

May 7, 2009



Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th grade students:

We wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the plans for Lakelands Park Middle School's **Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony and Student Dinner Dance**. Please take time to read this letter in its entirety as each section is important to a successful evening.

THE PROMOTION CEREMONY

The promotion ceremony will be held on **Friday, June 12, 2009, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Quince Orchard High School Auditorium** located at 15800 Quince Orchard Road in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Students and families should arrive 15-20 minutes early so that we can begin the program promptly at **5:30 p.m.**

Students should **dress appropriately** for the occasion. Boys should wear button down or collared shirts and dark or khaki pants. Ties are optional. Girls should wear attire such as dresses or tops and skirts/dress pants. No T-shirts, jeans, or flip-flops will be allowed. Girls wearing strapless dresses or dresses with thin straps should wear a sweater. Students will be sitting separate from their parents.

The ceremony will include keynote and other speakers and distribution of select awards.

Unfortunately, due to space limitations, there are **only two tickets available per family** (excluding your 8th grade student). We realize that this is not the best scenario for many families; however, our alternatives – all of which have been explored fully – are limited and we do not have the ability to change this limitation. **Enclosed in this letter is a ticket request form. Please complete it and send it promptly to the school with your child by Thursday, May 14th, to your child's Falcon Time Teacher.** We will distribute tickets in late May. If you do not need two tickets, please make sure you note this on the form so that others can benefit from your generosity. Any unclaimed or leftover tickets will be distributed through a lottery process. Tickets are required for admission into the ceremony.

THE EIGHTH GRADE DINNER AND DANCE

The eighth grade student dinner dance will be held at **Lakelands Park Middle School** and will follow the promotion ceremony on Friday, June 12, 2009, **from 7:30–10:00 p.m.** Parents/Guardians are responsible for the transportation of their 8th grade student from Quince Orchard High School to Lakelands Park Middle School immediately following the ceremony. The students will first be served dinner in the LPMS Cafeteria. The dance will take place in the gym immediately following dinner. The theme is "Oscar Night." There will be a DJ and some additional refreshments. The DJ will play "clean," contemporary songs and will also have a special light and music show. A photographer will also be available to take pictures of the students to commemorate the evening free of charge.

It is suggested that students do not change following the promotion. **Please note: Once your child has entered the building and given up his/her ticket, they will not be permitted to leave the building and re-enter.** Use of limousines or other such novelty items are prohibited.

Students will be able to purchase tickets for the dinner dance at school in mid May during 8th grade lunch. **The tickets are \$10.00 each and students must have tickets to enter the dance.** *Checks can be made payable to LPMS.* No tickets will be sold at the door. The dance is limited to LPMS eighth grade students only. The cost of the ticket will include the student's dinner.



A special note of **thanks goes out to the seventh grade parents** who have generously offered to help set up and chaperone the dinner dance so that our parents can enjoy the evening with their children. We are touched by their offer and hope you will take the time to thank the parents you may know in that grade.

Parents are asked to pick up their child(ren) promptly at 10:00 p.m.

THE EIGHTH GRADE PHOTO MONTAGE

Ms. Debbie Kron, LPMS teacher, has generously offered her time to create a photo montage of our eighth grade class which will be played during the dinner dance. We are asking each student to submit at least one photo of themselves for inclusion. Please remember that all students will be watching this montage and we can only include the students who submit photos. We would like the photo montage to reflect the middle school years so photos from 6th, 7th, or 8th grade would be appropriate. Suggested photos would be from school events, awards ceremonies, school related sporting events, etc. Kindly e-mail your digital photos directly to Ms. Kron at Deborah.L.Kron@mcpsmd.org. Photos can also be burned to a disc and delivered to Ms. Kron. If you do not have the ability to e-mail or burn a CD, please send in a recent photo of your child to be included in the montage. The photo should be submitted in a sealed envelope with your child's name printed on the back of the photo to **Ms. Kron's attention**. Since this is a very time consuming effort, Ms. Kron needs photos submitted as soon as possible and no later than May 15th so she has time to create a show that all students can enjoy.

Thank you,

The Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony Volunteers
and the LPMS Eighth Grade Team

Enclosure:

(1) Ticket request form



Student Name: _____

PROMOTION TICKET REQUEST

Please note that there are two tickets available per family. Please check one or more of the following:

- Yes, I would like to have two tickets for the promotion ceremony.
- No, I only need one ticket for the promotion ceremony. I understand that the additional ticket will be set aside and provided to another family through a lottery format.
- Yes, I would like to submit a request for the lottery drawing of _____ additional ticket(s) for the promotion ceremony. They are for the following individual(s):
(NOTE: No guarantees on our ability to provide you with additional tickets through the lottery format).

Name of Family Member	Relationship to Student

Please return this form no later than Thursday, May 14, 2009, to your child's Falcon Time teacher and mark the envelope "8th Grade Promotion."