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Dear Parents/Guardians of 8th Grade Students,

It is hard to believe that we are at the half way point of your child's final year at Milford Middle School. It's been a wonderful experience having your child over the past three years and watching them grow into the young men and women that will be entering the high school in the Fall. Hopefully with your assistance we can keep the dreaded "Eighth Gradeitis" from becoming a reality.

Through our Student Council, PTO and staff we provide a number of events at the end of the school year for the eighth grade students which are meant as a celebration for their hard work, determination and effort. These end of the year activities are a privilege to attend. At the beginning of this year, Miss Hackett and I met with the 8th grade to discuss their handbooks, but more importantly to discuss with them their responsibilities as role models to the rest of the school and their own responsibility to their own educations. Students were reminded that their education is their responsibility and that it is up to them to put their best effort forward to be successful this year and in the future.

Participation in the end of the year activities is determined through discussions that I have with your child's teachers, considering their behavior throughout the school year and examining their performance academically. It is important that students be reminded to continue their exemplary behavior and that they remain focused on their school work. Students that are failing academically or are in danger of not being promoted will miss a part of the activity and may miss an entire activity to make-up assignments that should have been completed previously this includes the 8th grade trip.

In the letter that I sent home in October; I reminded parents of the ePortfolio requirement of the State of New Hampshire. Our grade 8 teachers have been working with this year's 8th graders to help them prepare and plan for their ePortfolios, as did the 7th grade teachers the previous year. Students have been given time to work on their ePortfolios throughout the school year. They have saved and reflected on projects and assignments that they are proud of and those they feel represent their "best" work.

Each 8th grade student must complete his or her ePortfolio successfully in order to take required higher level computer courses at the high school. A student who does not complete his or her ePortfolio by the end of 8th grade will not be able to participate in some of the end of year 8th grade activities until the ePortfolio is completed. Students who do not complete their ePortfolios by the end of the year will need to take a summer school course to do so.

It is an exciting time in your child's life and in your life. Your child is leaving the middle school and making the trip across the soccer field to the high school. Working together, we can ensure that your child makes the trip successfully and is prepared for the next journey in their lives.

Sincerely,

Tony DeMarco
Principal