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Dear 8th Grade Students and Parents:

The school year is quickly coming to an end and for our 8th grade students, that means participating in their team Promotion Ceremony. All Promotion Ceremonies will be held at Dr. John Long Middle School in the gymnasium on either May 24th or May 25th, depending on your child's team assignment. The schedule will be as follows:

May 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.	Bandits and Lucky Horseshoes
May 24, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.	Dreamcatchers
May 24, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.	Wildfire
May 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.	Pioneers
May 25, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.	Marshtackies

It is important that your child be in attendance on May 22nd because we will be practicing for the ceremony. During the practice students will walk in procession, which means walk in a single file into the gymnasium in numerical order. All seats will be numbered as well. Students will sit in their corresponding numbered seat. They will be in alphabetical order for the presentation of the certificates.

Students who have made regular Honor Roll all year will receive a maroon colored cord. Those students making Principal's Honor Roll all year will receive a silver colored cord. Students in National Junior Honor Society will receive a white colored cord. Cords will be distributed to the students at their designated Promotion Ceremony time on May 24th or May 25th.

We recognize students in many different ways during the ceremony. Some notes are made on the program and others are recognized during the event.

The ceremony is a special occasion and students should dress as if they were going to church, a wedding, or other dressy event. Dress code does apply. It is preferred for boys to wear long pants; please, no shorts. Many of the girls wear dresses. Please make sure they are appropriate for school in length and the neckline. Strapless dresses or dresses with spaghetti straps may be worn with a sweater or shawl.

The ceremony is a dignified and reverent event in recognition of your child's completion of middle school and their promotion to high school. It is very different from a pep rally atmosphere. All students are expected to remain quiet and respectful during the reading of all student names. I ask parents to do the same. Every student deserves to have his/her name read and heard. I promise you all can get as loud as you want at the conclusion of the reading of the names, but during the reading it has to be totally silent. Parents may sign their child out from school after the ceremony.

Finally Longhorns...this ceremony is a great way to end your time here at Dr. John Long Middle School. We want it to be the very best day possible for you and your parents.