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To: Disney Parents
From: Kathleen Hagstrom, Principal
Re: Assorted Matters

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Friday, April 5 – Professional Development Day – No School
Wednesday, April 10 – Report Card Pick Up/Parent Teacher Conference Day-No School

Disney Magnet now has its own official social media presence! Check out the latest news, photos, videos and other information on Twitter at: @DisneyMagnetCPS, or on the Facebook page: Walt Disney Magnet School. On Instagram, you can follow us at DisneyMagnetCPS. Students are playing a central role in the content creation for these outlets and learning to be Digital Media Leaders! If you would like your 5th through 8th grade student to be involved, encourage him or her to participate in the Mental Magic lunchtime program. This program, led by staff member Ms. Kara Williams, focuses on digital citizenship and mindful participation in the social/digital media world. Email kwilliams3@cps.edu for more information on Mental Magic or Disney's social media presence.

- **ISBE Illinois Assessment of Readiness** – We have begun the state test, Illinois Readiness Assessment. This standardized test in reading and math, for students in grades 3-8, will continue through April 1. Following, there will be a period of time for make-up testing through April 12. The school will be providing students “brain food” each day before testing in the form of raisins/craisins. Students may bring water in small plastic containers to sip during the test. There is no glass and no water substitutions allowed. Parents can help their child do their best by getting them to school on time, seeing that they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast before school – or they can get breakfast at school. Please do not send your child to school sick; there will be ample time for make-ups when they may be feeling better.

- **Report Card Pick Up Day** – Mark your calendars and plan to attend report card pick up on **Wednesday, April 10**, as this is an opportunity to conference with your child's teachers and to receive the 3rd quarter report card. The parent My School, My Voice survey will be available to parents to complete. You will also be able to pick up any PTA fund raiser orders and visit the Scholastic Book Fair.

- **Local School Council** – The next LSC meeting is **Tuesday, April 9**, at 5:30 p.m.; all Disney parents are welcome.

-**Parent Teacher Association** – The next General Meeting of the PTA will be **Tuesday, April 9**, at 7:30 a.m. The next Movie Night is **Friday, March 22**, at 6 pm; the feature will be “Goosebumps 2,” based on R.L. Stine's popular book series. Save the date for the Spring Movie Night on **Friday, April 26**. We will be showing the Disney hit “Ralph Breaks the Internet”. All Disney families are welcome; reminder all students must be supervised by their parents. The popular Scholastic Book Fair is coming! It will be open during school hours from April 1 – 12. Get ready to stock up on Spring Break reading! Thank you to all the parents who supported our Spring Fundraiser with Java Joes. Your contributions support the PTA efforts to offer more to all of the children at Disney. Orders from the fundraiser will be available for pick up on **Wednesday, April 10**, which is report card pick up day.

-**Summer Enrichment Program** – Information for the Disney Summer Enrichment Program is available in the main office or on the Disney website: www.Disney.CPS.edu. This program of fun and enrichment begins June 24 and ends August 23. It is open to Disney and non-Disney students from pre-school through 4th grade. There are limited junior counselor spots available for upper grade students. You can sign your child up for one week or all weeks, depending on your needs and the child's interest. For more information or to register, please refer to the flyer sent home; it is also available in the main office or on the Disney website.

-**After School Sports** – Basketball playoffs have begun congratulations to all of our teams for reaching the playoff level! Our 5th and 6th grade teams will play **Thursday, March 21** at Disney. The girls' team will play Waters School at 4:15 p.m. and the boys' team will play Agassiz School at 5:15 p.m. The 7th and 8th grade boys will play Friday, March 22 at 4:30 at Nettlehorst School. The 7th & 8th grade girls schedule is not finalized. Come out to cheer on our teams and show your Disney spirit!

-**Word of the Week** – *Fantod*: A state of being nervous or anxious. His *fantod* concerning crowds made him swoon when a large group of people entered the room.