

ENDEAVOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Eighth Grade Endeavour Students and Parents:

The end of the 2018-2019 school year is quickly approaching. We have enjoyed having you at EMS and we look forward to hearing about all your future successes as you move on to high school. We are providing you with the following information so that you can prepare for the special end of the year activities for 8th graders at EMS.

Just as a reminder, students will be promoted only if they have a **total GPA of 3.66 (Semester 1 GPA + Semester 2 GPA)**. Any students who do not meet this requirement, even those who have the opportunity to attend summer school as a requirement to move to high school as scheduled in August, will not participate in any of the end of the year activities. This includes the Promotion Ceremony.

The Promotion Ceremonies will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019 in the cafeteria. There may be a possibility that promotion will be held in the new gym, we will keep you/your students informed if it will be held there. Ceremonies are alphabetical order by last name:

7:30am: Last names A-F and Mr. Helme's class	9:00am: Last names G-M	10:30am Last names N-Z
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Appropriate school clothing should be worn as per the Lancaster School District Handbook Dress Code. Shorts, tuxedos, strapless or formal attire and limousines are not appropriate for the promotion exercise or dance. Please remember that this is simply a middle school promotion and students' attire should reflect this setting. Appropriate attire that follows the regular school dress code is necessary for participation in the promotion exercise and admittance to the dance. For the dance only, semiformal dress is allowed, similar rules as we had for the Winter Ball.

EMS' annual "Fun Day" will be spent at Magic Mountain and will be on Monday, June 3. To be eligible, students must have earned a "C" or better in citizenship 3 of the 4 quarters. Buses will leave the school at 8:45 A.M. and will return at approximately 7:30 P.M. The fee for Magic Mountain is \$55.00 (this includes transportation). The entrance fee provides for unlimited rides but does not include incidental spending or lunch money. (Sack lunches are not permitted inside the park.) Season passes (NO DISCOUNT TICKETS) may be used but \$25.00 will be charged for transportation. **The Promotion Dance will be held on Tuesday, June 4th from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. at EMS.** The presale cost of the promotion dance is \$10.00.

In order to participate in Fun Day and the Promotion Dance, students must have a minimum **total GPA of 3.66** and currently hold a "C" in citizenship for the 4th quarter **as well as** two other quarters.

Teachers will be handing out Permission Slips and Payment Envelopes to eligible students on Wednesday, May 15. Beginning May 16, students may purchase their Magic Mountain and promotion dance tickets through their Homeroom Teacher. **Cash or Money Order Only – No change will be available, so please send exact amount. The last day to purchase tickets will be Friday, May 24th.**

Students will begin turning in their textbooks on Monday, May 13th. **Each student is held accountable for lost textbooks, library books, PE locks, and cafeteria meals.** The last day to clear accounts and pay fees is Friday, May 31st. For those students who fail to clear their accounts, report cards and 8th grade Completion Certificates will not be issued until the week following promotion (June 10-14) and will be available in the school office by turning in all textbooks and/or payment for accounts. If accounts are not cleared by the deadline they will not be considered cleared for the purpose of receiving report cards and certificates at the promotion ceremony.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding the promotion policy, please contact the school. Thanks to all of you for your support and help in making this school year a successful one. All of us at Endeavour Middle School would like to wish you the very best in the future.

Sincerely,

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