

December 14, 2018

Dear Parents and/or Guardians of Eighth Grade Students:

Great things continue to happen at Howard B. Mattlin Middle School! We are pleased to announce that our eighth grade students will have the opportunity to attend an overnight field trip to Boston, Massachusetts. The dates of the trip are Tuesday, April 16, 2019 and Wednesday, April 17, 2019. During this time, students will visit various landmarks and attractions. Specific examples include the following: Science Museum, Freedom Trail, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall, Fenway Park Stadium Tour, Harvard, MIT, as well as many other attractions.

The cost of the two-day field trip is \$245.00 per student. This cost includes coach bus transportation to and from Boston, one night accommodations at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Peabody, Massachusetts, dinner at Quincy Market, breakfast and lunch on the second day and admission to the attractions indicated above. Students will need to bring breakfast for the first day as well as spending money for both days. In order to be eligible to attend this field trip, payment must be received by Monday, January 14, 2019.

Payment can be made electronically or in the form of a check made out to *Howard B. Mattlin Middle School* **in the amount of \$245.00.** Please indicate the last name of your child on the memo portion of the check. Please be advised that refunds will not be provided for any reason.

Mattlin Middle School now offers MySchoolBucks School Store for electronic payment. This convenient online payment service provides a quick and easy way to pay for school-related purchases. You can now pay for items such as field trips and more using your credit/debit card or electronic check.

If you are already using MySchoolBucks to pay for school meals, your account is already setup and ready to go! Just log in and click on the new link to "School Store". Otherwise, register for your FREE account today at <u>https://www.MySchoolBucks.com</u>. If you have questions, please contact MySchoolBucks directly at (855) 832-5226 or email <u>parentsupport@myschoolbucks.com</u>.

Enclosed you will find four important documents for your review: (1) Field Trip Consent Form; (2) Medical Emergency Information Field Trip Form; (3) Authorization for Administration of Medication Form; and (4) Overnight Field Trip Responsibility Contract. Please submit the first two forms with payment by Monday, January 14, 2019 to the main office. All forms are also available on our school website for your reference.

On Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Mattlin LGI, we will be hosting a mandatory expectations meeting. A parent/guardian and the student who will be participating in the field trip must be in attendance for this 45-minute meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide additional information regarding the trip and to review expectations for student behavior. Please note that the **Overnight Field Trip Responsibility Contract** will be discussed and collected at the conclusion of the meeting.

As we move closer to the date of the field trip, additional information will be made available. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (516) 434-3250.

Sincerely, Joseph Coladonato

Joseph Coladonato, Ed.D. Principal, Howard B. Mattlin Middle School

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