



# Dr. John Long Middle School

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities

Dear Parents,

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter is here, and we would like to announce our end of the year activities for the eighth grade students at Dr. John Long Middle School. A team of eighth grade teachers and administrators has determined specific requirements to attend these events. Please read them carefully, sign the attached consent form, and return the form to your child's Science teacher. **\*\*Any student not meeting promotion requirements will not participate in the Dance, Gradventure, or Promotion Ceremony. \*\***

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance

Where: JLMS Gym  
When: Thursday May 18th 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Cost: \$20.00

### *Dress Code for the dance:*

*Neither girls nor boys may wear jeans or hats of any kind.*

#### Girls

Undergarments should not be visible  
Strapless dresses or spaghetti straps are acceptable  
Neckline must not fall below armpit level  
Girls may wear dress pants

#### Boys

Pants must be secured at the waist  
No t-shirts; dress shirts only

**\*Students that do not meet the above dress code requirements will be asked to leave the dance.**

# Gradventure

Where: Universal  
When: May 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 (see letter attached)  
Cost: \$175

***Requirements to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Dance and/or Field Trip:***

- Library books must be returned or paid for in full by Friday April 28, 2023
- Outstanding cafeteria charges must be paid in full by Friday April 28, 2023
- Sports uniforms must be turned in.
- Must be an 8<sup>th</sup> grade JLMS student.
- **Students with NO Disciplinary Referral for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (Discretion of Administrator).**

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony

When: Tuesday May 23, 2023 – 9:30 am Lucky Horseshoes  
11:30 am Dreamcatchers

Wednesday May 24, 2023 – 9:30 am Mavericks  
11:30 am Marstackies  
1:30 pm Wildfire

Where: JLMS Gymnasium

*Please keep these pages of information in a safe place so you may refer back to them later.*

**Parents:** This form must be signed and returned to your child's Science teacher for your child to participate in the planned events. Please return by April 1, 2023

## **You should pay online through your My Student Parent Portal**

If you do not wish to participate in the activities, you may purchase an 8<sup>th</sup> grade shirt cost \$10 which can be paid through the My Student parent Portal.

**We have read and understand the requirements to be eligible to participate in the events planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Dr. John Long Middle School. We also understand that these are school-sponsored activities, and the Code of Student Conduct and dress code will be strictly enforced.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Christine Wolff, Principal



Jill Briscoe, Assistant Principal  
Shalonda Brooks Assistant Principal  
Deborah Collin, Assistant Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are planning to celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students moving on to high school with a field trip in their honor to "Gradventure" 2023 at Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure in Orlando, FL on May 12, 2023. Students will remain at school following normal dismissal on the day of the trip. Attendance at school on the day of the trip is mandatory in order to participate in Gradventure. We will depart JLMS at approximately 3:30 pm. Students will be provided a light dinner/snack prior to departure. We will return to JLMS at approximately 1:00 am.

The cost of this field trip is \$175 and includes admission to the park, a dinner voucher, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade shirt, the cost of the charter bus, and a light dinner/snack prior to departing for the trip. The dinner voucher provided is only good for 1 meal. Students will be responsible for the cost of any snacks or additional food or beverage items and any souvenirs they would like to purchase. Students are encouraged to bring snacks and water for travel on the bus, they are not allowed in the park. Students should bring a cellular phone (if they have one) for communication with chaperones. Students will receive their 8<sup>th</sup> grade T-shirts on the day of the trip. T-shirts are to be worn throughout the trip accompanied by other dress code attire. Dress code violations will result in removal from the trip. Please see the attached Gradventure dress code document.

Parent volunteers (approved) may be needed as chaperones for the trip. The number of chaperones will be based on the number of students participating in the event. If you are interested in chaperoning, please be sure to immediately process a volunteer application with Pasco County School District, as you must be an approved volunteer to attend, and it may take the School District a significant amount of time to process these applications. You must fill out a new volunteer application each year. Please email your name, email address, student name and team of your student to [jfrenchk@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jfrenchk@pasco.k12.fl.us) if you are interested in chaperoning. We will contact parents based on need and seniority of interest expressed at least 3 weeks prior to the trip. We very much appreciate all in advance that may express interest, however, we can only accommodate a certain ratio to students. If you are selected to become a chaperone, please plan to attend a chaperone meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 (time TBA) to review chaperone responsibilities and checklist.

Payment is due by March 10, 2023. **Payments are non-refundable after the due date.** Payments should be made through the My Student parent portal under pay fees. please add your students shirt size in the drop down menu provided (adult sizes only). Please be sure of size, as exchanges will not be possible. If another arrangement of payment is needed, please advise your teacher in writing. If you wish to make a donation to help any student not able to afford this trip, please add it to the proper payment option payment under Gradventure donation, not Gradventure. We are looking forward to spending this amazing time with your students!

Participation in this activity is a privilege that can be withheld if a student violates the student code of conduct or has demonstrated unsatisfactory attendance or academic performance.  
FINAL DECISIONS WILL BE UP TO THE DISCRETION OF JLMS ADMINISTRATION



**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY  
PARENT RELEASE**

MIS Form #166  
Rev. 01/18

**TRANSPORTATION BY:**

School Bus/Van \_\_\_ Private \_\_\_ Vehicle \_\_\_ Walking \_\_\_ Charter Bus X PCPT \_\_\_

Date of Field Trip 5/12/2023

Sponsor John Long Middle School

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ having been accepted by the  
Student Name - Please Print Date of Birth

principal, teacher(s) or other personnel of John Long Middle School School of the District School

Board of Pasco County to go on a school sponsored trip to Gradventure @ Universal Studios Orlando

and I, the undersigned, understand that my child, if transported by a privately owned vehicle, charter bus, school bus or walking, hereby release the District School Board of Pasco County, the individual members of said Board, the Superintendent, the principal, teachers or other employees of the school, and volunteer leaders from any financial responsibility because of sickness of the student while going to, returning from, or attending said field trip or because of any accident in which the student is injured. To ensure prompt attention in case of sickness or accident, I hereby authorize the person(s) in charge of said trip to incur expense considered necessary for treatment, and I agree to pay for same if this is in excess of the amount paid by any accident or health insurance policy that may be in effect at the time of the sickness or accident.

In any situation in which the safety and security of students might be compromised (e.g., Red Alert Status issued by the Department of Homeland Security, severe weather conditions, etc.) the District School Board of Pasco County will take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of its students and staff, including the cancellation of scheduled field trips and school events. Should this trip or event be cancelled as a result of such an event, the District cannot guarantee any monies (including deposits) will be refunded by the vendor(s) associated with this transaction. Therefore, students, parents, guardians, etc., are hereby cautioned and advised that the District will not be liable for any reimbursements associated with this event that are not refunded by the vendor(s) and returned to the District.

I have documented below all precautions/instructions regarding my child's medication. I have noted any special health related conditions or allergies regarding my child. I understand that the trained school employee who usually dispenses medication may or may not be present during the trip. Medications will be dispensed by a trained school employee (in accordance with Board Policy 5330).

Please list any medication(s) your child is currently taking (at home or school): (Dosages/Times)

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Health Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian – Please Print

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Business Phone

Street, Rural Route, or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip Code

Name of Additional Emergency Contact / Relationship to Student

Phone



## Dress Code

All schools should conduct their own security and dress code screening prior to departing for Gradventure.

### OK

#### GIRLS

- Dresses, skirts, capris or shorts
- Casual pants (including jeans)
- Casual blouses and tops with sleeves
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, dress sandals, boots and flip-flops)
- Hats
- Purses under the size of 8.5" x 11", fanny packs, and drawstring backpacks

#### GUYS

- Casual pants or shorts (including khakis and jeans)
- Shirts with sleeves (polos, dress and t-shirts)
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, boots and flip-flops)
- Hats
- Drawstring backpacks

#### CHAPERONES

- Large backpacks

### NOT OK

#### UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

- Clothing with holes or shredding
- Clothing with obscene, offensive language or graphics
- Visible undergarments
- Tank tops or undershirts
- Clothing that exposes excessive portions of the skin that may be viewed as inappropriate at a school function (e.g., bikini tops and bottoms)
- Short shorts
- Area codes displayed on clothing
- Accessories such as chains, spiked collars or studded/spiked belts
- Bandanas
- Selfie sticks

#### STUDENTS

- Large backpacks

**IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS WEAR MATCHING, BRIGHTLY COLORED SHIRTS WITH THEIR SCHOOL CLEARLY IDENTIFIED ON THEM.**

**\*Universal Orlando reserves the right to refuse entry into the event or require the purchase of appropriate clothing for non-compliance with the dress code.**