

## Recap of Montford 8<sup>th</sup> Grade D.C. Trip Informational Meeting

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- Sponsor: Andrew Keltner, [keltnera@leonschools.net](mailto:keltnera@leonschools.net)
- My 19<sup>th</sup> trip leading 8<sup>th</sup> graders to Washington, D.C. with Educational Tours (7 at Fairview Middle School and this will be our 11<sup>th</sup> trip at MMS)
- Contract with Annett Bus Lines and Educational Tours (Inverness, FL). One driver change on the way up and **two driver changes on the overnight trip back**. Educational Tours will provide licensed tour guides.
- Monday – Ride Up, Tuesday – Tour D.C., Wednesday – Tour D.C., Thursday – Tour Luray Caverns and Monticello, overnight return home, Friday – Arrive at MMS at 9:00 AM (excused from school, start spring break)
- Registration Deadline: Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. I have 3 buses reserved and I have to release unused buses on this day.
- The U.S. Capitol and The Bureau of Printing and Engraving are typically on our itinerary but are still closed. Currently there is a mask mandate in Washington, D.C. It is set to expire in January. **We will be continuously monitoring the situation in Florida and Washington, D.C. and Montford Middle School/Leon County Schools reserves the right to cancel this trip at any time.** If we cancel the trip, you will receive a full refund minus a \$10 credit card recovery fee.
- **Health Cancellation by participant for a full refund until departure. Very important that we don't take any sick students/chaperones since social distancing will be difficult throughout the trip.**
- 4 students to a double-Queen room. Rooming request forms will go out December 1<sup>st</sup>. Student room requests will be honored. Roommates will be on the same bus and have the same chaperone. Most chaperones will be in charge of 2 rooms, 8 students.
- Staying at a different property this year that is closer to D.C. because our favorite breakfast place has closed, Old County Buffett. We are staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Springfield, Virginia. There will be nighttime security on each floor that is housing Montford students. We are usually concentrated on two floors, one floor for girls and one for boys. If we have smaller numbers, they may all be on one floor at opposite ends.
- Cost: \$940
- Please see itinerary prepared by Educational Tours for more information.
- All participants must be in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Montford Middle School and be in good academic and behavioral standing. No parent chaperones. All chaperones will be employees of Leon County Schools.
- Students are responsible for makeup work. Most teachers give work in advance or tailor special assignments for the trip.
- Spending Money Suggestions: \$50-\$100. All meals are provided (except bag lunch on the ride up) but most kids like a little snack and souvenir money.
- Please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Keltner, if you have any questions or concerns.