

DC Communiqué

Summer 2023 Issue

Trip Dates: Tuesday, March 12-Wednesday, March 20th, 2024

History of Franklin's DC Trip

Trip Overview

Franklin School is thrilled to announce the return of our annual 7th Grade Washington, D.C. trip. Franklin students will travel to Washington, D.C. for nine days. Prior to 2020, this inspiring field trip had been going on for 20+ years.

We will have a wonderful time exploring our nation's capital from the Lincoln Memorial to the Capitol, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, Smithsonian Museums, Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts - just to name a few!

This is more than just a school trip; it's a chance to explore, to learn, and to make memories that will last a lifetime.

Lastly, it's an opportunity given to EVERY 7th grader.

Flight Reservations

We have reservations for the following flights.

Flt ASOO10: Depart PDX 9:30 am on March 12, arrive DCA 5:38 pm

Flt AS0009: Depart DCA 6:45 pm on March 20, arrive PDX 9:45 pm

Parent Meeting

We will hold a Washington, D.C. trip parent meeting when we return to school in September. We will review fundraising, parent chaperones, itinerary, and more.

Frequently Asked Questions

Cost:

- All students are encouraged to attend the trip.
- Participation will not be limited by financial need.
- Trip cost is approximately \$2,200 per student, which includes: travel, lodging, meals, and educational tours.

Fundraising:

- While raising \$2,200 might seem daunting, you're not in this alone!
 We're all in this together working towards a shared goal.
 When you raise funds, you're not just supporting your own journey, but also contributing to the collective experience of your classmates.
- Students are encouraged to take charge of their fundraising efforts this summer. Benefits include:
 - o Lessons in financial responsibility
 - o Entrepreneurship
 - Community engagement.
- Based on a parent survey conducted in May 2023, we can encourage a student fundraising target of \$400 to supplement parent pledges.

School-led fundraising will begin in September!

Lodging:

 Residence Inn by Marriott, Washington DC/Foggy Bottom at 801 New Hampshire NW.

How do I make deposits?

- There are two ways to deposit money.
- #1-Write a check: Checks can be deposited in the blue lock box in the Franklin School office.
 - Checks should be made out to Franklin PTA.
 - In the subject line, write 'Washington DC'.
- #2-<u>Venmo</u>: Send to @FranklinSchoolPTA

When will I need to deposit?

Deposits should be made on a regular basis. Approximately half of the total trip cost will need to be made by December 15, and the full amount by February 28th.

Can I be a chaperone?

A parent chaperone will accompany every 4 students. Chaperones are responsible for funding their own trip. If you are interested, chaperone applications will be available in September.