



Parkland Magnet Middle School for Aerospace Technology  
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### April 2024 - 8th Grade End of Year Activities

Greetings Parents/Guardians of 8th Graders:

The year's end is fast approaching and we want you to know about some of the exciting activities planned for our 8th graders. This letter contains important dates and details about the events that we have planned.

#### 8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance

Date: Friday, June 7, 2024  
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 pm

Location: Parkland Gymnasium  
Cost: \$10 at lunches, \$15 at the door

Tickets will be on sale on **EVEN DAY** lunches from May 21 through June 5. Students will be given a permission slip on May 20th with more information. Music will be provided by a DJ. **If a student needs support with semi-formal attire please contact Mrs. Ariana Lulli.** Please arrange for transportation home promptly at 8:30 pm.

#### 8th Grade Promotion Event

Date: Monday, June 10, 2024  
Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Location: Wheaton High School

Promotion will take place in the auditorium of Wheaton High School and will begin at 6:30pm. There will be awards for a variety of accomplishments. See the back of this letter for a list of possible awards.

Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis. Due to the size of the auditorium and limited seating, **only guests with tickets will be allowed to enter the auditorium. We have reserved two (2) admission tickets for each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student.** Please complete the form to secure your two (2) admission tickets. Families may request additional tickets by indicating on the google form below. Families will be put on a waitlist and notified before the event if they will get additional tickets. Please complete the form by Friday, May 24. You can find the link for the form on the Parkland Website and in future weekly newsletters.



Access the google form by scanning the QR code to the right.

If you cannot access the online form, please email [Ariana\\_M\\_Lulli@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Ariana_M_Lulli@mcpsmd.org)

#### 8th Grade Field Trip to Six Flags

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024  
Time: 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

Location: Six Flags America  
Cost: \$69

Total cost includes the price of transportation and students are expected to use the school provided buses to and from Six Flags. Please arrange for transportation home from Parkland MS promptly at 7:00 pm. Forms and money will be collected on **EVEN DAYS** from April 23-May 24. Late forms will not be accepted. More information is shared on the permission slip attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ariana Lulli at [Ariana\\_M\\_Lulli@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Ariana_M_Lulli@mcpsmd.org). Thank you for all of your support and we look forward to these wonderful celebrations!

Sincerely,

Ariana Lulli-Gaegler  
8th Grade Team Leader



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| <u>Award</u>                                    | <u>Description</u>  |
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| <b>Presidential Excellence</b>                  | Earned a 3.5+ GPA for 6th grade, 7th grade, and the first three quarters of 8th grade and earned the Panther Award.   |
| <b>Presidential Achievement</b>                 | Earned a 3.0+ GPA for 6th grade, 7th grade, and the first three quarters of 8th grade.  |
| <b>Panther Award</b>                            | Continuously shown positive character and demonstrated the REACH characteristics throughout middle school (Resilience, Empathy, Accountability, Community, Health and Wellbeing)                |
| <b>NJHS</b>                                     | Member of the National Junior Honor Society   |
| <b>Music/Art</b>                                | Participated in Music for all 3 years of middle school or Art for all 3 years of middle school.   |
| <b>Student Service Learning</b>                 | Earned 75+ student service learning hours.<br><i>SSL hours submitted <b>before</b> April 1, 2024 will count</i><br><i>8th Grade Social Studies Hours do not count toward this award</i>         |
| <b>Emergent Multilingual Learner</b>            | Awarded by MCPS for being proud speakers of other languages while continuing to develop their English Language Skills. These students are Cultural Ambassadors for their students and teachers. |
| <b>Introduction to Engineering Design (IED)</b> | Awarded to students that earned college credit by earning a B or better in all quarters in IED and scored 430 or more on the national, standardized exam.                                       |
| <b>Honor Roll</b>                               | On the honor roll for the first, second and third quarter of 8th grade.   |
| <b>Straight A's Honor Roll</b>                  | Received straight A's for the first, second and third quarter of 8th grade.   |

As we are going into the community, excellent behavior is expected.  
Students are expected to follow the student code of conduct.

*Please keep this paper at home for future reference*

## 8th Grade End of Year Field Trip



**Who:** All 8th grade students

**When:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024

- Buses leave at 9:30 am and return at 7:00 pm

**Where:** Six Flags America

13710 Central Avenue, Bowie, Maryland 20721

**Why:** Students will have the opportunity to celebrate 8th grade promotion and the end of 8th grade!

See more on their website: <https://www.sixflags.com/america>

**Cost:** \$69.00

- Payable online, with cash, or check. Please write student ID on check.
- Admission cost includes transportation, admission into the park, and food.

**Day of the field trip:** If they are going on the field trip...

- Students do not need to bring their backpacks or chromebooks to school.
- Lunch will be provided.
- Students should dress comfortably!

**Schedule:**

8:15-9:30 - Arrive to school and go to Period 2

9:30 - Board buses and depart to Six Flags

10:30 - Arrive to Six Flags

2:00-3:00 - Student Check in with chaperones

5:45-6:00 - Meet at designated area and depart Six Flags

7:00 - Arrive back to Parkland

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### Some Important Things to Note:

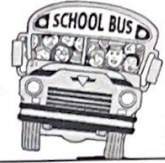
- The cost of the ticket includes transportation, admission to the park, and a food package at the park. The food package includes a voucher for one meal, one snack and one drink at the park
- Requests for financial assistance should be in writing and addressed to Ms. Celia Chavez-Franco, financial secretary. It should be submitted prior to the field trip submission deadline. Please include the student ID number, dollar amount needed, phone number to contact the parent/guardian and the parent/guardian signature.
- If you would like to donate additional funds so that a student whose family is unable to pay for the trip may attend, please indicate that on the field trip form and include the money when you pay for your child.
- Please make us aware of any medication your child may need during the trip by checking the appropriate section on the permission form.
- Students will need transportation home since we will be returning to school at approximately 7:00 PM. There will be **NO** bus transportation for students to go home once we return to Parkland. Please arrange for your student to be picked up by 7:00 PM from Parkland MS. Students who attend the trip are expected to ride the bus to and from the park.
- Students should pay close attention to the weather forecast and dress appropriately. They should wear sunscreen and comfortable shoes. Students may bring their phones and other electronics and use it for the bus ride, but Parkland MS is not responsible for any lost or damaged items.
- The waterpark at Six Flags will be open. Please discuss with your child safe behavior at the water park. Lifeguards will be at the park, but Parkland staff cannot be constantly present.
- A staff member will always be present at the first aid station at the park. In case of an emergency, we will call the number provided for the parent/guardian and the emergency contact number on the permission slip. If an emergency situation arises that would affect the trip, a ConnectEd call will be placed to inform parents of changed plans.
- **We are excited to celebrate the accomplishments of our 8th grade students in a fun and safe manner. If students behave in an unsafe way or have other behavior concerns, an administrator will communicate with the student and family about necessary actions.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ariana Lulli-Gaegler  
([ariana\\_m\\_lulli@mcpsmd.org](mailto:ariana_m_lulli@mcpsmd.org)).



# 8th Grade Six Flags Field Trip

**Permission Slip & Payment Due Date: Friday, May 24**  
**Slip & payment will be collected on Even days during lunch.**



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| <b>Destination:</b><br>Six Flags America (13710 Central Ave, Bowie, MD 20721)   | <b>Date:</b><br>Wednesday, June 12, 2024  |
| <b>Sponsor:</b> Ariana Lulli  | <b>Grade:</b> 8th Grade   |
| <b>Field Trip Purpose:</b> Celebrate 8th grade promotion and the end of middle school!  |   |
| <b>Transportation from school provided by:</b><br>MCPS Bus  | <b>Cost: \$69.00</b><br><i>Please note, no student will be deprived of participating in a field trip due to financial hardship. Please complete a request and attach it to this permission slip.</i>  |
| <b>Time of Departure:</b> 9:30 a.m.   | <b>Approx. Time of Return:</b> 7:00 p.m.  |
| <b>Included in Ticket Cost:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus Transportation to and from Six Flags</li> <li>• A voucher for entree, drink and a snack</li> <li>• Admission into the Park</li> </ul> <b>NOTE:</b> If students bring cash to the park, it must be converted to a card in the park. Food kiosks do not accept cash. | <b>Schedule:</b> <p>8:15-9:30 - Arrive to school &amp; go to Period 1<br/> 9:30 - Board Buses and Depart to Six Flags<br/> 10:30 - Arrive to Six Flags<br/> 2:00-3:00 - Student Check in<br/> 5:45-6:00 - Meet and depart Six Flags<br/> 7:00 - Arrive back to Parkland</p> |
| <b>Administrative Approval:</b> <i>AKL</i>  | <b>Title:</b> <i>Principal</i>  |

-----PLEASE FILL OUT ALL THE INFORMATION BELOW-----

**TRIP PAYMENT INFORMATION** - Please check all that apply.

\_\_\_\_\_ Paid Online (**Preferred Method [www.schoolcashionline.com](http://www.schoolcashionline.com)**) Cash \$\_\_\_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Waiver-** For financial assistance, include a separate note to the finance office with the following information: student ID number, dollar amount needed for assistance, phone number where parent/guardian can be reached during the day and the parent/guardian signature.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to contribute to help another student pay for this trip. Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Any donated funds collated in excess of the 8th grade Six Flags field trip will be transferred to the school's general field trip fund to help offset future field trip costs for students whose families are experiencing financial hardship.*

**Please Note:** Students who have financial obligations or who receive an office referral once they have signed up for a Field Trip; may be revoked their right to attend the field trip. **Refunds are not available.**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION** - please provide information below.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My child receives medication during the day (check if applicable). *The school nurse will be contacted to acquire the necessary details.*

Emergency Contact #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Parent/Guardian Approval For Trips MCPS Transportation Is Provided

MCPS Form 555-6  
July 2018

Office of School Support and Improvement  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

## PART I: To Be Completed by the Trip Sponsor.

School Parkland MS - 812  Grade Level/Group 8th Grade

Date(s) of Trip Wednesday, June 12 2024 From 9:30 a.m./p.m. To 7:00 a.m./p.m.

Location of Trip (include city and state) Six Flags America (Bowie, MD)

Transportation Arrangement: MCPS Bus Student Cost \$ 67.00

Purpose of Trip Celebration of 8th Grade Promotion and the end of Middle School.

School Staff Sponsor Ariana Lulli Date 10 / 10 / 23

The student named below may be excused to engage in the above-described activity.

Signature of Principal [Signature] Date 4 / 17 / 23

## PART II: To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian, or Eligible Student

### A. Parent/Guardian Financial Responsibility

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) wants you to know about your financial responsibility for field trips.

**Cost**—Depending on the trip, the cost may include transportation, ticket or entrance fee, food, hotel, and/or a travel company's fee.

**Payment**—Payment may be made by check made out to the school, cash, or, if available, through an online payment system. However, it is recommended that you do not send cash to school with your student(s). A check returned by the bank for any reason is subject to a \$25.00 returned-check fee. Please contact the school counselor or school administrator to make alternative arrangements for payment. Scholarships, reduced fee, or modified payment schedules are available if the cost of the field trip would create a hardship for your family.

**Delay, Change, or Cancellation**—Sometimes it is necessary to postpone, change, or even cancel a trip for safety, bad weather, or other reasons. Sometimes, when a trip is cancelled, changed, or delayed, cancellation fees or other payments have been made in advance that MCPS cannot get back. For example, there may be transportation reservations, tickets that have been purchased, or fees paid to a travel agent. A refund is not always possible, but we will do our best to refund all or part of your payment.

**Additional Cost**—If a trip is delayed, interrupted, or changed once it has begun and students need to remain away from home and school longer than anticipated for safety or other reasons, there may be additional costs for such things as food, lodging, and additional or alternative transportation. If this happens, we will do our best to keep additional costs to a minimum, but you are responsible for paying these additional expenses for your child(ren).

### B. Prescribed Medication

School personnel will, when it is absolutely necessary, administer medication to students during the school day and while participating in overnight field trips if the parent/guardian has completed MCPS Form 525-13, *Authorization to Administer Prescribed Medication, Release and Indemnification Agreement*, and/or MCPS Form 525-14, *Emergency Care for the Management of a Student with a Diagnosis of Anaphylaxis, Release and Indemnification Agreement for Epinephrine Auto-Injector*.

My child will need medication administered while participating in this field trip. MCPS Form 525-13, and/or MCPS Form 525-14, has been completed (at least one week in advance of the field trip) and is on file in the Health Room at my child's school. **Note:** Prescription medication must be properly labeled by a pharmacist, medication label and authorized prescriber order must be consistent, and over-the-counter medication must be in an original container with the manufacturer's dosage label and safety seal intact. See Forms 525-13 and/or 525-14 for more details.

### C. Information Regarding Travel Insurance

Travel insurance may help cover costs if the trip is cancelled, delayed, or interrupted, or if your child is not able to go on the trip for reasons such as an illness. The cost of travel insurance varies depending on the company and plan you choose. Be aware, however, that travel insurance companies will not cover a trip that is cancelled by the school as a precaution. Unless the school has made arrangements for group insurance that is included in the cost of the field trip, the decision on whether to purchase travel insurance is yours. If you wish to purchase travel insurance, you must make the arrangements and pay the cost.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to participate in the above-described activity.

I do NOT give permission for my child to participate in the above-described activity.

I would like to volunteer to chaperone this field trip.\*

*\*Please be advised that all volunteers must complete online training on the prevention, recognition, and reporting of child abuse and neglect. Volunteers for extended-day (returning after 7:00 p.m.), and overnight field trips must also undergo fingerprinting and background checks.*

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_