September 6, 2017

Dear Eighth Grade Parents and Guardians,

We will be studying the exciting events in U.S. history this year, and there are multiple films that do an excellent job of portraying them. However, due to valuable class time and a rigorous curriculum, it is not possible to show all of them during the school day. Film Club is a chance for students to stay after school, approximately once a month, to watch some of these exceptional films.

Our club will take place on the dates noted below (aligned with when we will be studying the events portrayed in the film) from the time school ends until approximately 5:30 p.m. Our film titles will include the following:

* Tuesday, September 19th: *The Last of the Mohicans* (R for violence)
* Thursday, October 5th: *1776* (PG)
* Tuesday, October 10th: *The Patriot* (R for strong war violence)
* Friday, November 3rd: *John Adams (*various episodes of the miniseries, unrated)
* December: Will not meet
* Thursday, January 4th: *The War of 1812* (PBS Documentary)
* Thursday, February 15th: *The Alamo* (PG-13 for sustained intense battle sequences)
* March: Will not meet
* Tuesday, April 24th: *12 Years a Slave* (R for violence/cruelty, some nudity and brief sexuality)
* Friday, May 17th: *Gettysburg* (PG) (Part 1)
* Tuesday, May 22nd: *Gettysburg* (PG) (Part 2)
* Tuesday, June 5th: Film Club end-of-the-year party 😊

In addition to viewing the films, we will analyze them for historical accuracy, learning to become more critical viewers and to not accept everything we view at face value.

To indicate that you approve of your child attending our club and viewing these films, please fill in the sheet below. And as always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very sincerely,

Molly Gale

Your child’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have read the above letter and give my child permission to attend Film Club after school.

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