

February 3, 2015

Dear Parents:

It's hard to believe that the 2014-2015 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 making the transition to becoming a high school student, and we wanted to take a moment and provide key information and an outline of the activities for second semester.

### **Eligibility**

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

#### **Field Trip**

The 8th grade team continues to work very hard to place the finishing touches on the much anticipated eighth grade field trip to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure on **May 8, 2015**. The cost of this trip is **\$115**, and covers entrance to park, transportation, meal voucher and a GradVenture shirt. Students can bring money for additional food, beverages and souvenirs. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE FIELD TRIP.**

Field trip money and permission slips are due to Mrs. Foote by March 27th. Make checks payable to Pasco Middle School. If you would like to pay online, please visit [www.schoolpay.com](http://www.schoolpay.com) and choose the **8th Grade Field Trip** option. If you would like to donate toward another student's trip, we would appreciate your generosity. You can send in a donation with your child, or you can donate on [www.schoolpay.com](http://www.schoolpay.com) - be sure to choose DONATION: 8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP. Please be sure to choose the correct payment if you pay on [schoolpay.com](http://schoolpay.com). Any money that is donated will go to sponsor a deserving 8th grader.

#### **Dance**

More information about the date, location and time of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance will be sent home. 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.

#### **Awards Ceremony**

Families of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be invited to a special awards ceremony in the auditorium on 6/3/2015. This event is free of charge, and students will be asked to dress up for the occasion. More information will be sent home as we near the end of the year.

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.

In order for your student to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities, please sign and return *the second page of this letter to your child's Language Arts teacher.*

Sincerely,

**RETURN THIS SHEET TO YOUR LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN 8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES.**

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

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

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