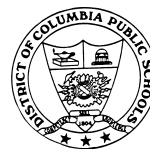




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March 25, 2010

Dear 8th grade parents and guardians,

The eighth grade class of 2010 is about to enter its final advisory at Alice Deal Middle School, so it is time to look ahead to our end-of-year celebrations. This information is being sent to you in order to help you plan for your child's participation.

There are three major parts to our end-of-year plans.

1. Promotion Celebration trip to King's Dominion on Thursday, June 10th, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
2. Promotion Celebration Dance on Friday, June 11th, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.
3. 8th Grade Promotion on Tuesday, June 15th, 10:00 a.m.

The fee structure is as follows:

1. (Optional) Promotion Celebration/King's Dominion Trip \$ 70.00
 - Round-trip bus transportation
 - Park admission
2. (Optional) Promotion Celebration Dance/8th Grade Dance \$30.00
 - Light hors d'oeuvres
 - Chocolate fountain
 - Disc Jockey
 - Decorations
3. 8th Grade Promotion (required for promoting students) \$10.00
 - Printed invitations and Admit cards (2 tickets per family)
 - Printed programs
 - Printed certificates
 - Plaques and awards
 - Floral arrangements

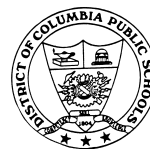
Students do not have to go on the trip or attend the dance; however, all students who are being promoted to grade 9 must pay the \$10.00 8th Grade Promotion fee.

Fee collection will be every Thursday, beginning on May 6th. You may pay for the dance and promotion together or you may pay each fee individually, as long as you meet the deadlines outlined on the last page of this letter. Please be sure to make payments before the deadlines so that we can make the necessary deposits on schedule.

Students will be issued printed envelopes in which they are to place their payments. These envelopes will be given to Ms. Hampton for Team Cairo, Ms. Mostoller for Team La Paz, Ms. Simpson Wayne for Team Singapore, or Mr. Winn Ritzenberg for Team Timbuktu. When the payment is received, the envelope will be marked “PAID” and returned to your child. For the next payment, your child will get a new envelope and the process will be repeated. Keep these envelopes as your receipts.



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All checks and money orders are to be made payable to Alice Deal Middle School with your child’s name and team in the memo section. The last day that our school treasurer can accept payments by check or money order is Friday, May 27th.

We are looking forward to these fun-filled promotional activities. We want to stress that the celebrations are only for the students being promoted with good conduct. An assembly has been scheduled for April 8th to impress upon your child the importance of:

- maintaining good academic standing*
- good behavior
- good attendance
- following school rules and policies

*Important note: In order to be promoted or to participate in any promotional activities such as the trip, dance, and ceremony, students must have attained a passing final grade in all of their core subjects: math, science, humanities and English.

We do not want your child to risk being restricted from participating in these final activities for academic or behavioral reasons. All eighth grade teachers will be working in conjunction with the administration to determine whether or not students may participate in the activities based on the criteria outlined above. We ask that you reinforce these messages at home to ensure your child’s participation and successful completion of their eighth grade school year.

As a faculty and staff we are emotionally torn – we hate to see your children leave us, but we know that they stand at the beginning of a wonderful adventure. It’s been a wonderful two years at Deal and I wish you and your children all the success and happiness that this world has to offer.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me. The best way to reach me is by e-mail at patricia.sweeney@dc.gov.

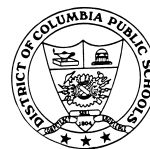
Thank you for your continuing support and cooperation,

Sincerely,

Patricia Sweeney
(Eighth grade activities chair)



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Fee Collection Process:

1. Collection day for payments is every Thursday beginning May 6th (last day is May 27).
2. Get a small brown envelope from your designated team teacher.
3. Fill out the front of the envelope. Check the activity for which you are paying at that time and enter the amount that you are paying.
4. Put your cash, check, or money order in the envelope, seal it, and give it to your teacher on Thursday.
5. Your teacher will return that same envelope to you marked “PAID.”
6. When you want to pay for another activity, get a new envelope from your teacher and follow the same procedure.
7. **KEEP ALL OF YOUR “PAID” ENVELOPES IN A SAFE PLACE BECAUSE THEY ARE YOUR RECEIPTS.**
8. You may pay for everything at one time or you may pay for one activity at a time.

Quick Reference for promotional activities:

1. King’s Dominion Trip
When: Thursday, June 10th
Where: King’s Dominion, VA
Price: \$ 70
Deadline for payment: May 20th
2. 8th Grade Dance
When: Friday, June 11th, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Where: Deal Middle School
Price: \$30.00
Deadline for payment: May 20th

The Eighth Grade Council will determine the attire for the dance. It will depend on the theme selected and details will be shared with the eighth grade class. Under no circumstances are jeans or sneakers to be worn. Students must be in school the entire day on Friday, June 11th. If they are not present in school, they will not be permitted to enter the dance. This is not a prom. There should be no limos or expensive outfits.

3. 8th Grade Promotion
When: Tuesday, June 15th, 10 a.m.
Where: Alice Deal Auditorium
Price: \$10.00
Deadline for payment: May 20th

The attire for promotion is “dressy.” Ladies are encouraged to wear dresses. Gentlemen should wear suits or coordinated sports coats and slacks. Ties and dress shoes are mandatory.