

January 29, 2019

Dear Parents:

It's hard to believe that the 2018-2019 school year is at its halfway point. As we progress through the rest of this year, you will see your child's second semester is filled with many exciting milestones and memorable events. Your 8th grader will continue to make the transition to a high school student, and we wanted to take a moment and provide key information and an outline of the activities for second semester.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities**

#### **Field Trip**

The 8th grade team is placing the finishing touches on the much anticipated eighth grade field trip to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure on **May 3, 2019**. The cost of this trip is **\$145**, and covers entrance to park, transportation, meal voucher and a GradVenture shirt. Students can bring money for additional food, beverages and souvenirs. Payment is due by **March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please turn in money to Mrs. Borders in **Building 3 Room 212**. Checks must include name, address, phone number and driver's license number. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE FIELD TRIP.** Additional details will be sent home once the field trip list is finalized.

#### **Dance**

The dance will take place at the Woman's Club in Dade City on **May 17<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-8:30 pm. **ONLY 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PASCO MIDDLE STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE DANCE.** Dress code is as follows: Boys are expected to wear long pants (no jeans) and a shirt with a collar. Girls are asked to wear a modest dress with straps. The cost of the dance is \$10. Tickets will go on sale May 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Awards Ceremony**

Families of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be invited to a special awards ceremony in the auditorium on **5/29/2019**. This event is free of charge, and students will be asked to dress up for the occasion. There will be a morning and afternoon ceremony in order to accommodate students and guests. Students who have Mrs. Moran for their Language Arts teacher or Mrs. Johnson will participate in the morning ceremony. Students who have Ms. Day and Mrs. Borders for Language Arts will participate in the afternoon ceremony.

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**Dance:** March 26<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thank you for the opportunity you have given Pasco Middle School staff to work with and teach your child. We look forward to the exciting and memorable events coming in the months ahead.

Please contact Jenny Borders ([jborders@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jborders@pasco.k12.fl.us)) for any questions.

Please sign and return ***the second page of this letter to your child's Language Arts teacher.***

Sincerely,

8<sup>th</sup> grade Activities Committee

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8th grade field trip scheduled for May 3, 2019 at Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure.

**I agree to the terms and conditions of the eligibility requirements. I understand that once I submit payment for the fieldtrip, it cannot be refunded.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student # \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> period Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_