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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

RE: 8TH GRADE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

This newsletter contains important information regarding the 8th grade class activities that are planned for your child. Please share this information with your child. ***Students not eligible to walk the stage at Promotion due to credit deficiency and /or students on the NO ACTIVITIES LIST will not be allowed to participate in any of the following activities. All library materials must be returned and all fines must be paid prior to an event to be eligible to participate in the event.***

8TH GRADE PROMOTION DANCE – MAY 29TH, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

All promoting 8th graders who have met credit and grade requirements and are not on the NO ACTIVITIES LIST – NO GUESTS ALLOWED

Cost: The cost for the 8th grade student is – free. Students must present their current I.D. card in order to get into the dance. Students who have lost or misplaced their I.D. card must obtain a Dance Pass from the Student Activities Center before the dance. These students must present other school forms of identification to receive the Dance Pass (i.e., progress report or report card.)

Dress: Dress for the dance is “appropriate dress” (i.e., neat school clothes.) Suits, sports jackets, and ties are optional. Clothing should provide appropriate covering. NO spaghetti straps or flip-flops. NOT RECOMMENDED: tuxedos, long formal gowns, and limos.

Early Departure: Students must stay until 8:00 p.m. unless their parent/guardian checks them out.

Parent Volunteers: Parents may assist in the following ways:

- Chaperone the dance
- Serve refreshments
- Provide refreshments such as appetizers, cookies, and snacks
- Make a donation to help with the end of the year activity costs

*Knights show... **E**ffort **R**espect **R**esponsibility*

8TH GRADE YEAR END FIELD TRIP TO RAGING WATERS - JUNE 2ND , 9:30 A.M. – 6:30 P.M.

All promoting 8th graders who have met credit and grade requirements and are not on the NO ACTIVITIES LIST

Cost: The cost is \$30.00 which includes admission, lunch, and transportation. After April 24th the price will increase to \$35.00 and must be cash. *No checks after April 24th. This is on a first come, first serve basis.*

Transportation: The students will go on an Elk Grove Unified School District Bus. All students must ride the bus. Parents, relatives, or friends are not allowed to transport students to and from Raging Waters/Cal Expo without prior authorization from school administrators. Students violating this policy will not be permitted to participate in the promotion ceremony. Student's that normally ride the school bus to and from school, will need to be picked up at Joseph Kerr by a parent/guardian at the end of this event at Joseph Kerr Middle School by the designated time.

Dress: Swim suit, towel, and clothing to wear to and from Raging Waters. Footwear is mandatory.

Payment: Sign-ups will start on April 22nd. Checks must be payable to Joseph Kerr Middle School. Payments made **after April 24th** must be by cash. After April 24th the price will increase to \$35.00. Sign-ups will take place in the Student Activities Center. Financial assistance is available. Call Mr. French at 686-7728 or Ms. Thomas at 686-7729.

Refunds: A full refund will be made to students who cancel by Wednesday, May 27th. Refunds will NOT be given to no-shows.

Rules: All school, bus, and park rules apply to this field trip. Students violating any of the rules will be suspended from school and/or not permitted to participate in the promotion ceremony.

PROMOTION CEREMONY – JUNE 4TH, 7:30 – 9:00 A.M.

Who: All promoting 8th graders who have met credit and grade requirements and are not on the NO ACTIVITIES LIST

What: The presentation of promotion certificates, special recognition, and student speakers will be the highlight of the morning program.

When: At 7:25 a.m. all 8th grade students are to be seated in their assigned seats. The ceremony will begin promptly at 7:30 a.m.

Where: Joseph Kerr's outside stage

Dress: We request that students dress in appropriate clothing: dresses, dress shirts and slacks, suits, or other good school clothes. No spaghetti straps.

Tickets: Two tickets will be distributed on Monday, May 18, 2009 during P.E. classes to students who meet the promotion ceremony criteria. Request for additional tickets will be available at that time. A FINAL GRADE CHECK form, in lieu of tickets, will be given to each student that is in danger of failing more than one class. The FINAL GRADE CHECK form will have a FINAL DUE DATE OF MAY 22, 2009. Neither tickets nor a final grade check form will be issued to students that are credit deficient and are therefore ineligible to participate in the promotion ceremony. Requests for extra tickets are due no later than May 22, 2009. Extra tickets will be distributed on or about May 28, 2009 based on the number of available seats and stated need.

“F” Policy: 8th grade students who fail two or more classes in the final grading period will not participate in the promotion ceremony.

No Walk Policy: Any 8th grade student who is on the Discipline No Activities List will not participate in the promotion ceremony.

Credit Deficiency: 8th grade students who are credit deficient may be retained and/or prohibited from participating in the promotion ceremony.

Check-Out: If you plan on taking your student with you after the promotion ceremony, please go to the Multi-Purpose Room where tables will be set up. You will receive the promotion certificate at this time. STUDENTS MAY ONLY BE CHECKED OUT BY THEIR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

Parking: Our school grounds have limited parking. The staff will park on our north basketball courts. Both the east and south school parking lots will be available for parents. Additional parking may be available at the Community Services Facilities across Elk Grove Boulevard from Joseph Kerr school*.

** Please honor local businesses request that their parking lots remain open for their customers.*