

Dedham Middle School

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

June 5, 2023

Dear DMS Families,

June has arrived and we only have a few short weeks left in the school year. This is a busy time with lots of end of the year activities for students!

Here's what's going on:

- **Grade 7 Field Trip:** Tomorrow is the 7th grade field trip to Apex Entertainment in Marlborough. Here are some important reminders:
 - Students need to be at school on time for an 8:45 departure.
 - Wear: sneakers, socks (required!), & Greek Olympic T-shirt
 - School rules apply - no cell phones, gum, or candy
 - No outside food & water. (This is a rule from Apex as they are a nut-free facility and do not allow outside food.)
- **Family Resource:** [Here](#) is a great resource available to families that receive SNAP benefits. All across the US, museums offer deeply discounted or FREE admission including several great options here in MA.
- **Step Up Day:** We will welcome grade 5 students and teachers to DMS on Wednesday morning. We love getting to meet our newest members of the DMS community!
- **Spirit Week:** Sources of Strength & Student Council have partnered together for next week, June 12th-16th.
 - Monday - Mental Health Monday/PJ Day
 - Tuesday - Spirituality/Hawaiian Harmony
 - Wednesday - Flag Day- Generosity/ Red/white/blue
 - (respectful, celebrate community, pick up trash at parade)
 - Thursday (Dodgeball Tourney) - Healthy Activities/ Neon
 - Friday - Celebrate the Sources of Strength Wheel/Team Colors
 - 6th- **Beacon- Red**; **Newbury- Blue**
 - 7th- **Copley- Pink**; **Tremont- Purple**
 - 8th - **Commonwealth- Green**; **Boylston- Gray**
- **Grade 8 Families:**
 - **Speech Contest:** Any student interested in submitting a speech for the Promotion Ceremony must do so by the end of day on Wednesday. Students received the writing prompt on May 22nd.
 - **Dance:** 8th grade students will have a semi-formal dance on Wednesday, June 21st from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Tickets will be \$5 and on sale next week.
 - **Promotion Ceremony:** This will take place in the DMS gym at 9:00 am on June 22nd. Doors will open at 8:30 am.
- **Juneteenth:** There will be no school on Monday June 19th in honor of Juneteenth.
- **Questions of the week:**
 - **Grade 6:** What do taxes, inflation, and closing costs all have in common?
 - **Grade 7:** How do available resources in an ecosystem affect the organisms that rely on them?
 - **Grade 8:** How is the movement of air near the surface and higher in the atmosphere connected to cloud formation?

In closing, I'd like to express my appreciation to all of the chaperones on last week's Washington, D.C. trip. These educators and nurse left their spouses, children, and pets to spend 3 very long days ensuring the safety of the 138 students. Mr. King also deserves an extra note of thanks for all of his work in coordinating the trip.

As the 8th grade families have already heard, our students were outstanding on this trip. Our 3 R's are to be respectful, be responsible, and be resilient. They exhibited all 3 on the

trip and I was so proud to hear from our bus drivers, hotel employees, and travelers at the airport how respectful our students were. And resilience was certainly on display with all of our travel delays - our students were completely flexible and made the most of the extra time at the airport! Check out Twitter or our homepage for some photos (with more to post too!).

With gratitude,
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