

# Washington DC

8th Grade Trip

May 16th, 17th, 18th

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❖ The reasons

❖ The process of planning

❖ The experiences

❖ The logistics

# The reasons we Go...



- ❖ Provide a special event or “right of passage” for our middle school seniors
- ❖ Reward positive behavior and self regulation
- ❖ Provide culturally important experiences
- ❖ Connect and enrich our social studies curriculum

bang for buck



# The Process



- ❖ Check in with former chaperones for a list of “best events”
- ❖ Explicitly make curriculum connections through conversations with and input of teachers
- ❖ Look for opportunities to control costs without losing essential elements
- ❖ Involve 8th graders in decision making- even more choices

# Elements to continue with curriculum support (Photo Blog)



# Some Variations

- ❖ Change of tour company: tour guides included
- ❖ Waiting on some availability
- ❖ More time for museum exploration and choices - Kyle
- ❖ Pay Schools or another source for paying online
- ❖ Night Tour of monuments
- ❖ Solo on cruise

# Logistics

- ❖ Friends and roommates
- ❖ Costs- approximately same cost as last year (\$480, \$150 due Dec 5th)
- ❖ Counselor support
- ❖ Menu of events available
- ❖ Safety/Security Guard/Nurse\*
- ❖ Communication- phones allowed

# Questions



- ❖ Please speak with Mr. Tamez, Ms. Dolores, Mr. McIntosh or Kyle