



WESTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

E. W. Thurston Middle School

Aim High Work Hard Do the Right Thing Help Someone Else

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Dear Eighth Grade Families,

It may be hard to believe, but the end of the school year is fast approaching. We are excited to update you regarding the special plans being developed for your child's promotion from eighth grade to high school.

Grade eight students provided direct input into the planning of our events during advisory, sharing their hopes for fun, engaging events that bring the student body together. PTO volunteers and school faculty are working collaboratively to incorporate these student ideas to develop celebratory events for our eighth grade.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, June 15 and Thursday, June 16- Field Trips

The students will have two exciting field trips over the course of two days. The trips include TreeTop Adventures, an outdoor climbing and zipline experience, and Puzzle Break Escape Rooms, where students get to test their logical thinking skills and work together as a team. These trips were selected so that all students can participate at their comfort level.

Friday, June 17 - Fun-Filled Friday Afternoon

Planning is underway for a celebratory Friday afternoon of fun. Stay tuned for updates on a plan for this date.

Tuesday, June 21 - Promotion Rehearsal and Field Day

Field Day is sponsored by the PTO and includes games, a D.J., a photo booth, food, and more.

Wednesday, June 22 - Promotion Ceremony

Students arrive at school at 7:50 AM and the Promotion Ceremony takes place at Westwood High School's Flahive Field from 8:30 - 10:00 A.M. (In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place in the high school gym.) Families are invited to attend the ceremony. Though there is no specific dress code for the ceremony, we ask that 8th graders dress for a celebratory occasion. Students are dismissed from school directly after the ceremony.

Specific information regarding required field trip permission forms and fees, as well as final plans for Fun-Filled Friday, June 17th, is forthcoming. Please be on the lookout for further updates and communication from our Grade 8 Team Leaders, Kathy Whelan and Denise Collins. We are grateful for our teaching staff, students, and PTO volunteers who worked collaboratively to create these memorable and enriching experiences for our students. We look forward to celebrating with you and your student in June!

Sincerely,

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