

We're headed to Washington, D.C.!

Lakota Middle School
8th Grade Class Trip Parent Meeting
January 30, 2018



Our SEVENTH Washington, D.C. trip at LMS...

- We continually fine-tune parts of the trip.
- This has been a terrific opportunity for our students, school, and community.

Why Washington, D.C.?

- Educational Value
 - Ties into eighth grade U.S. History very naturally.
 - Contribute to students' sense of U.S. citizenship, pride in their country.
- Economical
 - Most venues in WDC are FREE (in a sense...they are supported by our tax dollars).

Hotel Accommodations

- Students will sleep in quad (4) rooms.
- If students do not have four in a room, they may be put with others to make four.
- Roommate forms will be filled out and signed by parents about a month and a half before the trip.

Participation

- This trip is for our students. We want ALL to participate!!
- This trip is a privilege, not a “right”. Therefore, there are expectations of student behavior during the rest of the school year, and the beginning of next, in order to participate.
 - If a student is suspended during the school year, they lose the privilege to travel with us.
 - Refunds are subject to Prodigy's policies - not expected 1-2 months prior to traveling.

- Students who do not participate are expected to report to school on these three days.
- Student participation is based on registration and payment of the deposit by the registration/deposit deadline. **Note: If we do not have 80 students going to make 2 busses, the first 46 students will be on the active (going) list to make one bus. All students after that, will be placed on the waiting (not going) list. If by chance, a student on the active list cannot go, the first student on the waiting list will move up to the active list.**
- If there are any parents who would like to chaperone the trip, there is an additional cost due to double occupancy of a room instead of four. Students have priority on the bus and parents will only be given a spot if there are less than 46 students or if there are at least 80 students and parents combined. If you, as a parent, are interested in chaperoning, please let Mrs. Henry know and your name will be put on a list. As soon as we determine if there is space for chaperones, you will be contacted.
- If there are any medical concerns that you have for your child, please notify Mrs. Henry by May 31st.

All registration is made directly to Prodigy Student Travel through their website www.prodigystudenttravel.com. Payment can be made online or mailed.

Payment

- Each student/family is responsible for payment of the trip. The school is not responsible for any payments. Please do not send payments to the school. Send them to the company.
- Make payments **on time**. The company has become more strict about this. If you cannot make a payment on time, it is your responsibility to contact Prodigy.
- **If your student is not paid in full by Friday, September 14th, they will be removed from the active list and put on the waiting list. Students who are paid in full on the waiting list, will be moved up to the active list. Your child will only be moved back up to the active list if your amount is paid in full and a spot opens back up.**

Communication

- Notes and information will be sent home with students regarding the trip and emailed using the 8th grade parent distribution list.