
MEMORANDUM

TO: JOHN PHELAN, SUPERINTENDENT
FROM: MICHAEL E. MCALLISTER, PRINCIPAL
SUBJECT: OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP: WASHINGTON D.C. (GRADE 8)
DATE: 1/31/2017
CC: J. DARIAS, T. LEWIS, L. DYER

I write formally request your permission to allow our Grade 8 students to travel to Washington D.C. on their annual culminating field trip.

Dates: Monday, June 5 – Friday, June 9, 2017. This is the first full week in June.

Organization: World Strides Education Travel will provide the appropriate level of trip support for Chenery. This is the same company we have worked with since 2012. The company, based in Charlottesville, VA, has provided our students with tremendous logistical support as well as on-site and on-call safety support.

Cost per student: \$889 (Early Bird rate) or \$959 (Regular Rate). This is an increase from the original 2012 rate of \$800. This price includes transportation, hotel, meals, entrance fees, and World Strides course leaders.

Travel: Students will travel to and from CMS as well as to and from D.C. locations and sites on coach buses hired through World Strides.

Participation rate: 303 students are registered for the 2017 trip / 93%. In 2016, 294 students participated, totaling 91% of the student body.

Resources for students who need financial assistance: Fundraisers, grants, and donations. The annual “Chenery Talent Show” is our primary fundraiser. It will be held on Thursday, 1/26/2017. World Strides, Inc offers additional grants to assist families in need. Finally, we receive several grants from Belmont Against Racism (\$1,500), the Chenery Middle School PTO (\$4,000), the Foundation for Belmont Education (\$5,000), Spring Photo Fundraiser, and family donations (variable year to year) to help offset the cost of the trip. No students who present financial need have been denied this opportunity.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns. Thank you for your careful consideration.

Respectfully,

Michael E. McAllister

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