



7th Grade Field Trip



December 21, 2018

Dear Parents and/or caregivers:

This year's seventh grade field trip will be at the Kennedy Space Center on Friday, February 15, 2019. Students will learn about our nation's space program, meet an astronaut, dine with some of the world's most powerful rockets and even touch a moon rock. They will tour the space shuttle launch pads, touch a real moon rock, walk under the historic Saturn V rocket, the rocket that sent men to the moon. Your student will also get to experience what a ride in the space shuttle actually feels like.

The trip will begin at 6:00 in the morning from the Clearwater Fundamental Middle School campus and will return at approximately 6:00 pm. KSC does not allow outside food so we have chosen to purchase lunch (pizza and drink) from the space center as a group. A variety of other food items are available at the student's expense.

Travel time to the Space Center is about 2½ hours so we advise that your child get a good breakfast before departure. Students can bring electronic devices as long as it is understood that the **staff and chaperones are not responsible for the loss of these items.** Snacks will also be permitted with the understanding that they will be responsible for cleaning their seating area when the bus returns to Clearwater.

Kennedy Space Center is an active government military facility, and everyone entering will be searched. Remind your child that large bags, sharp objects, drugs and alcohol are not permitted on the property. Your student's behaviors will be monitored by the KSC security at all times so their best off-campus behavior is important. Getting detained by the security force may mean that you, the parent, will be responsible for the return of your student back to Clearwater.

Cost of the trip will be \$67.00. There will be no charge for chaperones. Students with a financial hardship should contact our bookkeeper, Mrs. Stevens. The above fee covers transportation, lunch and admission. Extra food, drinks and souvenirs are your student's responsibility if they choose to purchase anything. Money left over from expenses will go directly to a fund that will assist with any student hardship cases. Collection will begin on Monday, January 14, 2019 – Friday, January 18.

A new way for paying for your child's experience is through CFMS pay on line feature. You can now go to <https://www.pcsb.org/clearwaterfund-ms>, then click on the ONLINE PAYMENTS button and follow the directions. When using this feature, extra charges may apply depending on your method of payment,

Chaperones will be needed for this trip and will be chosen by clearance level and the order in which your request was sent. At this time, it is unclear how many chaperones will be needed. Chaperones will be notified via e-mail two weeks prior to the trip. **If you are interested, please e-mail me directly at fatolitisg@pcsb.org expressing your interest.** Those chaperones who have been LEVEL 2 certified by the Pinellas County School Board will get special consideration. When communicating please include your child's name and his/her science teacher. Any questions should be addressed to fatolitisg@pcsb.org.

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