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Dear Eighth Grade Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe but the time is flying by, and your child's last year at Mission Hill is drawing to a close. All of our eighth grade students are excited about these upcoming special events: the **Promotion Ceremony, the 8th Grade Dance, and the Great America Trip**. Please be aware of the following important dates:

May 29: 8th grade Honors Night at MHMS 6:30-7:30 pm

May 31: 8th grade Dance at MHMS 7:00-9:00 pm. This is sponsored by PTSA and free for students. Students will need a signed Permission Slip to attend. Please check the eligibility criteria below for this event.

June 3: Locker clean-out and Yearbook distribution during extended 6th period. You will receive information shortly regarding Yearbook pre-sales. If there are remaining Yearbooks, after fulfilling our pre-sales commitments on June 3rd, they will be sold on a first come first served basis.

June 4: 8th grade field trip to Great America. The cost is \$65 (\$35 for Great America and \$30 for transportation.) Payment is due to the main office by May 10th. A signed permission slip is required and checks should be made payable to Mission Hill Middle School. We will leave MHMS at 8:45 am and return at approximately 5:00 pm. Students should bring extra money to purchase lunch in the park. Please check the eligibility criteria below for this event. *Please contact us if the cost will prohibit your child from participating. *If you would like to donate money so we may provide scholarships for students to attend that would be greatly appreciated.

June 6: Promotion Practice at MHMS 8:00-11:00 am.

June 6: Promotion Ceremony at the Civic Auditorium 3:00-4:00 pm. All students must be at the Civic Auditorium at the corner of Church and Center Streets by 2:30PM. Please check eligibility criteria for this event.

Students are expected to follow all school rules, meet behavioral/academic expectations, and maintain punctual attendance in order to be eligible to participate in the end-of-the-year special events. Please carefully read carefully the following information regarding eligibility.

- Students are eligible for the 8th Grade Dance* & 8th Grade trip to Great America if they meet the following requirements:
 - Behavioral expectations - only 1 referral and no suspensions (for Semester 2)
 - Library - no outstanding fines (all fines must be paid by Wednesday May 29th)
 - Attendance - 18 or less tardies for Semester 2
 - Academics - only one F on their most recent Progress Report
- Students must be present at school on the day of the dance to attend the dance.
- Students are eligible for the Completion Ceremony if they meet the following requirement:
 - Behavioral expectations - no suspensions for Semester 2

MHMS rules, including dress code, are enforced at all events whether or not the events happen within the school day. While the 8th grade Dance and the Promotion Ceremony are not formal events, it is suggested that students dress up as both of these events are important milestones that are likely to be photographed by families and friends.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

Sincerely,

Kat McElwee, Principal

Jenny Nixen, Assistant Principal