

8th Grade Celebration Chair

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: A celebration for the 8th grade, where the **8th Grade Student Committee** selects off of a pre-determined list of activities for the class to participate in; with guidance from the 8th Grade Celebration Chair. It is imperative that the 8th Grade Celebration Chair provide the parents with two or three options the 8th Grade Student Committee is considering, *before* moving forward with one celebration idea.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 1 Lead or 2 co-chair, plus 8th Grade Student Committee

TIMELINE: January-June

BUDGET: YES

RESPONSIBLE TO: PTSA VPs and works laterally with 8th Grade Ceremony Chair, coordinating with the 8th Grade Student Committee

BENEFITS: Supports students and families of RSAR. Fulfills student family volunteer requirement.

DESCRIPTION:

Having a safe event to celebrate the 8th Grade's upcoming Promotion Ceremony is our number one priority. In the school year 2016-17, PTSA Board of Directors voted in to take on all liability of the 8th Grade Celebration. Regardless of all previous 8th Grade Celebrations, some including overnight trips in different states; the liability was always the responsibility of the parent taking on the event.

Over the years, it was determined that this liability for one or two parents to incur while watching over 30 students, was too much responsibility; therefore, the PTSA BOD deemed the 8th Grade Celebration a new program to place under the umbrella of PTSA's insurance. With that insurance coverage, the 8th Grade Celebration must adhere to insurance policy guidelines. Attached is a list of activities that the insurance company will or will not support.

It has been proposed to establish a traditional 8th Grade Celebration event, one that would repeat year after year. For example, Inglewood Middle School always goes to Family Fun Center for their 8th Grade Celebration.

This is one of the options.

Guidelines of proposed 8th Grade Celebration ideas:

- Students can either be dropped off or carpool to the event
- Buy-in must be from all 8th Grade Students and their parents
- The event must be inclusive of all students. (Something that was omitted in the past)
- If the event is overnight, have an option for "late-over" where students can stay but not sleep over.

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Suggestions/Ideas for annual Celebration:

Some possibilities for the actual 8th Grade Celebration are as follows:

- Teen Center “shut-in”
- Staying overnight at the Woodland Park Zoo or Museum of Flight
- Spending a day at the Seattle Center
- Visiting the Dale Chihuly Museum or eating at the Collections Café,
- Visiting the MoPoP (EMP) and Science Fiction Museum; and/or taking a trip to the top of the Space Needle.
- A day or evening at Beaver Lake Sammamish. Other parks close by and provide a day of outdoor events (Frisbee, wiffle ball, games, bbq) could include:
 - Lake Sammamish State Park
 - Ebright Park
 - East Lake Sammamish Park
 - Pine Lake Park.

Other considerations:

- Following the outline of AIM insurance “playlist” (see attached)
- Medications: Medical Forms and Medicine Administration Forms – Students may need medication or might have allergies or allergic to specific food; that all has to be on the responsibility of someone to administer.
- Will food/snacks be provided
- Do students need to bring cash/debit card for food, souvenir
- Class tee shirt
- Rules of Behavior, Code of Conduct
- Required Clothing (perhaps closed-toed shoes, bathing suit, etc.)
- Cell Phone policy
- Event Details should be created and provided for all students and parents
- Parent/Guardian’s Approval and Student Waiver (see attached)
- Work with PTSA VP to find out budget.