



The Math & Science Exploratory School

Middle School 447

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Dear 7th Grade Families:

We are looking forward to an exciting adventure for our 7th graders! Students will experience environmental education through hands on outdoor experiences and adventures in a national park. Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) is located in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in Dingmans Ferry, PA. We will be traveling to PEEC on Monday, May 4, 2020 (leaving @ 8:30 am) and returning on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 (ETA 3:30 pm). The experiences on this trip will enhance the 7th grade Science curriculum at MS 447.

Our goal is for all 7th grade students to attend! The cost of the trip will be \$125, and we are asking for **\$135 per student** to offset the cost for students who cannot afford the full amount. All scholarship information can be found on the registration form. A timeline for scheduled payments is detailed below.

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

*All paperwork and payments will be given to students' math teachers.

1st payment and registration paperwork due: Wednesday, December 11th, 2019: \$33

2nd payment due: Wednesday, January 15th: \$33

3rd payment due: Wednesday, February 12th: \$33

4th and final payment due: Wednesday, March 11th: \$36

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 their trip would be reduced by \$120. A student who sells 5 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. ***Please note: ABSOLUTELY no candy may be sold inside the school building. If you would prefer that your child not be given candy to sell, please notify Ms. Vissa.*** Boxes are available to take home Monday-Friday after school in room 302.

The cost of the trip per student includes:

- *Deluxe motor coach transportation*
- *1 night accommodation on site at PEEC - cabins or yurts*
- *Environmental education classes*
- *Outdoor adventures (ie: campfire and hikes)*
- *Meals included: 1 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 \$135.

Please return the completed Registration/Payment Form (blue), DOE Parental Notification/Consent Forms (yellow), and the Emergency/Medical Form (green) along with the PEEC Photo Release Waiver (white) with the first payment of \$33, **no later than Wednesday, December 11 to your child's math teacher.**

Checks should be made payable to MS 447 and include the student's name and class number. All documentation should be put in an envelope with the student's name and class on the front. You may contact 7th grade Counselor Stacey Billups at SBillups@ms447.org, Liza Zaretsky at lzaretsky@ms447.org, or Chrissy Vissa at cvissa@ms447.org with any questions or concerns.

We are looking forward to sharing this exciting experience with your children!

Chrissy Vissa (Assistant Principal), Liza Zaretsky (Grade Activities Coordinator) & the 7th Grade Staff