



Centennial Middle School

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Dear 8th Grade Parents and Students,

On Friday, May 11th, 2018 the 8th grade class of Centennial Middle School is invited to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure's Gradventure event. This is an end of middle school celebration for eighth grade students from across Florida. All eligible students are invited to participate in this exciting evening of fun and entertainment. The cost for the trip is \$110 per student, which includes their ticket into both theme parks, chartered bus transportation to/from Orlando, dinner, the official 8th grade field trip t-shirt, and a drawstring backpack to carry into the park. Students may pay either by check, cash, money order, or through the new Pasco County online payment service, ACORN by March 30, 2018.

After 7:00 P.M., Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure close the park to the general public. At that time, only students and school chaperones are permitted to stay. As this is the case, students are permitted to explore the parks in groups of 2 or more. We want to be sure that you understand that these groups will not have a chaperone with them at all times. All students will be required to check in at designated times, established by their chaperones, throughout the duration of the evening. Students who do not check in as required will forfeit permission to be without a chaperone.

Parents are more than welcome to chaperone but will not be able to ride the bus. All parents who would like to chaperone need to make sure that they are approved Pasco County Volunteers by completing the application online from the District Website. A chaperone ticket is \$85.00 and includes entrance to the park, dinner coupon, and an official Gradventure t-shirt. We encourage parents to also carpool for this field trip. Parking at the Universal parking garage is \$20. Chaperone payments will be accepted at any time up until March 30, 2018.

Student Eligibility/Safety:

8th grade students wanting to participate in the End-of-Year activities are expect to display a high caliber of well-mannered behavior at all times. In order to participate, academic and behavioral expectations have been established. All 8th graders must meet the following criteria in order to attend Gradventure:

- *Return a signed permission slip and Parent Release form (#MIS-166) with full payment before March 30th
- *No referrals after February 2nd that result in suspension (ISS, OSS)
- *No F's on the calculated 8th Grade End of Year grades, as of April 2nd
- *No prior (6th or 7th grade) course failures that have not been recovered by April 2nd

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. Parents will be made aware of any concerns that may affect a student's participation prior to the event.

The Pasco County Code of student conduct is in effect at all school related events. Any student choosing to violate the Student Code of Conduct, either by association or by committing the act personally, will receive any or all of the interventions prescribed by the District School Board of Pasco County.

Dress Code:

All students will be required to dress in accordance with the school dress code and that of Universal Studios. **It will also be required that each student wear their official t-shirt for the duration of the event. Students not wearing their official t-shirt will not be allowed on the bus.** Students are able to bring a small drawstring backpack to the parks for the trip that is included as part of their ticket.

Transportation:

The buses will leave Centennial Middle School at approximately 2:30 P.M. and will return for pick-up at the Centennial Middle School bus loop at approximately 1:30 A.M. We ask parents to be at the school before 1:30 to pick up their student and ensure the quickest possible return. 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, as this would compromise student safety. Each student must have transportation arranged at the end of the evening. **Parents who chaperone are able to drive their children home; given they arrange this through Ms. Floyd by April 27th.** There will be a designated meeting location for students leaving with their parents.

Payment Information/Forms:

Students and chaperones may pay in full at any time until Friday, March 30th (as long as seats are available). Any students with additional needs (regarding payments) are asked to see Ms. Floyd. Payments will be accepted during fourth period on Thursdays. Students should see Ms. Floyd in room 2-156 (At the end of the hall way on the portable side) to submit their permission slip and payment. No other teacher will be accepting permission slips. **To reserve a ticket, students must return the attached permission slip with t-shirt size and signatures.** Also, please remember tickets are on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please make all checks and money orders payable to Centennial Middle School or CENMS. Include student name and student number on the check.

Refunds:

Once tickets are ordered on April 2nd, Universal will allow no refunds to be given. Tickets purchased for this event are valid only on May 11th, 2018. Therefore, students purchasing a ticket must govern themselves in a way that will allow them to remain eligible to attend this trip. Please refer to the student eligibility section. We are hopeful that students will represent our school with pride and that the evening will be a safe and fun-filled experience for all.

If after buying a ticket, the student is unable to attend **FOR ANY REASON**, the student/parent must submit a written request for refund by March 30, 2018. Any refund request after that day will not be accepted but every attempt will be made to have another student purchase the spot. Any unused monies will be used for 8th grade end of year celebrations.

If you have any questions regarding Gradventure, please contact Ms. Floyd at rfloyd@pasco.k12.fl.us