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To: Disney Parents

From: Kathleen Hagstrom, Principal

Re: Assorted Matters

Friday, January 27 – No School for Students – Professional Development Day
Friday, February 3 – No School for Students – Staff Development Day

- **Anti Bullying Assembly** - Yesterday we held an Anti-Bullying Assembly for all 6th - 8th grade students. As we read the newspaper or listen to tv news, we are all aware of the increase in bullying, in our school, community and cyber space. Combating this very destructive behavior requires everyone to work together; parents please discuss this topic with your children. There are a number of sites that can help you address this, including: www.stopbullying.gov, antibullyingblog.blogspot.com, or www.stopcyberbullying.org.

- **CAC Unit Performances** - We want to remind our parents about the procedures for performances. Large events, such as concerts, graduations, and the grade-level performances, are held in the CAC, our annex building. Parents are encouraged to attend. **To ensure safety and audience enjoyment, we do not allow children under the age of five-years old at these events.** While this may be frustrating for some parents, we have found that this policy provides for a more pleasing experience for the performers and audience at large. All parents and visitors enter the southwest door of the CAC, near the green playground. Doors open 15 minutes before the event. Parking is available in lots behind school. If crowd size merits, security staff will open the basketball court for parking.

- **Pod 100 CAC Unit** - First grade will begin their 2-week CAC unit, *Windy with a Chance of Rain*, on **Monday, January 30**. Please consult with the teacher on volunteer needs. Parents can attend the culminating activity on **Friday, February 10**, at 9:30 a.m.

- **Pod 120 CAC Unit** - Our kindergarten students will begin their 2-week CAC unit, *Animal Groups*, on **Tuesday, February 21**. Please consult with the teacher on volunteer needs. Parents can attend the culminating activity on **Friday, March 2** at 9:30 a.m.

- **LSC** - the next Local School Council meeting is **Monday, February 6**, at 5:30 p.m. LSC elections are in April. Parents interested in seeking election need to get the nomination form in the office. The deadline to submit nomination forms is **Thursday, March 8**.

- **Longer School Day** - Following the LSC meeting **Monday, February 6**, the LSC will host a meeting for all Disney parents on the proposed longer school day for next year. All Disney parents are welcome to attend. We are seeking parent input and suggestions.

- **PTA** - The next regular PTA meeting is **Tuesday, February 7**, at 7:45 a.m. "Movie Night" is **Friday, February 17** in the CAC.

- **PAC** - The next PAC meeting is **Friday, February 10**, at 8:15 a.m. Our security team, Mr. Crespo and Mr. Haire, will present.

- **School-wide Spelling Bee** - Parents are welcome to attend the school wide Spelling Bee on **Thursday, February 16**.

Kindergarten- 2nd grades at 8:45 a.m.

3rd - 5th grades at 9:15 a.m.

6th - 8th grades at 10:00 a.m.

- **Study Island** - Study Island.com is a web-based tutorial program which can reinforce classroom work as well as help prepare for ISAT testing. Parents are also able to monitor their child's progress. If your child does not know their log on or password, you need to contact their teacher. This program is provided to all Disney students with funding from your Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

- **ISAT Testing** - All Disney students in our 2nd - 8th grade will be doing ISAT simulation testing **February 7 -9**, to help prepare for the actual ISAT tests (3rd - 8th grade) which are **March 7-14**.

- **Morning Drop Off** - Parents, I need your help to improve traffic movement on Marine Drive in the morning. We cannot block bus and fire lanes along the property, nor can we double park on the street; we have been getting complaints from local authorities. The only drop-off on Marine Drive is for **pre-school parents** walking their child directly into pre-school. All other parents must proceed down the south driveway. Thank you for your cooperation.

- **Disney Summer Program** - While we are entering the dead of winter, we want to plant a seed for you to ponder summer plans! We will offer our tuition based "Summer Enrichment and Fun" Program from June 18 through August 10. Each of the four sessions is two weeks long. Tentative activities include, "Enter the Dinosaurs", Disneyland Speedway, Knights of the Square Table – and more! Watch the website and backpack for more information!