Friday, February 20, 2015

Dear Seventh Grade Parents and Guardians,

During the months of February and March, seventh grade students will experience several unique activities as part of a multidisciplinary unit related to the Holocaust. One of these activities includes an all-day remembrance on Friday, February 27, 2015.

On Holocaust Remembrance Day, the students spend their academic periods learning about the Holocaust through a variety of activities. Students begin with a morning lesson focusing on the role of bystanders during the Holocaust, in which they will assess and define the responsibility of individuals directly or indirectly involved in the Holocaust. Students will attend an assembly where they listen to Ms. Tova Friedman, a Holocaust survivor, in order to relate her incredible experiences. Following the guest speaker, students will reflect and debrief through discussion and a language arts activity. Closure activities will focus on advocacy.

Our ultimate goal in this array of activities and in our interdisciplinary unit is to not only teach history, science, mathematics, and language arts, but also to make a lasting impression of the importance of character and standing up for what is right. Please consider discussing the solemnity of the Remembrance Day both before and after your child's experience. Students need to dress respectfully for the occasion and our guest speaker. Suggested clothing includes casual business attire. Our expectation is that students will conduct themselves respectfully as befits the occasion.

Sincerely,

The 7th Grade Teams