

May 12, 2011

Dear 8th Grade Parent/Guardian:

As the end of the year quickly approaches, I'd like to take the time to let you know about the schedule for the end of year 8th grade activities so that you can begin to make preparations as necessary.

On June 14th, the last day of classes, 8th graders will spend the day celebrating the end of their middle school education with their classmates and their teachers. We will be hosting our 8th grade picnic in the field behind the school, sponsored by the Robert Frost PFC. This was a highly successful event last year, and we anticipate another fun day for our 8th graders.

You will receive a more detailed letter explaining the end of the year testing and final exam schedule, but please be advised that 8th graders will NOT be taking final exams during traditional finals testing week in ELA, science, social studies or math (excluding Regents exams). Those final exams, or projects, will be administered in classes before June 14th.

Wednesday, June 22nd, will be a very busy day for our 8th graders. At 8 a.m. they will report to Robert Frost for a breakfast, sponsored by the Robert Frost PFC, and a rehearsal for the Moving-Up ceremony. This lasts until about 10 a.m. The Moving-Up ceremony is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in our gymnasium that evening. The ceremony will last about one hour. In order to ensure that the Moving-Up ceremony provides for a secure and safe seating environment, tickets **will be issued**. You will receive a separate letter from me in early June outlining the details of this.

After the ceremony, students will have about a half hour to visit with their family members before heading into the cafeteria for our 8th grade dance. The dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will end at 10:30 p.m.

We ask all parents and guardian to be vigilant in making sure their children are dressed appropriately for the Moving-Up ceremony. No shorts, jeans, or flip-flop shoes should be worn. All attire is expected to be modest. If students appear to be dressed inappropriately, they may be excluded from walking during the Moving-Up ceremony. In addition, the 8th grade dance is not meant to be a prom; what students wear to Moving-Up, they will wear to the dance.

We are very proud of all of our 8th graders as they prepare to transition to Deer Park High School and we look forward to recognizing and celebrating their successes with you.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Most sincerely,

Eliana K. Levey
Principal