

Dear 8th Grade Families:

2020 8th Grade DC Trip Information

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 **April 1-3, 2020**. 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).

The cost of the trip per student includes:

- *Deluxe motorcoach transportation*
- *2 nights' hotel accommodation*
- *National Zoo*
- *National Monuments*
- *Imax Theater Movie*
- *National Memorials*
- *Smithsonian Museums*
- *L'Enfant Plaza*
- *National Museum of African American History & Culture*
- *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 **Monday, December 9, 2019**.

Cost of the Trip

Our goal is for all 8th-grade students to attend. The cost of the trip will be **\$414.00**, and we ask that families who are able to, contribute an additional **\$10 donation** for the 8th-grade activities fund for a total of **\$424.00 per student** to offset the cost for students with financial need.

To make the trip more accessible, we offer the following

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 Monday, December 9: \$100

2nd payment due Monday, January 6: \$100

3rd due Monday, February 3rd: \$100

4th and final payment due Monday, March 2nd :\$114.00

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 have additional questions and/or would prefer that your child not be given candy to sell, please notify DCoutreach@ms447.org.*

Financial Assistance Scholarship opportunities are available upon request. Please reach out directly to DCoutreach@ms447.org for additional information on financial assistance. We ask that students requesting financial assistance also participate in fundraising through candy sales.

Registration

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 Monday, December 9th**. Checks should be made payable to MS 447. All documentation should be put in an envelope with the student's name and class on the front. You may contact the parent outreach group at DCoutreach@ms447.org with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to sharing this exciting experience with your children!

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