



EIGHTH STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL

700 WEST 8TH STREET • TIFTON, GEORGIA • 31794

Principal
Mr. Bradley Winger

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Dear Parents,

Date: Sept. 10th, 2025

We are excited to inform you that the 7th-grade students will be going on a field trip to **Busch Gardens** in Tampa, Florida on **March 20th**. Students will experience a once-in-a-lifetime, hands-on adventure, related directly to our Science Standards they will learn about in 8th grade. The following is a summary of encounters they will endure:

Amusement park rides, like those at Busch Gardens, demonstrate many physics concepts. Through studies on energy transformations, mechanical energy, and electromagnetism—along with lab simulations—students will connect classroom learning to real-world experiences. They'll explore how forces like gravity and friction affect motion, how energy changes form, and how simple machines work together in complex systems such as roller coasters and carousels. This field trip provides a hands-on preview of key 8th grade science concepts and allows students to experience physics in action

To be eligible for the field trip, students must meet the following three criteria: have no office referrals from Sept. 10th, 2025, have no more than 10 unexcused absences, and be passing at least 3 out of 4 academic subjects at the time of the trip.

The cost of the field trip will be **\$170.00**. The cost includes entrance to Busch Gardens, transportation, all-day dining, and a t-shirt. We will leave 8th Street at 6:00 am on Friday morning and will return approximately at 11:30 pm. We are providing students an opportunity to participate in a fundraiser to help cover the costs of the field trip, students may choose to participate or elect not too. We have set up three deadlines for taking payments for the field trip.

1st payment- a deposit of **\$70.00** and permission slip is due by October 29th, 2025 (**this is a non-refundable deposit**)

2nd payment of **\$50.00** is due by November 20th, 2025.

3rd payment of **\$50.00** is due by February 11th, 2026.

Payments can be made online or brought to school on the designated due dates only. Please note that no payments will be accepted outside of these dates, and online payment options will close at the end of each listed due date. All trips must be paid in full by the final due date to ensure your child's participation, as we need to place orders for tickets and shirts.

Sincerely,

7th Grade Teachers



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Permission Slip

Student Name: _____ Science Teacher: _____
(please print) (please print)

I Mr./Mrs./Miss _____ give permission for _____ to attend the 7th grade field trip to Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida. I understand the cost of the field trip is \$170.00 for each student to attend. A \$70.00 payment is due by October 29th and is a non-refundable deposit. I understand that if my child receives any office referrals from September 10th, has more than 10 unexcused absences, and is not passing at least 3 out of 4 academic subjects at the time of the trip they will not be allowed to participate and will not receive a refund of the \$70 deposit.

Parent Signature

Shirt Size: (Please circle one)

AS AM AL XL 2X

Important Allergy/Medical information: _____

My child may receive over-the-counter medications (Motrin, Tylenol, Tums)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone Number: _____

☐ My child participated in the fundraiser and raised \$ _____ money.

Please return this form with payment on October 29th, 2025. Money will be collected on specific due dates. Payment options: checks payable to ESMS, cash in the exact amount, or online payment. The entire amount is due by February 11th.

*Parents who wish to attend will need to purchase tickets on their own and provide their own transportation. Students will be allowed to check out from Busch Gardens, they will not be able to check out until the end of the park day. Parents must be listed on students approved pick up list and must have their ID. Students must be signed out with Ms. Crumley at the bus.