

# **PONAGANSET MIDDLE SCHOOL**

TO: Parents of Eighth Graders  
FROM: Janet Ragno, Assistant Principal  
DATE: September 24, 2008  
RE: EIGHTH GRADE WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

**Just a reminder** that planning needs to begin for the 8th grade Washington Trip, which is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2009 through Saturday, May 30, 2009.

**The cost of the trip is \$450.00 plus spending money.**

Setting aside a weekly or monthly amount will help to make payments much easier. Information packets and permission slips will be distributed to eighth graders on Thursday, October 16, 2008. A **parent informational meeting** will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ponaganset Middle School Auditoria. A \$150.00 deposit will be due on Monday, November 3, 2008, the second payment of \$150.00 by Monday, March 2, 2009 and the final payment of \$150.00 by Monday, April 6, 2009.

***TRIP INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE AND INSURANCE PURCHASE IS RECOMMENDED.***

Unless the school removes your child from the trip, Ponaganset Middle School will not be issuing refunds.

**Limited funds have been set aside for financial assistance.**

If you want your child to go on the Washington D.C. Trip, but need assistance or to make arrangements for payment, please determine what portion of the trip, if any, that you can afford and contact Mrs. Ragno directly at 647-3361 (ext: 2240), to arrange for assistance. ***Parental request only by October 31st.***

At Ponaganset Middle School, only students who choose not to do all their school work to the best of their ability receive failing grades. All students who have a failing average at the end of the third quarter in two or more subjects will be restricted from the Washington Trip. Any payments made will be fully refunded.

Because field trips are a student privilege, we reserve the right to exclude any child whose participation might require a disproportionate amount of supervision and/or interfere with the enjoyment of the field trip by other students. If a child is to be considered for exclusion, it will be based on a joint decision of the teachers and the administration.

It is our hope that providing you with this information far in advance will provide you the opportunity for planning ahead. If you have any questions at this time concerning the trip, please call Mrs. Ragno at 647-3361 (ext: 2240).