



# RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 2015, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at River Ridge Middle School is invited to Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure's Gradventure. This is an end of middle school celebration for students from across Florida. All eligible 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to participate in this exciting evening of fun and entertainment. The cost of the trip will be \$120.00 per student. This includes bus transportation to/from Orlando, admission to both theme parks, dinner, and the official 8<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirt. Students may pay either by cash, money order, or a check made payable to River Ridge Middle School (please include a student number and a contact phone number on the check). Students may pay the entire trip cost up front or use our easy pay plan (see information on page 2). The buses will depart River Ridge Middle School at approximately 1:00 P.M. and will return at approximately 2:30 A.M. Your punctuality in picking up your son/daughter is very much appreciated. Please note that students will not be allowed to walk or ride a bike home after returning to school and thus must have transportation arranged at the end of the evening.

There are a limited number of tickets (285) available and they will be reserved on a "first come, first serve" basis. Administration reserves the right to give preference to students who are "On Track" for grades and behavior regardless of whether a student is one of the first 285 students. One week prior to the trip payment deadline, any students who are not on track for grades or behavior for the previous and current quarter (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) may be replaced by a student on the waiting list who is "on track." Students on the waiting list who are offered a spot on the trip must meet the final payment deadline. **The final deadline to turn in all money and permission slips will be Friday, March 27th.**

## Student Eligibility/Safety

We believe in affording our students the opportunity to participate in rewarding experiences. In order to accomplish our goal, it is necessary to provide a safe and orderly environment. As a result, our staff has developed the following criteria:

Students must meet individual class, team, and administrative guidelines to be eligible to attend an activity or event. For safety reasons, we may choose to deny attendance to students that have exhibited poor or questionable behavior at any time prior to the trip. This includes any student who receives a Level 2 or Level 3 referral from 1/6/15-5/8/15, and any student who is in danger of not meeting promotion requirements (it is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion activity). **There will be no refunds granted for any reason once we submit our payment to Universal Studios on March 27, 2015.**

## Dress Code

All students will be required to dress in accordance with Universal Studios and Pasco County's school dress code. **It will also be required that each student wear their official t-shirt for the duration of the event. T-shirts may not be altered in any way. Students not wearing their official t-shirt will not be allowed on the bus.**

## **Payment Information/Forms**

It is our goal to give every 8<sup>th</sup> grade student an opportunity to attend Gradventure. As a result, we have set up a very flexible payment system. Students may pay using the easy pay plan, or pay in full at any time until Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Any student with additional needs (regarding payments) are asked to see Mrs. Sullivan or Mr. Ruhlig. Payments for the field trip will only be accepted on the Fridays listed below in the during A lunch. To reserve a ticket, students must return the attached permission slip, t-shirt order form, and an initial or complete payment. Also, please remember tickets are on a “first come, first serve” basis. Please make all checks and money orders payable to River Ridge Middle School.

### **Easy Pay Plan\***

**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, or 30<sup>th</sup> - \$40.00 due**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, or 27<sup>th</sup> - \$40.00 due**

**March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, or 27<sup>th</sup> - \$40.00 due**

**\*All payments due by the last Friday of each month**

## **Refunds**

Once tickets are ordered on March 27, no refunds can be given. Tickets purchased for this event are valid only on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Therefore, students purchasing a ticket must govern themselves in a way that will allow them to remain eligible to attend this trip. Any student that receives a referral that is a level 2 or 3 breach of the student code of conduct (please see District School Board of Pasco County Student Code of Conduct) beginning on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 will be ineligible for the trip.

Thank you,  
Heidi Sullivan  
Douglas Ruhlig  
2015 Gradventure Advisors