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Dear Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students,

I am writing to share an exciting and educational opportunity that will occur for your child during Spring Break 2015. I will lead a group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on an educational trip to Washington, D.C. The program is an incredible learning opportunity for your child—it is both educational and fun!

Our WorldStrides program in Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, and Virginia will give our students a deeper understanding of and appreciation for our nation's history and heritage. During this once-in-a-lifetime experience, we will explore the Smithsonian Museums, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, and many other interesting historical landmarks. We will have supervised activities during the evenings, including an illuminated tour of the monuments. We will also spend time in Williamsburg and Jamestown, Virginia, the birthplace of our nations history. In addition, we will visit Gettysburg, the site of the most influential battle in the Civil War. Lastly, we will tour Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was signed, and view the Liberty Bell.

Our educational program will take place during April 2015 and will be 6 days and 5 nights in duration. The all-inclusive program includes round-trip airfare, transportation in nice motor coaches, 5 nights of hotel stays, a certified WorldStrides Course Leader, adult supervision, insurance coverage, night chaperones for security each night at the hotel, ALL meals, ALL admissions, and ALL gratuities. By informing you of the trip 18 months ahead of time, I hope it will be easier for you to budget this additional expense. The company does offer payment plans. In addition, there will be fundraisers organized to help supplement your cost. Tell your child to listen to the morning announcements for fundraiser information.

I am organizing this trip through WorldStrides, the nation's leader in educational student travel for over 45 years. In addition to their reputation of excellence and expertise in student travel, WorldStrides is known for its comprehensive safety features, including 24-hour support throughout the program, extensive insurance coverage, and consumer protection.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to visit the WorldStrides website at [www.worldstrides.org](http://www.worldstrides.org). Additional information, including pricing and how to register your child, will be available in the Spring. There will also be a meeting for interested parents during that time.

This is an opportunity for our children to see, touch, and understand the meaning of national freedom and liberty. I hope that your child will be a part of it!

Sincerely,  
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