

March 26, 2010

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents, Guardians, and Students,

This letter and the attached enclosures have everything you need to know and do to have a great time at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat at Seaside, Oregon. Please review all materials carefully. This 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat is designed to have the students spend time reflecting on their three years together at University Prep Middle School, what they have learned, how they have matured and grown. They will consider their identities and their roles in school and outside of school during the past three years. And finally they will look to the future and discuss their goals and dreams in high school and beyond.

The rules, while few in number are designed to foster respect for community and environment of Seaside and maintain a relaxing and safe experience for all participants. In addition, since this is a school-sponsored retreat, all Behavior Guidelines, as outlined in our **UPrep Student/Parent Handbook** will be strictly enforced. All events will be monitored carefully by the Chaperones (UPrep Faculty members). While we certainly do not anticipate any problems, please know that violations of any school rules may result in disciplinary action including the student being picked up by parents in Seaside. Our chaperones will be responsible for deciding such matters.

For your information, the students will be accompanied by the following faculty/staff members: Brent Slattengren, Dan Chestnut, Judy Ghavamian, Mosby Cogswell, Meleesa Wyatt, Jess Klein, Deborah Wheeler, Marianne Picha, and Margarito Gonzalez.

It is important the each student turn in to Mr. Slatts, by **Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup>**, the:

- **UPrep Field Trip Consent, Release and Indemnification Agreement** (signed by parent/guardian)
- **Behavior Agreement for Retreat** (signed by student and parent/guardian)

#### **BASIC OUTLINE OF THE RETREAT**

##### **Monday April, 26<sup>th</sup> 2010**

- 8:00 AM** Arrive at UPrep and gather in the Puma Dome. At this time you will be assigned to your Bus, have a luggage inspection and load the Buses. (**Remember – we have limited cargo space on the buses for bags!**)
- 8:30 AM** Depart University Prep. We will be taking Puma buses on our journey.
- 10:30 AM** Students will eat their bag lunches at a rest stop about 2 hours into the trip. (**Remember – students need to bring a sack lunch Monday morning**).
- 12:30 PM** Arrive in Seaside, OR. Begin our wonderful retreat.

##### **Tuesday April, 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

A full day of activities followed by a group bonfire with student skits, hotdogs, and smores.

##### **Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

- 11:30 AM** Depart Seaside for UPrep
- 1:30 PM** Stop for lunch and bathroom break
- 4:30 PM** Arrive at University Prep. Please have rides home waiting at this time. Students will not be able to remain on campus.

If you have an emergency and need to contact your 8<sup>th</sup> grader, you may either leave a message with the main office at school (206) 525-2714 or leave a message at the hotel for Brent Slattengren to deliver at (800) 234-8439.

Thank you all for helping to get your students ready to go for this great retreat. If you have any specific questions, please email me at: [bslattengren@universityprep.org](mailto:bslattengren@universityprep.org) or call me at school at (206) 832-1185.

Warm Wishes,

Brent Slattengren - UPrep 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher

