

Washington D.C. 2016-2017



Great Meadows Middle School

What's Happening in DC

- Museums
- Monuments
- The Zoo
- Arlington Cemetery
- The White House

Important Times

- Students must be at the middle school Wednesday morning no later than 6:00 a.m.
- Buses will leave promptly at 7:00 a.m.
- Students will arrive back at the middle school between 7-9 p.m. (an instant alert will be sent out when in close proximity to the school)

What to Bring

- One suitcase or travel bag (will be stored under bus)
- Comfortable sneakers
- Band-Aids for blisters
- Raincoat poncho or umbrella
- Toiletries
- Change of clothes for Thursday and Friday
- Nightclothes (pajamas)
- Sweater or jacket-it may be chilly during the evening
- Sunscreen (it may be very hot during the day)
- A watch or timepiece

What NOT to Bring

- Medication (all medication must be given to the nurse with a written note from a doctor by Wednesday, May 24th)
- Illegal substances
- Weapons or anything that can be mistaken to be a weapon
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Cigarettes

DRESS CODE

- School dress code applies
- Must be neatly dressed and well groomed
- Boys will wear casual pants/shorts and be provided with a t-shirt and collared shirt
- Girls will wear casual pants/shorts or skirts and be provided with a t-shirt and collared shirt
- Hats can be worn outside (except during the Changing of the Guard)
- No open toe or backless shoes (sneakers are preferred).
- Jeans or denim material may not be worn

How is the trip chaperoned?

- All certified staff
- 1 adult for every ten students including an administrator, a school counselor and a nurse
- Each student will have their own partner
- Security will be provided at the hotel

Medication

A school nurse will be on the trip. All medication needs to be received by the nurse by Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

A student taking medication on the trip must have:

1. A written doctor's order stating the child's name, birth date, medication to be taken, dosage and schedule for administration signed by the doctor.
2. Parental Permission Form
3. An adult must drop off the medicine to the nurse
4. Exact amount of medication your child needs for the trip in the original pharmacy bottle with label.

Student Behavior

- Students who misbehave will be sent home (parents/guardians will have to pick up from D.C.)
- Criteria for dismissal/exclusion
 - Possession of illegal substance or weapons
 - Leaving hotel room after curfew
 - Any unsafe act that compromises the safety of any student
 - Disregard of behavioral guidelines

Behavioral Guidelines

- To ensure a safe and enjoyable trip for all, students must show that they can behave in a responsible and trustworthy manner.
- Any student who has several discipline infractions will be placed on probation.
- The accumulation of 20 points will result in a student being placed on probation for attending the trip to Washington D.C.
- The accumulation of 30+ points will result in a student not being allowed to attend the trip to Washington D.C.

Partners, Roommates & Captains

- Buses, roommates and captains will be identified the day before the trip during the student bus meeting
- Room captains are teacher selected
- Captains are responsible for:
 - Room keycards
 - Room Inspection
 - Snack bags
 - Only person able to leave the room for refreshments / ice

Suggestions for a safe, fun and enjoyable trip

- Check your child's luggage before leaving
- Proper identification on luggage
- Some spending money (\$30-\$50)
- Leave valuables at home
- Please do not ask students to call home
- Please be on time (6:15 a.m.)