

ARE YOU READY FOR WASHINGTON D.C.!!!

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Dear 7th Grade Students and Parents,

Your 7th grade year at Timothy Edwards is going by fast and soon you'll be embarking on your final year in middle school. One of the highlights of 8th grade is the annual trip to Washington D.C. It is truly a valuable educational experience that you and your classmates will cherish. The trip is scheduled for the next school year from **Tuesday, November 13th to Friday, November 16th**. Students should recognize that participating in this trip is a privilege that is given based on TE students' past behavior. **Any discipline issues that occur between now and the trip may result in removal from the trip and forfeiture of expenses.**

At this time, I would like to invite you to a presentation. The presentation will consist of a brief, 10 minute, slide show to prepare you for some of the things that the students can expect to see and do while taking part in this exciting tour of our nation's capital. Following the slide show, I will answer any preliminary questions or concerns regarding the trip. **The presentation will take place in the auditorium at Timothy Edwards on Thursday, April 26th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Please plan on attending this meeting if you are considering sending your student on the trip.

The cost of this year's trip will be approximately **\$885** per person for quad accommodations, **\$ 945** for triple accommodations, and **\$1060** for double accommodations. In order to secure a spot on next year's trip, payments have been divided into two installments. **The first payment of \$300 will be due on, or before, Friday, May 4th. If you are opting to purchase trip insurance, for an additional \$45, it must be submitted with the first deposit as a separate check made out to "Destinations Unlimited", along with the completed attached form.** However, if you elect not to purchase the insurance please select "do not elect" on the form and return it along with your deposit as well. The final payment will be due on **Friday, September 7th**. The final payment amount will be determined based on your child's accommodation selection (quad, triple, or double). This money must be collected to secure tickets and reservations for the trip in advance. Please place the payment, **in the form of a check** made out to **"TEMS"**, in an envelope labeled Washington Trip 2018 with your student's name on it. Envelopes should be given directly to me in room 333 or placed in my mailbox located in the main office. **Please retain this letter as a reminder of the important due dates.**

All eighth grade students will be given important information regarding the trip on the first day of school next year which will be crucial to turning in on time. Next year's trip promises to be one of the most memorable experiences of your student's middle school career. I hope you can make it and I look forward to seeing you at the presentation.

Sincerely,

Rob Murphy
8th Grade SS Teacher Pacific Team
Washington D.C. Trip Coordinator

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