



MILLBURN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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May 29, 2019

Dear 8th Grade Parents & Guardians:

Congratulations! In just a few short weeks you will be the proud parents and guardians of 8th-grade graduates and soon-to-be high schoolers. Your sons and daughters have grown socially, emotionally, academically and physically - they arrived at the Middle School as children and leave as budding young adults.

Over the next few weeks, the 8th graders have several key dates and events to keep in mind. These events are designed to celebrate their successes and leave them with yet a few more fond memories.

Warm regards,

John Connolly
Principal
Millburn Middle School

Please review the following information:

June 10, 2019: 8th Grade Field Trip

Destination of Trip: 8th Grade Trip to [Fountain Spring Lake](#), Ringwood, NJ

Supervision: 8th Grade Teachers, Support Staff; School Nurse; Principal

Departure Time: 8:15am **Approximate Return Time:** 3:30pm

Transportation: School Bus

Other Information: RAIN OR SHINE! Morning snack and lunch will be provided. Bring swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, and sports equipment (students are responsible for any personal belongings they bring to the Fountain Spring Lake).

Dietary Consideration: If you have alerted us regarding dietary needs, we have communicated with the facility, and they will accommodate those requirements. We have [attached the menu](#) for your convenience. The Fountain Spring Lake Country Club is a “Nut-Free/Tree-Nut-Free” facility. If you have specific concerns about any of the menu items, please have your child speak with our School Nurse, Mrs. Marybeth Clark, before eating - Mrs. Clark will be onsite for the 8th Grade Field Trip and will have access to student medical information and Allergy Treatment Plans. If you prefer, send your child with his/her own snack and lunch.

****In the event that your child is not attending the 8th Grade Field Trip and will not be attending school on Monday, June 10, 2018, you must alert the attendance office using the mmsattendance@millburn.org email address.***

June 14, 2019: 8th Grade Move-up Rehearsal

Time: 8:00 am and 9:15 am for the respective teams (B/L followed by M/T).

June 14, 2019: Yearbook Distribution for 8th Graders Only

Time and location to be announced

June 14, 2019: 8th Grade Celebration Lunch sponsored by MMS PTO 12:19 to 1:00 pm

Eighth graders will then be treated to a special lunch sponsored by the MMS PTO during period 7. This celebratory lunch will be outside (weather permitting).

Food: Lunch options include:

La Strada Cheese Pizza or Millburn Deli “Godfadda”* sandwich (first come, first served).

*Godfadda - fried chicken cutlet, fresh mozzarella, bacon, homemade Russian dressing on a sub.

Philly Pretzels, chips, cookies, ice pops and water will also be served.

Dietary Restrictions: La Strada Gluten-Free pizza can be made available upon advance request. If your child would like gluten-free pizza or has another dietary restriction, please send an email to 8thgradecelebration@mmspto.net to discuss. Students with dietary preferences are welcome to bring their own lunch. The cafeteria will not be serving 8th graders on the 14th.

Fun & Games: 8th graders will be signing yearbooks, listening to music by DJ Zap, enjoying the photo booths, playing games, and generally having a relaxing time outdoors with their friends.

Seating: Please send your child in with a picnic blanket or beach towel as seating will be limited.

In Case of Rain: If the weather does not cooperate, lunch will still be provided and served indoors. The 8th graders will be able to eat together as a class. Entertainment will, unfortunately, be canceled.

Questions: Please contact Robin Grapkowski, Tracey Knewitz or Sock Wang at 8thgradecelebration@mmspto.net.

Commemorative Program Ads for the 8th Grade Move-up Ceremony

This year, we are excited to be printing a commemorative program for the June 17 Moving Up ceremony. As part of the program, parents are able to include a message for their child. Proceeds will help support the program printing, as well as the fun of the 8th-grade celebration. Pricing is \$20 per message for MMS PTO members - a benefit for your support of all MMS PTO programs - and \$25 for non-members. These messages can be purchased through Thursday, May 30. Orders can be placed [here](#).

June 17, 2019: 8th Grade Move-up Ceremony

*****Schedule:** Teams “B” & “L” 8:30am & Teams “M” & “T” 10:30am

Parking: Parking for this event will be tight because school is in session, and the faculty and staff will be parked in the rear and Paper Mill lots. The lot behind the school will be closed. Please take advantage of the Municipal Parking lots located just beyond the underpass on Old Short Hills Road in the center of town. It is a short walk to the main entrance of the Middle School and there is plenty of parking available.

[Traffic, Pick-up/Drop-Offs & Parking Procedures](#)

Attendance: Each 8th Grade family may have two guests attend the Move-up Ceremony. Unfortunately,

because of the number of students and faculty, we are unable to accommodate more than two guests per family. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Student Attire: The transition from the Middle School to the High School is a benchmark moment in a student's life. As we celebrate this moment, we ask that our students dress appropriately for the occasion, so that parents are able to catch that "*Kodak moment*." We are requesting that students dress in semi-formal attire, which may include, but is not limited to, shirt and tie, dress slacks or khakis, dress, pantsuit, or skirt and blouse. I am requesting that students refrain from wearing shorts, jeans, and sneakers for this occasion.

Move-up Ceremony Photographer: The MMS PTO has engaged the services of MMS mom, Erica Moffitt of Naki Studios to capture that moment when your child is on stage to receive his/her graduation certificate. The photos will be free for digital download. For your convenience, prints can also be purchased with profits from the print orders (if purchased by July 3) generously donated by the photographer to the MMS PTO. The gallery will be open from June 18 to July 10.

To access the gallery, click [here](#). You will be asked to enter an email address. Your email address will only be used by the photographer to send you a reminder just before the gallery closing date. If you choose to purchase a print, you will receive additional communication (including order status) from the photographer. There will be two galleries, one for the 8:30 am and 10:30 am ceremonies.

Password: **19congrats**

Free digital download pin: **3079**

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