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To: Disney Parents

From: Kathleen Hagstrom, Principal

Re: Assorted Matters

February 8, 2012

- ISAT Simulation Testing – February 7, 8, 9

All students 2nd – 8th grades – It is important all students are on time!

Congratulations to Brad Fisher, Disney Technology Coordinator, who recently was recognized by Chicago Public Schools as one of five “*Ones to Watch*” for leadership and innovation in bringing technology into the curriculum! We are proud that he has received this award and appreciate the wealth of ideas and knowledge he, and his team, have brought to our technology program.

- **Student Non-Attendance Days** – Please mark your calendars for the following days when students do not attend school.

Monday, February 13 – Lincoln’s Birthday Holiday

Monday, March 5 – Pulaski Day Holiday

Monday, February 20 – President’s Day Holiday

Monday-Friday, April 2-6 – Spring Break

- **First Grade CAC Performance** – Pod 100 will have their CAC culminating activity, *Windy with a Chance of Rain*, on **Friday, February 10**, at 9:30 a.m. Family members are welcome to attend; we remind you that no children under 5 years are admitted. Attendees will enter the southwest door of the CAC, which will open at 9:15 a.m.; parking is limited so please provide extra time.

- **PAC** – PAC meets **Friday, February 10**, at 8:15 a.m. Ms. Jenkins, Uptown Library and Mr. Crespo and Mr. Haire will speak.

- **Valentines’ Dance** – 7th & 8th grade students have a school dance on **Tuesday, February 14, 4-6:30 p.m.** Dress is formal/dressy.

- **8th Grade Graduation Pictures** – 8th grade students will have graduation pictures taken **Tuesday, February 14 or Wednesday, February 15**. Students will pose in cap and gown and regular clothing. You will receive proofs and place your order at a later date.

- **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.

- **Disney Basketball** – The season is winding down with only two remaining home games: **Wednesday, February 15**, 5th & 6th grade boys play Burley School and **Tuesday, February 21**, the 7th & 8th grade teams play Greeley. Parents are invited to come and support!

- **PTA - Friday, February 17**, is Movie Night; families come and see “Rio!” The spring fund raiser will begin March 1. Volunteers are needed on **Monday, February 27** to come to school and put packets together. Interested parents, please talk to Mr. Mojica or email to waltdisneyschoolpta@gmail.com. The next regular PTA meeting is **Tuesday, March 6**, at 7:45 a.m.

- **LSC** - LSC elections are April 18. Parents interested in running can request a nomination form in the office; the deadline to submit nomination forms is **Thursday, March 8**. The next LSC meeting is **Monday, March 12**, at 5:30 p.m.; the LSC Candidate Forum will follow immediately after the LSC meeting.

- **Morning Drop Off** - Parents, we realize morning drop off is very congested; procedures are in place to ensure student safety and efficient traffic flow. Students in kindergarten - 8th grades are dropped off in the south parking lot, accessible from Marine Drive. To pull up and drop off in the supervised drop-off area you should be in the right lane. If you want more “good bye” time, and plan to park, you should drive up the hill in the left lane, but may not drop off in the left lane. Please be courteous. Thank you for your cooperation.

- **Disney Summer Program** – It’s not too early to ponder summer plans! We will offer our tuition based “Summer Fun at Disney” 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! More information is on the back of this newsletter.

- **Parent Tip of the Month** – “Soothe Solution – Take a Time Out” – By Placing your child in a brief time out (one-minute per year of age) in a separate room, you will eliminate a major reason for his/her tantrum: to get a rise out of you! Most tantrums result from a child wanting attention or attempting to exert control. As Carl Arinoldo, PhD, states, “An actor doesn’t get on stage and play to an empty house.” By both of you being in separate rooms, everyone has the time to regroup and regain perspective and self control.