

DEER PARK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ROBERT FROST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear 8th grade Parents and Guardians,

Please join us for a **Moving-Up Drive Through** on June 17th from 4-7 pm (rain date of June 18th 4-7pm rain or shine) at the Robert Frost parking lot.

There are many things we will need in order to make this a successful and meaningful event. We are going to need YOUR help in order to make this happen.

There are going to be a lot of “rules” and procedures to follow, and we thank you ahead of time for helping us make this a beautiful experience for your child.

We cannot clog the surrounding streets around the school, nor the parking lot, with over 335 8th graders who are Moving-Up. Therefore, we are asking that you to strictly follow this timeline of attendance by **LAST NAME**:

4:00 - 4:30 A-B
4:30 - 5:00 C-E
5:00 - 5:30 F-K
5:30 - 6:00 L-M
6:00 - 6:30 N-R
6:30 - 7:00 S-Z

Showing up at school before your assigned time will only cause more traffic than is necessary. We have organized all of our bags for your children alphabetically. If you show up when you're not assigned to, it will cause a problem.

We have notified our neighbors of the event, and warned them in advance of the traffic and the noise. Therefore, we are pleading with you to:

- Be courteous and patient. Do not expect to fly through this event. This will take time. Prepare yourselves for this.
- One car per family.
- Do not block driveways.
- Follow all road safety rules.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Stay in your car at all times!
- Spectators are not permitted. Anyone who attends this event **MUST** be in a car.
- As you drive slowly through the parking lot, do not stop your car.
- Do not drive above 5 miles per hour while in the parking lot. This should give your child enough time to see all of the teachers and staff who are coming to celebrate with you.
- Pay attention and listen to all staff members giving directions.

We need you to:

- Decorate your car! Make it fun for your child. Have them help you do this!
- Place a large sign on the passenger side of the car with your child's **first and last name**.
- Your 8th grader should be seated in the passenger seat. If you have 2 graduates, have them both sit on the passenger side of the car, front and back.
- Cheer, honk, scream, sing, yell **LOUDLY** for your child!

When you reach the end of the Drive-Through, your 8th grader will receive a bag containing their Certificate of Completion of Middle School, any awards or scholarships they might have received at the Moving-Up ceremony, a yearbook (if one was ordered), a Moving-Up Program and an 8th grade T-shirt graciously provided by our PFC.

When you get to the electronic sign (which will be the last stop of the Drive-Through) your child will exit the car to receive their Moving-Up bag. We will have a faculty member taking pictures to capture this moment. All parents will receive a link to all of the photos from this wonderful event. **ONLY** the student is allowed to exit the car at this time.

We have attached a map that includes driving patterns for your convenience. The entrance to the drive through is on Old Country Road (see map). After you have received your bag, please make sure you exit right onto Half Hollow Road (see map). Suffolk County PD and the Deer Park Fire Department will be on hand should we need them.

We are greatly looking forward to this unique event. We need everyone's cooperation to make this a success. Again, we are pleading with you to read this email carefully and thoroughly.

Should you have any other questions, please send an email to our Associate Principals, Mr. Henry, henry.j@deerparkschools.org or Mr. Quirk, quirk.k@deerparkschools.org for assistance.

We cannot wait to see you and celebrate with you on June 17th (rain date June 18th rain or shine).

Most sincerely from your administrative team,

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