

THREE FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Hello 8th-grade parents!

We have two very important dates coming! On Thursday, May 29th is the much-anticipated class trip to Billings! And June 4th is 8th-grade promotion.

If your child is planning to attend, s/he needs to have met all the requirements below. Students who have not met these requirements should know they have not met them. However, you are free to send me an email if you have any questions. None of these requirements should be new to them since we have been talking about them all second semester.

- ☐ Sold 10 raffle tickets OR found a raffle item OR paid \$20 by Tuesday, May 27.
- ☐ Been on their best behavior over the past quarter
- ☐ Is eligible according to school eligibility rules (see handbook)
- ☐ **ARRIVES AT 7:45 A.M. 8 A.M. for departure! If your student is not on the bus when we leave, we will not be waiting.**

In order to have everything for the day, please ensure that your student also has these boxes checked:

- ☐ online waivers signed for Steep World and Get Air that were sent via Infinite Campus (please make sure you confirmed your email address!)
- ☐ clothes safe and appropriate for the trampoline park (no dangling strings or zippers)--jump socks are included in our price.
- ☐ money for snacks (breakfast, lunch and dinner is provided) and a trip to Scheels if they want to buy something there
- ☐ swimsuit (one appropriate for an indoor wave pool and slides)
- ☐ towel (The Reef does NOT provide towels)
- ☐ pool shoes (should be different than their other shoes if they want dry shoes on the way home)
- ☐ water bottle
- ☐ an extra change of clothes, including socks (bus clothes and day clothes?)
- ☐ phone charger?
- ☐ kindness and a good attitude
- ☐ Students may also bring a small blanket and small pillow since we have both an early and a late bus ride. But the bus will be pretty full, so small is good.

In order for all of us to have a fantastic day full of good, clean fun, please make sure your student is NOT BRINGING any items that are prohibited at school, such as:

- ☐ tobacco products
- ☐ vapes and/or vape paraphernalia
- ☐ alcohol or drugs of any kind
- ☐ weapons of any kind
- ☐ anything else that is prohibited by the handbook

If any student is misbehaving or is caught with items on the prohibited list, they will be removed from all activities and, depending on the severity of the offense and the timing, could be sent home in a separate car or have a parent come get them. This class worked too hard to earn and fund this trip for that to happen, and it will not be tolerated.

We plan to leave the school by 8:00 a.m. and will have a breakfast burrito for each student who ordered one on the bus (Thank you Naida's Night Off!!). We will arrive at Steep World Climbing and Fitness around 10:30 a.m. and will climb in two shifts until noon (non-climbers will be bussed to Scheels for an hour). Panda Express is our lunch destination, followed by Get Air Billings. At about 3:45 we will head to The Reef for 2-3 hours, followed by dinner at Texas Roadhouse or Pizza Ranch, and the ride home. We anticipate being home between 10 and 11 p.m.

I have a list of parents who have volunteered to chaperone and will be contacting them soon. Thank you so much for your willingness to help!

Eight graders will check out the morning of June 4th and participate in the fun day that afternoon (if they are eligible) The promotion ceremony will be that evening at 7 p.m in the new gym. The class color is purple, but students do not have to dress in purple. We also will be sharing a form where students should submit a photo of themselves when they were younger—they just need one photo and it can be a baby photo, or a favorite photo from when they were younger. The form should be in their English class Classroom on Google, or it was shared out via Infinite Campus.

If you have any questions, please email me at hdonnelly@threeforks.k12.mt.us. Thank you for having great kids!

Mrs. Heidi Donnelly
8th-grade advisor
and a bunch of other stuff