

## ARMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade End-of-Year

### Everything You Need To Know Guide

Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders about to move on from ARMS!!! Several events are planned for the end of the year. This note is to:

- Help you plan the end of the year by sharing dates and details for key events
- Ensure your child returns needed permission slips and fees (or scholarship request)
- Help Food Services estimate lunch volume on the last two half-days of school

What	When & Where	Who Attends	What Parents & Guardians Do:
<b>UMass Science Field Trip</b>	<b>Wed. June 13</b> UMass Science Labs 9:00 AM-2:00 PM	Eighth Grade Students	Sign the permission slip and return promptly. There is no cost.
<b>Mill River Field Trip &amp; Picnic</b>	<b>Thurs. June 14</b> 7:45 am – 2:20 pm	Eighth Grade Students	1. Sign the <u>permission slip</u> and return promptly. 2. <u>Write a check to the PGO</u> or request a scholarship 3. Send child to school as usual.
<b>Eighth Grade Celebration and Dance</b>	<b>Fri. June 15</b> High School 7:00 to 9:00 PM	Eighth Grade Students	Drop off your child at the Amherst Regional High School side entrance at 7 PM. Event is in the cafeteria. Pick up is at 9 PM.
<b>Moving On Ceremony</b>	<b>Thurs. June 21</b> ARMS Auditorium 9:15-11:30 AM	Students and their families	1. Send child to school as usual 2. <u>Attend the event</u>
<b>Lunch Last Days of School</b>	<b>Tues-Thurs. June 19-June 21</b> 7:45 a.m. – noon (half day)	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students	1. Send child to school as usual. 2. Let us know if your child will be eating lunch at ARMS by filling out and returning the “Lunch at ARMS: Yes or No?” slip attached.

**Mill River Picnic** is a day of fun activities, including swimming and games, hosted by the PGO and staff, with food provided both by the PGO as well as by area businesses. The Town of Amherst opens the Mill River Pool early for this event – pack a bathing suit and towel if your child plans to swim - as well as sunblock and bug spray. The students will be brought to Mill River by bus at 9:30 a.m. and will return to ARMS at 2:00 p.m.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration & Dance**, held at the high school, is an evening celebration including a DJ, food, limbo, dancing and a last chance to celebrate as 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Attire can be dressy or casual. It’s a lot of fun and not to be missed!!!

**Moving-On Ceremony** for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families marks the conclusion of their Amherst Middle School experience. Presentations are given by Team then all join as one grade in the auditorium to say good-bye.

#### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:**

**FUNDS:** We estimate the cost for Mill River and the Dance to be at least \$25 per student. We are asking each 8<sup>th</sup> grade family to contribute what they can (see “**Funds Donation**” form next page). Please consider an additional donation of what you can afford (\$30, \$50, \$100) to support PGO programming and to help those less able to afford a contribution. Please send a **check made out to the ARMS PGO** to your student’s science teacher.

**VOLUNTEERS:** We need help for the dance and the picnic. You will receive emails from the PGO with information about how to sign up to volunteer. You can also visit the sign-up sheet at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054ca9a72ba57-2018>

**Please review forms attached and complete and return them to your Science teacher as soon as possible, but no later than June 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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Fees and Donations Form**

*(Please return with your Permission Slip)*

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I would like a partial scholarship but can contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a full scholarship

Please consider an additional donation to assist the school in providing a great end of year for ALL students.

I can support the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year-end activities. Enclosed is my contribution of:

\$10      \$25      \$30      \$40      \$50      \$75      \$100

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of the PGO, thank you so much for your support and for a great two years!

**Checks should be made out to ARMS PGO and returned to 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teachers along with this form, the trips Permission Slip and the "Lunch at ARMS: Yes or No?" informational sheet below.**

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**Lunch at ARMS: Yes or No?**

The last three days of school (Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>) are half days, with students being released at noon. Our food services folks are trying to plan lunch on those days, knowing that 8<sup>th</sup> graders tend to leave with their parents for a lunch celebration after the Moving On Ceremony on Thursday and may have other plans, such as vacation or camp on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please advise as to whether the student listed here plans to eat a school-prepared lunch on these days:

Tuesday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Yes	No
Wednesday, June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yes	No
Thursday, June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Yes	No

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_