

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

September 2019

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 **Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Students must complete their 12-hours of Community Service and Presentation.** Twelve (12) hours of community service during the 2019-2020 academic year must be completed by Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students present twice--one during school on May 14<sup>th</sup> and the other that evening during Open House.
- **All debts owed to the school must be cleared** (Chromebook, overdue library books, lost/damaged textbooks, physical education locks, outstanding fees, musical instrument repairs, and/or borrowed materials) by **3:00 pm on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. We will only accept money orders or cash for debts.

## End-of-the Year 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities

- **May 15, 2020 (T.B.A.): Six Flags Magic Mountain rewards trip** (*less than 180 detention minutes*)
  - Students and LMS Staff spend the day away from school making memories at this popular amusement park. We will return to Lincoln around 8:00 p.m. Tentative cost is \$50.00 which includes all-day admission and transportation to the amusement park. Under state law and SMMUSD policy, a field trip is not authorized if any student would be excluded from participation because of lack of sufficient funds. If you have any questions or concerns about the cost of/payment for this trip, please feel free to contact Mrs. Takahashi.
- **Friday, May 22<sup>nd</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 22<sup>nd</sup>** to be included in the collage. These photos will not be returned – copies only please!
- **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance** (*less than 270 detention minutes*)
  - Located in Lincoln's Cafeteria from **7:00pm – 9:30pm**
  - More details to follow regarding the ticketed event which will include the dance, catering, dessert, and a photo.
  - **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 Mrs. Takahashi if you have any questions about attire.
  - **Any parent available to volunteer to assist with the dance planning and preparations, please contact John Obusek at [jobusek@smmusd.org](mailto:jobusek@smmusd.org)**
- **Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>: Beach Day** (*less than 210 detention minutes*)

- Students will **leave Lincoln 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 as there are limited places to purchase food.
  - **SUNSCREEN!**
  - Students will be required to keep their area of the beach clean and **follow all school rules**.
  - We are walking so only bring items that can be carried.
- **Monday, June 8<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 then head to the auditorium for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assembly.
  - After lunch and for the remainder of the day, students will participate in Yearbook Signing.
  - Pre-ordered yearbooks will be distributed in Homebase class after the lunch break. A limited number of yearbooks will be available for sale during Yearbook Signing. Please see Mrs. Takahashi, if you have questions about the yearbook.
- **Tuesday, June 9<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 respective Promotion Ceremony.
    - **Period 1-3 Jade Core Practice while Onyx Core attends Period 1-3 classes**
    - **Period 4-6 Onyx Core Practice while Jade Core attends Period 4-6 classes**
  - Promotion invitations, including **3 tickets** to the Promotion Ceremony, will be distributed at the end of school.
  - Unfortunately, there are no extra tickets. We recommend that you contact other families for unused tickets. There will be a waitlist at the entrance of the auditorium on the day of Promotion. Waitlisted guests will be admitted based on seating availability.
- **Wednesday, June 10<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 on the grassy quad.
  - **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.
- \*Please see Mrs. Takahashi if you need assistance with attire.*

NOTE: Administration reserves the right to determine student ineligibility for events at any time.

Donations are welcome to help cover the expenses for all above events and to help ensure all eligible students participate. 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. Keleher (M-Z).

Sincerely,

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