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To: Disney Parents
From: Ms. Bandolik, AIC/Principal
Re: Assorted Matters

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We continue to observe Black History Month. Our school day starts with our broadcast song, each one introduced by a Disney student. Students are engaging in classroom reflection on the song's meaning and significance in our culture and history. Yesterday we held an all school assembly from Urban Gateways; *Amazing Africa*, an exciting experience for all focused on dances representative of various countries in West Africa. Classrooms in grades 1, 4, 6, and 7 have planned field trips to the African American Film Festival being held at Facets Theater; some of them have utilized their PTA donation for field trips to help cover costs of buses for this trip. Thanks to PTA for their support of all of our students enriched learning through field trip experiences.

- **Career Fair** – On **Thursday, February 13**, we hosted a Career Fair in the CAC for all fifth through 8th grade students. During the fair, over 40 volunteers came with artifacts, brochures, and photos to help expose over 550 students to potential career paths. Jobs represented were anywhere from Windy City Live producer to a federal prosecutor to a pediatric dentist. Students had 40 minutes to ask critical questions and improve their understanding of future careers. Positive feedback was received from students as well as participating vendors; we will host this next year. A shout out to the Career Fair Team for putting this all together: Dr Riskus, Mrs. Trilla, Ms. Morales and Ms. Mulhern.

-**Safety and Security** – Effective immediately, we have new safety and security protocols in place to implement CPS policy to ensure student and school wide safe environment. All parents and visitors, including pre-school parents, must enter school through the main door on Marine Drive and report in at the main office. Parents and visitors will be required to sign in and out in the main office. Parents of students in grades kindergarten and up will continue to drop off their students as usual. There will be heightened security going forward at entry and dismissal to ensure a safe environment.

-**Pod 300 CAC** – Our 7th & 8th grade students in pod 300 are busy at work in the CAC. The culminating performance is **Friday, February 28**, at 9:00 a.m. in the CAC. We hope all pod 300 parents can attend.

-**Parent Advisory Council**- The PAC will meet **Friday, February 28**, at 7:45 a.m. in the CAC Dining Room. The March meeting will be Friday, **March 20**. All Disney parents are welcome to attend PAC activities.

-**Local School Council**- The next LSC meeting is **Monday, March 2**, at 5:30 pm; all members of the Disney school community are welcome to attend. LSC elections will be **Wednesday, April 22**, from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Judges are needed for the LSC Election; applications are available in the main office. Applications are now being accepted for anyone interested in running for Local School Council parent, community, ESP or teacher representative. Applications are being accepted until Thursday, March 5 at 3:00 p.m.

-**Parent Teacher Association** - Movie Night is **Friday, February 21**; the feature film will be "*The Descendants*". February 21 is the last day to turn in Box Tops for Education. PTA will be collecting box tops at Movie Night; the last day to turn them into school is also Friday, February 21. Thanks to all for their participation in this program. The next PTA General Meeting is **Tuesday, March 10**, at 7:45 a.m. Come get involved with the many spring events we have planned.

- **School Non Attendance Days** **Monday, April 6 – Friday, April 10 – Spring Break**
Friday, April 17 – School Improvement Day **Wednesday, April 22 – Report Card Pick Up Day**