

May 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians of LDMS Eighth Grade Students:

It is our pleasure to invite you to the end-of-the-year eighth grade promotion celebration on Thursday evening, June 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Students will receive their certificate of promotion, and band and choir students will be performing special musical selections. The program should last just under one hour.

Students need to be seated in the gym by 6:45 p.m. the night of the celebration. Please note that no one will be allowed into the gym until the doors open at 6:00 p.m. As a courtesy to all attending, please do not reserve seats. Seating will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Suggested dress for boys is a dress shirt and slacks and something "dressy" for girls. We discourage shorts, blue jeans, tuxedos, and formal gowns. This is a school event and School Board Policy outlines the parameters for student dress as follows: "decency and moderation: no bare chests, midriffs, or backs." Moreover, as stated in our school handbook, "no part of any undergarment is to be visible while standing or sitting; no strapless tops, off the shoulder, or visible bra straps, or low cut tops; skirts should be mid-thigh or longer for students."

The eighth grade promotion dance will be held in the commons following the ceremony and will end promptly at 9:30 p.m. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up immediately following the dance.

The last student day is Thursday, June 8, 2017. Parents of eighth grade students will be hosting a continental breakfast on that morning. Please go to this link for food and volunteer sign up <http://bit.ly/2qvEapT> . Teachers have also planned special activities and a slide show for the remaining hours of the shortened day. Dismissal will be at 12:00 p.m. Students who do not attend school on June 8 will not be permitted to participate in the promotion ceremony or the dance.

Please send one of your child's toddler/preschool photos to school in an envelope. Be sure to put your child's name on the back of the photo so that it can be returned to you. The photos will be used to create a slide show. You can also send digital copies to Michelle Plaushines at michelle.plaushines@muskegonorway.org. Inappropriate photos will not be included in the slide show and will be returned. **Please have your child turn in the photo to Student Services in an envelope by Monday, May 15, 2017.**

Also included is an order form for a Legacy Brick. Consider purchasing a brick to visibly celebrate and honor your child.

Sincerely,

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