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RE: End of Year 8th Grade Activities

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents and Students,

It is time to begin preparing for our end of the year activities. Included in this letter is important information specific to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents relating to the end of the year calendar and instructions. Please carefully review all items. Mark your calendar with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities and events and make note of the instructions and deadlines given.

**Calendar Items**

May 23	6:00 PM	“Spring Showcase” Drama - MPR
May 27	No School	Memorial Day Holiday
May 29	6:00 PM	Spring Music Concert
May 30	6 <sup>th</sup> Period	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Assembly
June 3	All Day	Knott’s Berry Farm permission slips handed out in History classes
June 4 – June 12		Knott’s Berry Farm ticket sale (\$35.00) requires permission slip
June 4	All Day	Science Benchmarks
June 7	6 <sup>th</sup> Period	Yearbook Distribution
June 10	All Day	Quarter 4 Benchmarks (Block periods 1, 3, 5)
June 11	All Day	Quarter 4 Benchmarks (Block periods 2, 4, 6)
June 12	5:00 – 8:00 PM	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Party (Only eligible 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students may participate)
June 12		Textbook Collection Day
June 13	All Day	Minimum Day Schedule (students released at 12:17 PM)
June 13	8:30-10:00 AM	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards – Bell field
June 13	10:00 AM	Commencement Practice (students only)
June 13	1:00 – 8:00 PM	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Knott’s Berry Farm Trip (Only eligible 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students may participate)
June 14	9:00 AM	Eighth Grade Commencement - Bell field

**Important Instructions for End of the Year Activities**

**Eighth Grade Dance Party – Wednesday, June 12 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM**

- All eligible 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance from 5:00 – 8:00 PM.
- The dance will be held in the Quad area.
- Dress is to be nice and **must follow** the school dress code as outlined in the school agenda. Those who are not compliant with the school’s dress code will not be allowed into the dance.
- Students will receive an invitation and permission slip for the dance. Students **MUST** have a **signed permission slip turned in by June 11th** AND their **Student ID** for admission to the dance.
- **NOTE: Students who are on the academic restriction list will not be permitted to participate in this activity.**

**Seventh & Eighth Grade Awards - Thursday June 13 at Bell field**

- A number of seventh and eighth grade students will be recognized for outstanding achievement at this Awards Program. Parents will receive an invitation if their student is receiving a medal.
- Eighth grade commencement practice will follow the awards assembly.
- All students will be released from school on June 13 at 12:17 PM. Students may eat lunch in the small quad until 12:47 or go directly home when they are released.

### **Eighth Grade Knott's Berry Farm Trip – Thursday, June 13 from 1:00 – 8:00 PM**

- Permission slips will be given to students on June 3. Students must turn in a signed permission slip at the time they purchase their ticket.
- All 8th grade students eligible to attend Knott's Berry Farm can purchase their ticket June 4 – 12. The cost of the ticket is \$35.00 and can be purchased before or after school and during lunch in the office.
- Students will go to Knott's Berry Farm on Thursday, June 13 from 1:00 – 8:00 PM. Transportation to and from Knott's Berry Farm is the responsibility of the parent.
- Students who have an Annual Pass for Knott's Berry Farm do not have to purchase a ticket for this event; however, **they will need to complete the appropriate permission slip to participate.**
- Chaperones will be on site until 8:00 PM.

### **Eighth Grade Commencement – Friday, June 14, 9:00 AM**

- Students are to report to their assigned teacher in the multi-purpose room at 8:30 AM sharp.
- Commencement will begin promptly at 9:00 AM.
- Students are to leave purses and all other items with their parents or family members. They will not be permitted to carry anything with them into the Commencement ceremony.
- Students must observe the school's dress code. Students not observing the dress code will not be able to participate in the Commencement ceremony.
- Dress code reminders: No spaghetti-strap dresses or tops, unless covered by a jacket or sweater. Dresses must extend beyond the tips of the fingers when arms are extended down at their side. Flip flops, wedges, and heels are NOT allowed. Commencement will be held on the field making it unsafe for heels. Dress pants and collared dress shirts are to be worn. Ties are optional. **Jeans and t-shirts will not be permitted.** Dress shoes or nice tennis shoes are recommended.
- Students with less than a 1.0 GPA or who have discipline/behavior problems may lose Commencement privileges.
- Students with outstanding textbook or library fines will not receive their Certificate of Promotion until all fines are cleared with the front office.

### **Parents and Guests:**

- Seating will be opened to the public at 8:15 AM. No one will be admitted prior to this time.
- Umbrellas and balloons are not permitted in the seating area.
- **Easy-up shades will not be permitted.**
- Handicapped seating will be provided. Only one guest will be permitted to sit with those requiring handicapped seating.
- **PLEASE REMAIN SEATED THROUGHOUT THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY.** Once the students have left the venue, parents can meet them in the large quad area for pick up.
- Picture areas have been established in the quad.
- Bell clubs will be selling flowers and water.
- Students may leave with their parents immediately following Commencement. **All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will remain in class until 12:17 PM.**

### **Parking:**

- Please remember that traffic will be very heavy so please plan ahead. If possible, walk to Bell.
- Parking will be provided on campus. Entrance to the parking area will be through the north parking lot near the tennis courts. Please follow the directions of the parking attendants who will direct you to specific parking areas on the grass and black top area behind the school buildings. Parking at Enders Elementary School (across the street from Bell) is not permitted.
- Handicapped parking is available in front of school and in a designated area located on the fields near the venue.
- When exiting campus, follow the directions of the parking attendants. **Please be patient and follow all traffic laws.** We want this to be an enjoyable day for all without any accidents or incidents. Your cooperation is very much appreciated. There will only be one exit and it will take a considerable amount of time to exit the campus. **PLEASE BE PATIENT!**

Should you have any questions relating to these items please contact the school at 714-663-6466.