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Dear Parents:

The time for your son's/daughter's promotion from Bernardo Heights Middle School is drawing near. It is our hope that the following information will help you plan for the celebration of upcoming special events. Participation in the promotion activities and the promotion ceremony is a privilege earned by eighth grade students. Students must have met standards set forth in the PUSD Notification of Standards for Participation in 8th Grade Activities. This document was received and signed by parents at the time of school registration.

Eligibility: Per BHMS Policy, students who did not meet requirements for participation in extra-curricular activities (GPA below 2.0, home suspension(s), "U" in citizenship, or outstanding fines/debts) in the 3rd quarter are **ineligible** for 4th quarter activities. In addition, during the 4th quarter, students may lose eligibility to participate in the End of the Year 8th grade themed event and Yearbook Signing Party if their GPA drops below a 2.0. Eligibility may also be lost if they receive a progress notice with an **U**nsatisfactory in classroom conduct, home/in-school suspension, or have an outstanding school debt. Please encourage your student in supporting their friends to behave appropriately at school.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
June 03 Wednesday	6:30—8:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony—Gym (Invitations mailed home)
June 09 Tuesday	5:30—8:30 p.m.	8th Grade Luau
June 10 Wednesday	8:45—10:45 a.m.	Promotion Practice & yearbook signing
June 11 Thursday	9:00—10:15 a.m.	Promotion Ceremony

Scheduled Events

8th Grade Awards Ceremony: *Wednesday, June 3, Gym*

In order to allow 8th grade parents and guests to attend this event, the awards ceremony is scheduled in the evening. **Those whose sons/daughters have been chosen to receive awards will be notified by mail prior to the event.** The announcement of the outstanding 8th grade boy and girl student will be made at this event.

8th Grade Themed Event: *Tuesday, June 9, Cement Quad*

This is a memorable themed event for 8th graders. Students will mingle with friends while dancing and listening to the sounds of popular music. The cost of this event will be announced in early June and will be less than \$50. Eighth graders should remember to dress appropriately. Staff members and parents will supervise the event.

Promotion Ceremony: *Thursday, June 11, Grass Quad*

Student Attendance and Participation: All students are to report to their Period 1 class. **Students who do not report on time for the regular school day will not be permitted to participate in the Promotion Ceremony. Students will be seated, and the ceremony will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.**

See reverse for more information...

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Black Mountain Ranch, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Poway, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Peñasquitos, Sabre Springs, Santa Fe Valley, Torrey Highlands, 4S Ranch

Parking: Limited parking will be available in the BHMS parking lot. Additional parking will be on the BHMS fields and directly behind the Performing Arts Center.

Seating: Seating is very limited, with reserved seating for 8th grade students and guests in wheelchairs only. Please feel free to bring your own lawn chair for the, approximately one hour, ceremony.

Photography: ***PLEASE DO NOT GO NEAR THE PROMOTION STAGE AREA TO PHOTOGRAPH OR VIDEOTAPE THE CEREMONY.*** Your desire to get a close-up photo can block others and cause serious disruption of the ceremony, as students use all aisles to get to the stage and back to their assigned seat. Zooming in from a distance usually gives a good picture.

California Candid's will photograph each 8th grade student as he/she receives the promotion certificate. Proofs will be sent to parents within 2 weeks following the ceremony. There is no obligation to purchase the *California Candid's* photo. Check out their website at: www.gradphotos.com.

Dismissal: Eighth grade students will be dismissed following the Promotion Ceremony. Sixth and seventh grades will be dismissed at 12:38 p.m. ***NO LIMOUSINES*** will be allowed to enter the school parking lot for Bernardo Heights Middle School or Rancho Bernardo High School as these are not appropriate for this event. Your cooperation is needed to ensure a safe and sensible ending to a very special day.

Promotion Dress Code: Appropriate daytime wear that conforms to the BHMS dress code is expected for all participating students. Please refer to the specific guidelines below.

We look forward to sharing these special events with you and your son/daughter. Please read this information carefully in order to help provide a memorable and orderly final week of school for your Bernardo Heights student. If you have any questions regarding any of these items, please call (858) 485-4850.

Sincerely,

BHMS Administration
And Eighth Grade Teachers

PROMOTION DRESS GUIDELINES

GIRLS:

1. Girls should wear appropriate daytime dresses. Formal or semi-formal gowns are ***not*** to be worn.
2. Dresses that are pastel in color or light floral prints are recommended.
3. Dresses should conform to our dress code as follows:
 - ◆ Straps of 2" or wider (strapless dresses and spaghetti straps are not appropriate at this event)
 - ◆ Fit properly and comfortably (low-cut and revealing dresses are not appropriate at this event)
 - ◆ Length should reach mid thigh area (students will be on an elevated stage and will be walking down stairs)
4. It is recommended that dress flats or medium-heeled shoes be worn.

Girls not respecting these guidelines will be asked to wear a jacket or sweater to comply with the dress code.

BOYS:

1. Boys should wear appropriate daytime dress-up outfits. Tuxedos are ***not*** to be worn.
2. White or pastel collared shirts are recommended.
3. Dress slacks are recommended. Denim jeans or shorts should not be worn.
4. Ties, jackets, and sweaters are optional.
5. It is recommended that shoes appropriate for a dressy occasion be worn.