

April, 8 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Challenger Middle School has planned a dance and a promotion ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of our 8th graders. The information listed below will be helpful for you and your student to prepare for these activities.

In order for 8th graders to participate in these activities, it is essential that students maintain appropriate academic progress and behavior.

Participation Requirements for 8th Grade Dance and Promotion Ceremony

- 2.0 GPA in Scholarship on April 26, 2019 progress report
- 2.0 GPA in Citizenship on April 26, 2019 progress report
- No more than one (1) “F” academic grade in any class
- No more than one (1) “U” citizenship grade in any class
- No more than two (2) suspensions throughout the entire school year

Any major behavior problems at any time may be cause for students to be ineligible for activities. The principal will make the final determination regarding student participation in the promotion and activities. Students are encouraged to work up to the last day of the school year to improve their grades for the final semester report card.

Dance Information - On Friday, June 7, 2019, all eligible 8th graders who have purchased a ticket and have met the participation criteria by the P4 progress report of April 26, 2019 will spend the evening at Challenger enjoying an “Evening under the Stars.” A professional DJ, photo booth, and lighting company will be creating a night to remember. It will be a perfect night for our 8th graders to spend together before promotion. A taco truck will be on hand serving unlimited beef and chicken tacos, quesadillas, and all the trimmings. Staff members will serve as chaperones. Challenger’s Dress Code will apply. The Early Bird discounted tickets are \$15 from now until April 24. Ticket price increases to \$20 beginning April 25. Checks will be accepted until May 10. **Last day for ticket sales is May 21.**

Promotion Ceremony Information – On the last day of school, Tuesday, June 11, all eligible 8th grade students who have met the participation criteria by the P4 progress report date of April 26, 2019 will take part in the 8th grade promotion ceremony. The promotion ceremony will be held on the morning of Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 8:30 – 10:00 AM in the Shuttle Court at Challenger Middle School, 10810 Parkdale Avenue. Parents will be allowed on campus at 8:00 AM. Outside seating (no cover) will be provided for the ceremony.

If you or any family members require special seating or accommodations due to physical disabilities such as a need for a sign language interpreter, please contact Tamra Winchell at twinchell@sandi.net or 858-586-7001, extension 2219 at least three weeks before the ceremony and we will try to meet your needs. The campus is wheelchair accessible with several handicapped parking spaces located near entrances. We recommend that you arrive early if you need those parking spaces. The staff parking lot will be available for visitors. Please help us to be a good neighbor and park in appropriate areas. The police do enforce parking regulations around our school, especially if a car is parked in front of someone’s driveway.

Students should dress nicely, but not formally. The school's dress code will be enforced. Students who do not meet the dress code on promotion ceremony day will be asked to change clothes or will not be allowed to participate. Please read the enclosed copy of the dress code before purchasing special clothing for the event. If you are not sure that an item meets Challenger's Dress Code, please contact an administrator prior to the event. Please have your child carry no extra possessions on that day. We also request no limousines on promotion day.

If you would like a 6th or 7th grade brother or sister to attend the ceremony or leave school early, please contact the Challenger attendance office before Friday June 7, 2019. Parents of 8th graders who participate in the ceremony are asked to sign out with the attendance office to have their 8th grader leave with them after the ceremony has been completed.

Please make sure all indebtedness is cleared before 12:00 PM on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. This includes library books, textbooks, overdue fines, damage fines, insufficient checks, and cafeteria debt. If the student is experiencing financial difficulties, please contact your student's counselor for assistance.

We look forward, as you do, to seeing your child enjoy these fun and important events as the students mark this transition in their lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Dominique". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "K" and "D".

Kate Dominique
Principal