



February 7, 2017

Dear Parents;

It's hard to believe, but spring is quickly approaching, and that means your 8th grader will be graduating! **Official** graduation information will be sent to you by the junior high office staff. However, as 8th grade sponsor, it's my job to make graduation EPIC, and I need your help! To help the students celebrate their graduation, we take them on an annual field trip to Six Flags. Graduation & Six Flags dates will be determined by the board of education this month, and will be posted as soon as I know. More specific information about the field trip will be sent home/posted online the week prior to the trip.

Most of you had your students participate in the Fannie May fundraiser last fall, and so your part is done. Others opted to pay for the trip, and need to do that now. (Our trip is to Six Flags in Eureka, MO on Peoria Charter buses, and includes a class t-shirt & lunch while at Six Flags) Students who did not participate in the fundraiser need to bring a check for \$85 made out to "Germantown Hills Middle School". *If your child did not sell the minimum required (16 boxes), he/she must pay the balance of the cost of the trip. (Example: each box sold = \$5 profit. If your child only sold 11 boxes, he/she raised \$55 of the required \$85, so would owe \$30).* This check should be in an envelope clearly marked "8th Grade Class Trip" so it doesn't accidentally get put into your student's lunch account. If you are not sure whether your child needs to pay, you may email wilmarth@ghills69.com. **All payments must be turned in by Friday, March 24.**

The other annual graduation celebration we look forward to is the "8th Grade Video" which is shown during the graduation ceremony. It's a nice way to celebrate this milestone in your child's life. **Please send the following items to school by March 20:**

- **One** photo of your child at around age **ONE year** (*please, no infant photos; no siblings in photo!*).
- **One** photo of your child at age **FIVE**. (*Kindergarten school photos are excellent, but other type photos are fine as long as your child is prominent in the photo; please no siblings in photo*)
- **Additional Photos (optional; please no more than 3)** of your child with friends who attend this school, or attended this school but may have moved away. These photos could be school or sports events, band and chorus concerts, sleep-overs, birthday parties, preschool events, etc. Do not send photos of your child with others no one will know. The purpose of these photos is to show friends in school over the course of several years.

All photos should be marked on the back with the student's name so that they can be returned. If you know how to use a scanner, or already have photos stored digitally, you are encouraged to send them as attachments to an e-mail (ONE photo per e-mail, please!), or on a DVD, CD, or on a USB drive. The finished video will be available for purchase in DVD format. An order form will be posted on the district website on May 1, and must be returned, with payment, in order to get your video at graduation.

I have enjoyed working with this group for the past six years! It's hard to believe how quickly those years have gone by. Help me make your child's graduation a memorable one by sending in the requested items by the above deadline dates.

Thank you,

Jean Wilmarth, 8th Grade Sponsor