read with your children and talk with them about what they have read; questions and answer discussion is a wonderful way to improve reading comprehension.

- **Disney Summer Enrichment Program** – Disney will be offering our "Summer Enrichment Program. The program is open to students in pre-school through 4th grade and is offered in 2-week sessions. Additional information is on the back.

- **Future Dates/Events** – Please mark your calendar for upcoming activities of interest and important dates:

Girls' Basketball Home Game – **Thursday, February 17**

Paluski Day – **Monday, March 7** – No School for Students/Building Closed

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