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

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*March 11 – April 1: Illinois Assessment of Readiness grades 3-8*

**-Daylight Saving Time** – This **Sunday, March 10**, is the date to change your clocks due to daylight savings time. Please remember to “Spring Forward” one hour.

**- ISBE Illinois Assessment of Readiness** – Students in grades 3-8 will begin the state assessments next week. Testing in reading and math will begin Monday, March 11, and continue through Monday, 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 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. A separate letter is being sent home with additional information.

**- Parent Advisory Council** – There are no PAC events scheduled for March.

**- Local School Council** – The next LSC meeting is **Tuesday, March 12**, at 5:30 p.m.; all Disney parents are welcome.

**-Parent Teacher Association** – The next *General Meeting* of the PTA will be **Tuesday, March 12**, 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. All Disney families are welcome. The PTA “Java Joe’s” fundraiser is in full swing with delicious coffees and dessert mixes for baking. All orders and payments are due Monday, March 11. Orders will be distributed on Wednesday, April 11, which is report card pick up day. The PTA appreciates everyone’s support to provide enriching and educational opportunities for each child at Disney.

**-Summer Enrichment Program** – Flyers are going home today for the Disney Summer Enrichment Program. This program of fun and enrichment begins June 24 and ends August 23. It is open to Disney and non-Disney students from per-school through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We have limited spots available for junior counselors for upper grade students. Parents have the opportunity to sign their 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 will begin the week of March 18; congratulations to all of our teams for reaching the playoff level! We want to remind parents that Disney students are only allowed to attend games if they are accompanied by their parent. Visitors to games, both students and adults, are asked to display behavior that follows “The Disney Way”. There should be no eating or drinking in the gyms, children are to be watching the game under their parent’s supervision. They are not allowed in other parts of the building, nor are they allowed to play behind the seating during game time. Modeling respectful and cooperative behavior is critical to showing our athletes and other students how to get along. Our coaches work hard throughout the season in practice and on game day with our student athletes; we want to show them the respect needed and the appreciation merited for their commitment to helping our students grow their skills and maturity.

**-Word of the Week** – *Nexus*: A link or connection between two or more things. Every time a message seems to grab us, and we think, “I just might try it”, we are at the nexus of choice and persuasion that is advertising.

**Calendar Dates** – Following are non-attendance days for students:

**Friday, April 5** – School Improvement Day – No School

**Wednesday, April 10** – Report Card Pick Up Day – No School

**Monday, April 15 – Friday, April 19** – Spring Break – No School