

Los Nietos Middle School

"A Supportive Learning Community for Continuous Growth"

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Dear Eighth Grade Students and Parents:

Welcome to the final weeks of the 2012-13 school year! Our hope is that students have a productive end of the year and enjoy the special activities planned in their honor. We expect all students to maintain their academic focus, participate in year-end activities, and make their families proud at promotion.

Please read this letter in its entirety as it relates to all upcoming eighth grade activities. You will learn about important dates, dress code information, and participation criteria. A calendar of activities is attached for your convenience. Please call the middle school office should you have any questions.

ACTIVITIES

Students are eligible to participate in activities if they meet the following criteria:

- Have sufficient contract points
- Have no suspensions between May 6, 2013 and the day of the set activity and
- Have approval from all teachers.

Please note: Students who do not meet the criteria listed above for activities may participate **only** in the Awards Assembly and Promotion Ceremony if the criteria for promotion is met (see below).

EIGHTH GRADE DANCE – June 13th 4:00-6:00

Tickets must be purchased in the main office and are \$5. All school rules and the dress code will be in effect. Students who demonstrate inappropriate behavior (including inappropriate dancing) will be escorted out and will forfeit their entrance fee. The dance is not a semi-formal, rather it will be a student-selected themed dance.

PROMOTION CEREMONY – June 18th at 9:00 a.m. (In front of LNMS)

The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. Seating for parents and guests will be available beginning at 8:00 a.m. We encourage early arrival as seating is limited. Once the student procession begins, guests will be held at the gate so the student line formation can be maintained. Late guests will be allowed to enter once students are seated and may stand in the back or sit in open seats.

Important Notes:

- No balloons or noisemakers are permitted at the ceremony. Balloons will need to remain in cars or tied to the gates outside of the school until the ceremony has ended to not impede line of sight for our visitors.
- There is limited seating so please arrive early.
- There will be accessible seating that is labeled for disabled guests.
- This is an outdoor event. Plan appropriate attire for the weather.
- Parking will be available on Rivera Road and in our parking lots off of Albutis Avenue.
- Parents may check their student out for the remainder of the day after the ceremony at the check out tables.

Promotion Dress Code:

Students will wear promotion gowns. These are available for \$15 and required for all students. Please consider appropriate attire and shoes for the event. Students will walk across the grass and heels may pose a problem. This is a school event and the dress code will be in effect.

- Suggested Attire

Young men: Shirt with a collar with dress slacks is preferred.

Young ladies: Dress, skirt or dress slacks with a blouse are preferred. No strapless, spaghetti straps, low cut, evening or formal gowns.

- Not acceptable - Ragged or torn jeans, t-shirts, short shorts or mini skirts.

Criteria for Participation in Promotion:

- Students must meet academic promotion requirements. (*Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 during their 8th grade year; Not have excessive suspensions; In trimester 3, if a student has a grade of "C" in ALL core classes, he/she will be allowed to participate in the ceremony.*)
- All fees and obligations must be paid (textbooks, library books, lab fees, fundraisers, ID card replacement, club projects, etc.).
- Students that are suspended from school June 17th or 18th may not participate in the promotion.
- Parents of students who will not participate in promotion will be notified.

We look forward to the promotion of our eighth graders with pride and excitement. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline A. Cardenas
Principal



IMPORTANT 2013 SPRING DATES

DATE	ACTIVITIES	DETAILS
June 5	LNMS Band to Area Band Concert	7-9:00 p.m.
June 6	8 th Graders Turn in Books	Bring your books to school!
June 11	Promotion Rehearsal	8:15 a.m.
June 11	Braves' Pride Awards Ceremony	Pioneer High School Gym 10:00 a.m.
June 12	8 th Grade Picnic	On Campus
June 13	8 th Grade Dance	4:00-6:00 On Campus
June 14	Promotion Rehearsal	8:30 a.m.
June 17	Summer School begins at PHS.	Students may only miss 2 days during the summer session.
June 17	Knott's Berry Farm Outing	All Day
June 18	Eight Grade Promotion Ceremony	9:00 a.m. In front of school *Students report to school at 7:45 a.m.