

May 5, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As part of our novel study of *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park, and our study of the Lost Boys of Sudan in English 7, we will be viewing the movie *The Good Lie*, rated PG 13 (please see parent rating link below) starting Wednesday, May 8th. The purpose of viewing this film, which is based on a true story, will be to enhance student understanding of the struggles faced by the refugees from Sudan and their assimilation into American culture. It helps students visualize these struggles to gain empathy, and truly focuses on the themes of grit, family, and gratitude. This will be used for an assignment based on the book and the movie.

- **The link to view the trailer for the film is: <https://youtu.be/c2tI5zW3IU8>. I edit out the part where Reese Witherspoon makes the inappropriate comment in the trailer!!!**
- **The rating is carefully spelled out in the following link under Parents Guide for the movie at http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2652092/parentalguide?ref_=tt_stry_pg**

You are encouraged to view the trailer and check out the link before making your decision. Any student who is not permitted to watch the film will be provided an alternative documentary. I encourage you to view the film before we watch it as well, as it is a compelling story and the students love seeing the story we have read come to life.

Should you choose for your 7th-grader to opt-out of watching this film, please send me an email. **If they are allowed to view the movie, no further action needs to be taken.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Hamilton (hamilton.rebecca@bcsdk12.org, 563-8690 ext.7699). Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hamilton