



September 11, 2009

Dear Parents,

Attached, you will find the information/ registration packet that was given to parents attending the Washington, D.C. Informational meeting on Thursday, September 10th.

We are asking that **everyone return the School Registration (form # 3.4) to homeroom teachers by Wednesday, September 30th whether or not your child is going to go on the trip.** We need to have an idea of the numbers of students that will be joining us, so that the correct number of buses can be reserved and chaperones recruited. If you plan to send your child, then you will also need to send back the "Attendance Criteria Acknowledgement form" (form # 3.6) at the same time.

Below are a few of the highlights of the meeting on Thursday, which you may find useful.

- Trip Dates: May 3rd – May 7th (Monday – Friday after April vacation.)
- Cost: \$740 – includes all costs except for two meals while traveling to and from Washington.
- Financial aid will be available.
- One fundraiser for students to help offset the cost (provided that a group of parents steps up to lead it).
- Security guard outside rooms every night.
- Group cancellation insurance included in price allows the trip to be cancelled up until the day before departure in the event of a national security threat. All money will be refunded, less the cost of the insurance.
- Trip registration form due back to homeroom teachers by **Wednesday, September 30th.**
- All payment go to directly to Capital Tours. First payment of \$300 is due to Capital Tours by **Tuesday, December 1st.** Checks should be made out to Capital Tours.
- We look forward to sharing this adventure with your children. If you have any questions please email Marty Chaput, the Washington D.C. trip coordinator, at mchaput@windhamsd.org or phone 893-2636 ext. 55203 to leave a message.

The Eighth Grade Team