

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LMS 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACTIVITIES

October 2017

**Dear Eighth Grade Families,**

This letter contains information about the special activities and events that have been planned as a culmination of your child's eighth grade year. Eligibility requirements, as well as specific dates, times, and proper attire for each event, are outlined below.

### Eligibility for the Promotion Ceremony:

- **Students must pass their classes.** Students who fail three semester **courses** (first and second semester combined) may not be able to participate in the Promotion Ceremony. Final deadline for grade verification will be **Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Students must complete their 12-hours of Community Service and Presentation.** Teachers want to preserve a family's Spring Break so it is highly recommended that a minimum of twelve (12) hours of community service be completed by Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>; however, completed hours will be accepted no later than Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The presentation is due Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **All debts owed to the school must be cleared** (overdue library books, lost or damaged textbooks, physical education locks, outstanding fees, musical instrument repairs, and/or borrowed materials) by **3pm on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**. We will only accept money orders or cash for these debts.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities

- **Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>: Baby Pictures due to Homebase teachers**
  - At the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance Obie presents a collage of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students' baby pictures. Please submit a 4" X 6" copy of your baby picture by Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> to be included in the collage. These photos will not be returned – copies only please!
- **Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance** (*less than 270 detention minutes*)
  - Located in Lincoln's Cafeteria from **7:00pm – 9:30pm**
  - **Tickets are \$20** each. Tickets include catered food, dessert, and a photo. Tickets will be **sold in Homebase** during the week of the dance, May 21<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see Ms. Preuss, 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, if you need financial assistance.
  - **Dress to Impress! Our dress policy still applies!**
    - **Proper attire:**
      - Dress shirts, nice pants, dresses, skirts and blouses.
      - Ties, sweaters, sport jackets or suits are optional
    - **Inappropriate attire:**
      - Formal gowns, tuxedos, t-shirts, shorts, or jeans.
  - **Students who do not follow the dress code or no limousine rule will not be permitted into the dance.** Please see Ms. Preuss if you need financial assistance.
  - **Any parent available to volunteer to assist with the dance planning and preparations, contact John Obusek at [jobusek@smmusd.org](mailto:jobusek@smmusd.org)**
- **Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>: Beach Day** (*less than 210 detention minutes*)
  - Students will leave Lincoln as a group at **9:15am**, walk to the beach, and **return to Lincoln at approximately 3:00pm**. Eighth grade core teachers will supervise.
  - **There will be NO AM CLASSES on Beach Day.**
  - Students should **bring small coolers with lunches** since there are limited places to purchase food.
  - **SUNSCREEN!**

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- Students will be required to keep their area of the beach clean and **follow all school** rules while on this trip.
- We are walking so only bring items that you can carry.
- **Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assembly / Yearbook Signing** (*less than 180 detention minutes*)
  - Students will meet in their Homebase classes at the beginning of the day and, with their classes, head to the auditorium for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assembly.
  - After lunch, students will participate in yearbook signing for the remainder of the school day.
  - Yearbooks will be handed out right after the lunch break - in students' Homebase classes. There will also be yearbooks available for sale by the flagpole during the yearbook signing. Please see Ms. Preuss if financial assistance is needed.
- **Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> (Minimum Day): 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Practice**
  - Jade Core students will meet in their Homebase classes at the beginning of school. Onyx Core students will report to Period 1. Cores will then alternate rehearsals for their promotion ceremonies.
    - **Period 1-3 Jade Core Promotion Practice/Onyx Core attends Period 1-3 classes**
    - **Period 4-6 Onyx Core Promotion Practice/Jade Core attends Period 4-6 classes**
  - Promotion invitations and **3 tickets** to the Promotion Ceremony will be handed out to students at the end of school by core teachers in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade area.
  - Unfortunately, there are no extra tickets. We recommend that you contact other families for unused tickets. There will be a wait list at the entrance of the auditorium on the day of promotion. Wait-listers will be admitted based on seating availability.
- **Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion**
  - **9:00am = Jade Core**
  - **11:00am = Onyx Core**
  - Seating is on a first come, first served basis. **Please do not block the aisles (Fire Code).**
  - Balloons and such that may block others' view of the stage are not permitted in the auditorium. Pictures may be taken at the end of the ceremony.
  - **Dress to Impress! Our dress policy still applies!**
    - **Proper attire:**
      - Dress shirts, nice pants, daytime dresses, skirts and blouses.
      - Ties, sweaters, sport jackets or suits are optional
    - **Inappropriate attire:**
      - Formal gowns, tuxedos, t-shirts, shorts, or jeans.

Donations are welcome to help cover the expenses for all above events and/or scholarships for those in need. If you can help, please make your check payable to:

**Lincoln Middle School/8<sup>th</sup> grade activities, Attn: John Obusek**

If you have any questions regarding events/activities, please contact John "Obie" Obusek, Coordinator of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities, at [jobusek@smmusd.org](mailto:jobusek@smmusd.org) or 310.393.9227 ext. 73507. Questions regarding eligibility or school debts should be directed to your child's assistant principal: Ms. Andrew (A-L) or Ms. Suffolk (M-Z).

Sincerely,

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8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Activities

Jennifer Preuss  
8<sup>th</sup> grade Counselor

Gretchen McLaughlin & Eric Moe  
8<sup>th</sup> grade Coordinators

Ms. Culpepper Richardson  
Principal

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