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To Parents of Eighth Grade Students:

It's difficult to believe, but the third trimester has begun and we are approaching the time for the eighth-grade end-of-the-year activities. Planning is well underway to provide a number of special opportunities for our eighth-grade students as they prepare to begin their high school experience. The purpose of this letter is to clarify our guidelines regarding the end-of-the-year activities.

PANORAMIC CLASS PICTURE-FRIDAY, MAY 27 AT 9:15 AM

The eighth-grade class will pose for its panoramic picture on Friday morning. We hope everyone in this year's eighth-grade class will want to be in this special class picture. This will be the 15th year that Serrano students will "dress up" for their panoramic picture. Students will be posing on the field, so please consider this in planning your child's attire. In order to participate in the panoramic picture, students are required to meet the following "dress to impress" guidelines:

Boys - Shirt with a collar and tie, long pants, appropriate shoes

Girls - Dressy blouse and pants/skirts or dresses, appropriate shoes
(Strapless, backless, or halter dresses are not appropriate.)

The Serrano dress code is still enforced. Extra ties will be available for the boys who need one. Students wishing to purchase the class picture must bring payment on May 27th in the money envelope to their homeroom class. The cost is **\$17.00**. **Checks should be made payable to Kevin Fritz Photography.**

KNOTT'S BERRY FARM-FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

All students must ride the buses provided by the school to Knott's and back to Serrano. This transportation is included in the \$36.00 ticket price. Tickets for the event will be on sale during lunch from May 23 to May 27. **Make checks payable to Serrano Intermediate School.** Permission slips and student I.D. are required to purchase a ticket. Students **not** attending the promotion trip are expected to attend a regular school day on June 3. The Serrano dress code will be enforced for this day's activities.

AWARDS NIGHT-TUESDAY, JUNE 14 AT 6:30 PM

Parents of students receiving awards will receive an invitation in the mail. A list of students receiving awards will also be posted in the window of the library. The "Eighth-Grade Awards Night" will be held at the Serrano School Gymnasium. Students should plan to wear dressy school clothes for this night of honor and recognition. The Serrano dress code is enforced. Strapless, backless, or halter dresses are not appropriate.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR PURCHASE OF TICKET

The off campus promotion trip to Knott's Berry Farm will be open to current eighth graders who meet the following requirements:

1. **Academics** - *At the time of the event, students must be on target to promote to the 9th grade on June 21. Students not meeting promotional requirements may not purchase a ticket.*
2. **Citizenship** - *Students must maintain good behavior during the rest of third trimester. Failure to follow school rules may result in students not being allowed to participate in the 8th grade end-of-the-year activity. Students with repeated violations of school rules may be deemed ineligible to purchase a ticket by the administration.*
3. **Fines Paid** - *Library fines, lost or damaged textbooks, and debts to the school must be cleared to purchase tickets. Debts to the school that occur after last two end of the year off campus activities will result in Promotional Certificates being held by the school until the debts are cleared.*
4. **Discipline Requirements** – *Students may not have two or more suspendable offenses or truanancies during the last trimester. In addition, students on a Behavior Contract or who have committed any serious disciplinary violations, as deemed by the administration, may not purchase a ticket.*

FINALS SCHEDULE

Eighth grade finals will be held June 17, 20 and 21. Following the last final on Tuesday, June 21, there will be an Eighth-Grade Celebration. **We will be on a minimum day schedule with dismissal at 12:40 pm on June 20 and 21.**

8TH GRADE CELEBRATION DAY-TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 9:15 AM-12:40 PM

Following the last final, there will be a student oriented celebration for 8th graders. The celebration, which is for students and faculty only, will include an 8th grade end of the year slide show, a Celebration Ceremony with performances of 8th grade student talent, and a pizza lunch with yearbook signing.

We know that if parents and students clearly understand the guidelines for each activity, all will have the opportunity to recall and share the many memorable events of their 2010-11 school year. We appreciate the cooperation of all families to keep these activities at a level appropriate for middle school students.

Sincerely,

Bob Presby
Principal