

Disney II



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\$23, 500

That's the total that the Disney II PTA raised at our 2nd annual ABC Auction on March 6th. It was a huge success. Thank you so much to the families, friends, and community who donated an item or service, attended, bought a raffle ticket, and/or participated in our silent auction. We could not have done it without you. —*Caroline Pollock Bilicki and Allison Mutlu, auction co-chairs*

Thank You

We'd like to thank the following people individually for their contributions:

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- Lisa Hazen of lisa hazen design & editorial, who designed our logo and materials
- Steve Broderick of ABC Printing, who printed our invitations and posters
- All the teachers, staff, and administrators of Disney II

Missing Winners

If you were the winning bidder of the Edward Fox Photography shoot, heads or tails raffle Cubs tickets, please contact Ami Martin at azml@ntrs.com to claim your winnings.

Camp Fair

The Disney II PTA and the Parents Committee of the Old Irving Park Neighbors Association (OIPA) will present a camp fair at Disney II from 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, March 20, before the PTA meeting and Parent Academy. Contact Jenifer Knox, knox4640@att.net for more information.

Disney II Kids on the News

Coming soon to a communications folder near you—the inaugural issue of *Disney II Kids on the News* (the kids picked the name), Disney II's own student newspaper. Arts Chair Kristine Wilber coordinates the process. Contact her to help: kristinewilber@hotmail.com

Dine-In and Donate

Ease into Spring Break with the next Disney II PTA Dine-In and Donate event at La Villa, 3632 N. Pulaski Road, on Thursday, March 25th. Ask for the Disney II PTA group and the folks at La Villa will seat you in the semi-private banquet room just off the dining room. Contact Ami Martin azm1@ntrs.com

Multicultural Parent Coffee

The Disney II PTA invites *all* parents, caregivers, teachers, and other interested parties to stop by the cafeteria at 8:30 a.m. on April 14th for the next PTA coffee! Grab a cup of coffee and a treat, bend the ear of Principal Chkoumbova, and chat with fellow parents about school, work, life, and everything in between. Contact Renee Linnemeyer, renegirard@aol.com.



Box Tops Update

Please keep cutting and collecting—our 3Q contest ends April 9th! Past classroom winners have enjoyed a pizza party, and ice cream with Mrs. Chkoumbova. What will your classroom win? Contact Caroline Berger carolinberger3@sbcglobal.net

Disney II Dollars

The next Disney II Dollars orders form will come home on Thursday, March 25th – just in time for Spring Break! Bring the form with you if you travel this season; ask your friends and family to purchase gift cards to Starbucks, Chipotle, Jewel, Dominick's and over 100 other retailers so Disney II can get a little something back. Contact Stacey Nyman at sctstnyman@sbcglobal.net with questions.

The T in PTA

National Teacher Appreciation is fast approaching May 3-7. Contact Renee Linnemeyer, renegirard@aol.com to be a part of the planning. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14th at 8:30 a.m. at Renee's house 3826 N. Kostner Ave. RSVPs are appreciated, siblings are welcome.

PTA Meeting March 20th

The next PTA general-membership meeting will take place on Saturday, March 20th in the Disney II gym after the camp fair's conclusion at 10 a.m. You won't want to miss this meeting, in which we'll discuss the future of the organization. A copy of our minutes and by-laws can be found at <http://groups.google.com/group/disneyiipta/files>

Earth Day Movie Night

On Friday, April 23 at 6 p.m., the Disney II PTA will unveil the movie rights and movie screen we purchased for the Disney II community. We'll be showing the movie *Earth*. Admission is \$5 per child (siblings are invited, parents are free). Get comfy for this family affair—bring blankets and wear your PJs! For more information or to help plan the event, contact Renee Linnemeyer, renegirard@aol.com

News from the Interim Advisory Council

Thanks to everyone who participated in the March 11 Parent Meeting for the Disney II Strategic Improvement Planning for Advancing Academic Achievement (SIPAAA). We were delighted to have the vast majority of our families represented. We will again conduct our annual parent survey during the April report card pick-up. Parents may also submit input at the school office or via the IAC e-mail account, which can be accessed through the Disney II site. Also, the IAC meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the school computer lab. The meetings are scheduled for 6-7:30 and the public is welcome. Agendas are generally posted on the IAC page a few days in advance of each meeting.