

December 2017

Dear 8th Grade Families:

We are looking forward to an exciting adventure for our 8th graders! Students will experience the history, culture and life of Washington D.C. during a 3-day/2-night stay on **May 9-11, 2018**. The experiences on this trip will enhance the Social Studies curriculum at MS 447. The trip will be facilitated through GO Educational Tours (GOEducationalTours.com).

Our goal is for all 8th grade students to attend. The cost of the trip will be \$391.00, and we are asking for **\$400.00 per student** to offset the cost for students who cannot afford the full amount. A timeline for scheduled payments is detailed below.

To reduce the cost of the trip, students and families may choose to participate in candy sales (details below.) Additionally, scholarship opportunities are available, by request and based on availability. See the attached registration form for scholarship information.

Payment plan: (Turn in all forms/payments to Ms. Martin/Ms. Henry in Science or the Main Office).

***Please include student's name and class number on all payment checks.**

1st payment and registration paperwork due by Friday, December 22: \$100

2nd payment due Monday, January 22: \$100

3rd due Monday, February 26: \$100

4th and final payment due Friday, March 23 :\$91.00

The cost of the trip per student includes:

- *Deluxe motor coach transportation*
- *2 nights hotel accommodations*
- *National Zoo*
- *National Monuments*
- *Baseball Game*
- *National Memorials*
- *Smithsonian Museums*
- *Newseum*
- *L'Enfant Plaza*
- *National Museum of African American History & Culture*
- *National Air & Space Museum*
- *Holocaust Memorial Museum & Daniel's Story*
- *Meals included: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners*

Chaperones: The 8th grade teachers and staff will be chaperoning the trip. Additional **parent chaperones are needed as well**. Please contact Ms. Stanislaus **directly** if you are interested in chaperoning by **Friday, December 22, 2017**.

Candy Sales: Children who wish to sell candy to offset the cost of the trip will be sent home with a 30-piece box of \$2 candy worth \$60 per box. Children will "earn" \$30 towards the cost of the trip with each box they sell. For example, if a child sells 4 boxes, the cost for his/her trip would be reduced by \$120. A student who sells 14 boxes will completely cover the cost of the trip! If you would like to donate the money raised from the sale of your candy to the scholarship fund, you should make a note of that on the candy money envelope. *Note: no candy may be sold inside the school building. **If you would prefer that your child not be given candy to sell, please notify Mr. Smith.***

Please return the completed Registration/Payment Form (blue), DOE Parental Notification/Consent Forms (yellow), and the Emergency/Medical Form (green) with the first payment of \$100 **to your child's Science Teacher no later than Friday, December 22th**. Checks should be made payable to MS 447. All documentation should be put in an envelope with student's name and class on the front. You may contact Ms. Stanislaus at astanislaus@ms447.org or Mr. Smith at esmith@ms447.org with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to sharing this exciting experience with your children!

Eli Smith and the 8th Grade Staff