



Dear Parents and Caregivers of Mesa Verde 8th Graders,

We are so excited to prepare for the Class of 2023 Eighth Grade Promotion and we wanted to share some important information and dates with you. Eighth grade promotion will be hosted on the last day of school, Friday, June 9, 2023 at MVMS. Promotion will begin at 9:00 am and will take place on the lower field. Please note that this is not a ticketed event and seating is limited.

June 8th:

- Promotion Rehearsal will take place Thursday afternoon during school hours. Rehearsal will be on the lower field so remind your student to wear appropriate shoes.
- If your child is scheduled to receive an award, the 8th Grade Awards Ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 8th at 6:00 pm. You will receive a separate email inviting you to the Awards Ceremony, if your child is scheduled to receive an award.

June 9th:

- Gates open at 8:15 am.
- Ceremony will last approximately one hour and fifteen minutes.
- Students should arrive to school at the normal time and report to their Social Science teacher.
- We expect a high volume of traffic as there will be normal school traffic along with the promotion event.
 - Please consider walking to campus or carpooling whenever possible.
 - If you choose to drive, please note that parking is limited. The 6th grade parking lot located on the westside of campus is for staff only; however, it will open up to families at 8:30 am.
 - We have limited ADA parking.
 - If you require mobility assistance, please proceed to the 6th grade parking lot located on the westside of campus. We will have a golf cart available to transport those individuals down to the field. We are unable to provide assistance if you enter through any other gate including the entrance at Sedorus Street.
- We will have limited seating at the ceremony. We encourage you to limit your attendance to four (4) guests to allow seating for everyone. You are welcome to bring your own chairs; however, you must remain within the seating section.
- Suggested Student dress attire for promotion:
 - Long pants, skirts or dresses. Please no shorts.
 - Button down shirt, polo shirt or blouses. Please no t-shirts.
 - No high heels or wedges as the ceremony will take place on grass.
- Students should not have the following during the ceremony:
 - No cell phones
 - No gum
 - No purses/backpacks

- All 8th grade students will be released from school immediately following the ceremony at 10:15 am (grades 6 and 7 have a release time of 12:07 pm).
- Noisemakers are not allowed to the event which includes but not limited to air horns/bullhorns, drums, cowbells, etc. No beach balls allowed for students or spectators.
- No pets permitted at the ceremony.
- Professional photographers will be onsite so please remain seated during the ceremony.

We will continue to provide additional details as we get closer to promotion. Be sure to check the Eagle Newsletter each week for the most updated information.

Upcoming Dates:

- **May 24, 25, 26:** High School Musical Jr. Performance @ MVMS Little Theatre (performances at 4:30 pm & 6:00 pm each night)
- **May 30:** Pillar Art Reception and Showcase @ MVMS (7:00pm)
- **May 31:** Year End Band & Orchestra Concerts @ MVMS Gym (6:00pm)
- **May 30-June 2:** Finals Week
- **June 2:** End of Year Party @ MVMS (3:00pm-5:00pm All Students, 5:00pm-6:00pm 8th Grade Sunset)
- **June 5:** Kickball tournament
- **June 5:** Year End Jazz Ensemble Concert @ MVMS Upper Quad (5:30pm)
- **June 5:** 8th Grade Yearbook Distribution during 5th period lunch
- **June 5-6:** 8th Grade Textbook Return (during PE class)
- **June 6:** 8th Grade Class parties
- **June 7:** Knott's Berry Farm - departure @ 8:00am and return @ 6:00pm
- **June 8:** Promotion Practice (periods 7 & 8)
- **June 8:** 8th Grade Award Ceremony @ MVMS Gym, by invitation only (6:00pm)
- **June 9:** Promotion @ MVMS Football Field/Track (9:00am-10:30am, gates open at 8:15am)