

**Disney II**

**PTA**<sup>®</sup>

**Newsletter**  
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### **S is for Social**

The Disney II PTA will hold its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual ABC Auction on March 6, 2010. Save the date in your calendar for THE Disney II community social occasion! And: if you'd like to help plan or donate an item to this event, contact co-chair Allison Mutlu, [allisonmutlu@sbcglobal.net](mailto:allisonmutlu@sbcglobal.net)

The ABC Auction committee would like to thank Irving Park Garden Terrace, the Schaumburg Flyers, Bespoke Cuisine, and Pump It Up - Chicago for their recent donations to the auction.

### **2009 Fall Fund Drive**

Thank you to all the Disney II families who have donated to the Fall Fund Drive. We are nearing the end of the drive that so far has raised \$30,070 to help fund the Extended Day. We will be announcing the winner of the classroom with the greatest participation rate at the Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 16. If you haven't donated already, there's still time to help us reach our goal of 100% participation from every family at Disney II. Every child in Kindergarten through 3rd grade receives the benefits of the Extended Day.... we hope every family will help make this special initiative available in the future.



### **Are you a PTA Member?**

Become a part of the biggest community organization at Disney II! When you join the Disney II PTA, you'll enjoy member benefits like access to our online discussion group; discounts at Barnes & Noble, Southwest Airlines, and *Parenting* magazine; and a voice within the school community. Contact Martha Lubbat at [mjlubbat@hotmail.com](mailto:mjlubbat@hotmail.com) to submit your membership form and \$5 dues.

### **Introducing the Disney II Educational Foundation**

Do you have experience in setting up a 501(3)(c) or non-profit business or in grant writing? The Disney II Educational Foundation, an independent organization designed to secure additional funding for Disney II Magnet's programs, such as the Extended Day. We'd like your help to ensure that our legal and financial filings meet guidelines. If you are an attorney, accountant or have business experience in this area and could share a little of your time, we would greatly appreciate it. We also need grant writers and welcome anyone willing to share their skills and a little time with the Disney II Educational Foundation. For more information, contact Tiffany Owen at [tiffany.owen@gmail.com](mailto:tiffany.owen@gmail.com)

### **Parent Coffee**

We hope all attendees enjoyed the first PTA Parent Coffee! Thanks to the positive response, we'll be making it a monthly event to be held on the second Wednesday of the month. The next PTA Parent Coffee will be Wednesday, January 13 at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. We hope you can join us. Please feel free to contribute a treat if you wish. Contact Renee Linnemeyer at [renegirard@aol.com](mailto:renegirard@aol.com) for more information.





### **Cold Weather Accessories Drive**

Thank you to the families of Disney II for being very generous to our community during our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We'd like to continue that giving spirit in an effort to keep families warm this winter. The PTA will be collecting new and/or clean, gently used HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS, and SCARVES to benefit the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. Can you pick up a few extra items for the less fortunate while you are out holiday shopping? Or do you have unused accessories lying around your house that could be keeping someone warm? Please have your child turn items in to the collection box in his/her classroom during the week of December 14-18. The classroom that collects the highest number of items will be featured in a blurb and class photo on the Food Pantry Web site!

We need 5 volunteers to help with this effort after drop-off next Friday morning, December 18. It will only take about a half an hour to collect the donation boxes from classrooms, tally the contest totals, and load the items for transport to the Food Pantry. To sign-up, please coordinate with PTA Volunteer Chair, Jenifer Knox at [knox4260@att.net](mailto:knox4260@att.net).

### **Dine-In and Donate**

Judging by the line-out-the-door and Disney II family presence at Leona's on November 18, our first Dine-In and Donate event at Leona's was a great success. Together, we ate our way to a \$150 donation from Leona's. Would you like to see another Disney II dine-in event at an area restaurant? E-mail Gina Covington at [tx-gator@msn.com](mailto:tx-gator@msn.com)

### **PTA Bulletin Board**

Check out the PTA bulletin board near the main office. We'll continue to post information, forms, and project progress in this space. Check it out!



### **News from the Interim Advisory Committee (IAC)**

Some of you know that Disney II has an Interim Advisory Council, which works with Principal Chkoumbova and Disney II staff on school programs, initiatives, and procedures to best meet the changing needs of the school and its students. But did you also know that the IAC's monthly meetings, held the third Wednesday of each month at school, are open to the public? The next IAC meeting will be on Wednesday, December 16th at 6:00 pm.



### **Keep Cutting**

Disney II students collected over 3,000 box tops and soup labels in the first quarter—but it's not over yet! Please keep cutting and collecting—our 2Q collection is in full swing. Details on our second quarter contest prize are coming soon. For more information, contact Caroline Berger at [carolineberger3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolineberger3@sbcglobal.net)

### **Hubbard Street Dance Company Needs Parent Volunteers**

Beginning in January, Hubbard Street Dance Company will offer Disney II students a chance to explore the elements of dance and choreography with HSDC's world-class professional teaching artists. But, we need parent-volunteer help for these sessions, which will run for an hour after school on Tuesdays and Fridays. Volunteers will help the dancers organize and work with our students; no previous dance experience required! We're looking for volunteers for the following dates: January 8, 15, 19, 22, 26; February 2, 5, 9, 16, 19, 23, 26; and March 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23. Please contact Kristine Wilber at [kristinewilber@hotmail.com](mailto:kristinewilber@hotmail.com) to sign up or with additional questions.

### **Save the Date!**

Our next PTA general meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 21 before the Parent Academy.



## **About Disney II PTA**

Disney II PTA is a network of parents, teachers, administrators, and neighbors that creates partnerships between parents and teachers, offers opportunities for parents to connect with one another, and uses fundraising and volunteerism to support Disney II in furthering its educational goals. A 10-person executive board coordinates the process. General meetings are held every other month in conjunction with Saturday Parent Academies. Records of these meetings are posted to our e-mail group, <http://groups.google.com/group/disneyiipta> as well as on the Disney II Web site.

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