



The Math & Science Exploratory School

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Dear 7th Grade Families:

We are looking forward to an exciting adventure for our 7th graders! Students will experience the history, culture and life of Boston and Lowell, MA during a 3-day/2-night stay on **May 29-31, 2019**. 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 7th grade students to attend. The cost of the trip will be \$405, and we are asking for **\$415 per student** to cover the cost of tour guide tips, and to offset the cost for students who cannot afford the full amount. A timeline for scheduled payments is detailed below.

See the registration form for scholarship information.

Payment plan: ***Please include student's name and class on all checks!!***

1st payment and registration paperwork due by Wednesday, January 31st to Social Studies teachers: \$100

2nd payment due Thursday, February 28: \$100

3rd due Friday, March 29: \$100

4th and final payment due Tuesday, April 30: \$115

Candy Sales: Students 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. Students will “earn” \$30 towards the cost of the trip with each box they sell. For example, if a child sells 4 boxes, the payments 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. *We are asking every family to sell at least one box of candy. However, 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.***

Boxes are available to take home Monday-Friday after school, in room 302.

The cost of the trip per student includes:

- *Historic Freedom Trail tour*
- *Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum*
- *Time to shop and lunch at Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall*
- *Interactive tour of Lowell National Historic Park and Tsongas Industrial History Center*
- *College tour at University of Massachusetts, Lowell*
- *Boston Museum of Science*
- *Evening Activities TBD*

- *Deluxe motor coach transportation*
- *2 nights hotel accommodations - double room for 4 students*
- *Meals included: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners*

Chaperones: The 7th grade teachers and staff will be chaperoning the trip. Additional **parent chaperones are needed!** The cost per chaperone is also \$415.

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, **no later than Thursday, January 31st.** Checks should be made payable to MS 447 and include student's name and class number. All documentation should be put in an envelope with student's name and class on the front. You may contact 7th grade Guidance Counselor Lisa Bell-Lemm at Lbell@ms447.org, Ms. Haft at Chaft@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, Assistant Principal, Cara Haft, Grade Activities Coordinator, and the 7th Grade Staff