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Dear 8<sup>th</sup> grade families,

Thank you for your support throughout the year to make your child's 8<sup>th</sup> grade year a success. The first month of school went smoothly, and we are off to a great start. We feel very strongly about the family-school connection, as research has proven that students are more successful when families are involved in their schooling. Our celebration of 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion will be here before we know it. Please mark your calendar for these events:

**Friday, May 17**  
**7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Dance at the Sahuarita Middle School Gym**  
\*For 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sahuarita Middle School students only

The dance is free of charge, courtesy of Student Council, and complimentary refreshments will also be provided.

**Tuesday, May 21**  
**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony at the Sahuarita District Auditorium**  
\*Parking will be available in the lots adjacent to the District Auditorium

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion Ceremony will be held in the District Auditorium (350 W. Sahuarita Rd.) on Tuesday, May 21, from 11:30am-12:30pm. *Please note that this is a change from last year when the District held both SMS and Anza Trail promotion ceremonies in the early/late afternoon.* Students do not have to report to school that morning. We are asking students to arrive at the auditorium between 11:00-11:15 a.m. **After the Promotion Ceremony, your child is in your care, as we have no more 8<sup>th</sup> grade activities in the afternoon. Students who are not leaving with their family after the Promotion Ceremony will be required to take the school bus home at 12:55pm. Please contact our office so we know to expect your child to ride the bus.** The ceremony marks the end of the school year for our promoting 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They may not return back to campus after this date since they will be officially promoted to 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Dress Code:** We recognize the significance of these events to students, families, and staff. Students may dress formally for both the dance and promotion ceremony. Dress code requirements apply for these events. For young ladies, appropriate attire may include a dress or blouse with dress slacks or a skirt. No strapless dresses or tops will be allowed; however, dresses with spaghetti straps will be allowed. The length of the dress or skirt is expected to be equal to, or longer than, the fingertips. For young men, appropriate attire may include dress slacks and button-down collared shirt. A tie is optional and encouraged. Jeans, shorts, flip-flops, and hats are not permitted. All shoes, including high heels, must be kept on throughout the dance and ceremony for student safety.

*In keeping with our District goal of raising expectations, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who fail a core content course and/or have repetitive or severe behavioral concerns in the Second Semester **will not** be permitted to participate in the promotion ceremony. Also, students displaying disruptive behavior during the ceremony may be removed from the stage.* Again, we appreciate your support and look forward to this year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion. Please remind your 8<sup>th</sup> grader to finish their final year at Sahuarita Middle School strong with excellent behavior and grades.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stephanie Silman, Principal