

Hope Elementary School

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May 1st, 2018

Dear Parents of Rising 8th Graders,

It is hard to believe that we are starting the 8th grade process already! We hope you are as excited as we are!

The coming year will provide your child with many great experiences. The first of such experiences will entail joining 8th graders from all of the five towns on a 3-day trip to the **Kieve Leadership School Residential Program**. This trip has been scheduled for **September 5th through the 7th**, with a departure time of 8:30 am on Wednesday and return time of 5:30 pm on Friday.

Kieve will also be sponsoring a **Parent Program on September 7th** (see attached form for more information).

A **Parent Information Night** will be held at HES on **August 28th, 2018 at 5:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity to learn more about The Leadership School at Kieve and ask any questions you may have. Both parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Enclosed you will find several forms related to Kieve. Please read, fill out, and return the forms outlined below to the School Counselor by **June 15th, 2018**:

- **Trip permission slip**
- **Participant information form**
- **Medication form** (**medication(s) will need to be delivered to the school in their original bottle(s) on September 5th by a parent/guardian and given to the School Nurse*)
- **Parent program slip**

Remember that a portion of the \$174 student cost needs to be paid by families. The \$100 we are asking from each family should be sent with the registration form (checks should be made out to Hope Elementary School). This money will be due on or before **September 4th, 2018**. Please note that the balance of the money will be paid from our Magazine Drive Fund, so remember to renew your subscriptions and remind your family and friends to do the same.

Should you be unable to pay the requested amount please contact the School Counselor to explore scholarship opportunities. Our goal is for all members of the 8th grade class to attend Camp Kieve. We also welcome any donations to support our scholarship efforts.

Parents have asked how they could help students make attending Camp Kieve a positive experience. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Review the Welcome Letter sent by Kieve and encourage your child to follow all rules and expectations, as outlined.
2. Encourage your child to seize this opportunity and engage fully in the programming. The environment at Kieve promotes personal and social growth, but such growth depends on the participant's level of engagement.
3. Challenge your child to broaden their social horizons and make new friends with their future classmates, so that their transition to high school can be easier.

As always, feel free to contact me or the School Counselor with any questions or concerns you might have. Camp Kieve also has a detailed and informative website at: www.campkieve.org/leadership.

We are excited to share in this opportunity with your son/daughter!

Sincerely,



Danielle Fagonde, Principal



Patricia Cochran, School Counselor