

**2014-2015 Pathfinder School Washington D.C. Trip
Parent Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 9**

1. Welcome, Overview and Purpose

2. Fundraising

- Busch's – email scott@pcs.k12.mi.us to receive additional cards, available in commons, see handout
- Pasta Fundraiser – commons, johnson@pcs.k12.mi.us
- Market Day - Karen Stoeber

3. Scholarship

- John Jourden Memorial & Pathfinder Scholarship – due October 2, 2014
- FLAG scholarship – www.worldstrides.com - call company, see insert in registration packet

4. Logistics

- Dates: Tuesday, May 5 @6:00 p.m. – Saturday, May 9, 2015 @5:30 a.m.
- Tentative itinerary - changes
- Transportation - charter bus, ours for entire trip,
- Supervision - teachers, night security at hotel
- Roommate coordination (sent home in February w/newsletter), 4 boys/4 girls
- Medical concerns
- Payment information - contract w/company - not Pathfinder School
- Refund policy – full refund program purchase & Job Loss Program
- Registration: by mail or online www.worldstrides.net
- Individual payments dependent on registration
- Registration deadline is October 31, 2014
- World Strides Customer Service 1.800.468.5899

5. Eligibility and general behavioral expectation

- Citizenship Eligibility (on back)

6. Parent Chaperones

- Letter to be sent home in November, 2014 through social studies teacher
- Available online <http://pathfinderdctrip.weebly.com/>
- Parent chaperone notification by December, 2014

7. Additional meetings planned

- Mandatory student meeting required for students and parents
- Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – Mark your calendars now!

8. Communication

- TeacherEase emails and Pathfinder Press
- <http://pathfinderdctrip.weebly.com/>
- <http://mytrip.worldstrides.org> – WorldStrides trip page

9. Questions, comments, concerns

- Lori Scott at 810.225.5280 or by email at scott@pcs.k12.mi.us
- Wendy Johnson at 810.225.5263 or by email at johnson@pcs.k12.mi.us

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Pathfinder School 2013/14 - Eligibility Policy for DC Trip

1. It is the goal of the administration and staff that all students have a fair and consistent opportunity to attend the DC trip.
2. It is the goal of the administration and staff that students attending are kept safe and secure.
3. Students who receive a 4 in citizenship or an out of school suspension may demonstrate a lack of needed maturity for the DC trip.
4. Students receiving a 4 in citizenship and/or more than one day out of school suspension will not be able to participate in the DC trip.
5. Students will be allowed one appeal to justify poor citizenship and show improvement in behavior and/or citizenship marks.
6. The appeal process for trip attendance includes the following steps:

Student appealing will compose an explanation that includes the following:

The reason for previous 4

A statement that expresses reasons for their desire to attend

Actions taken by student to ensure that similar behavior will not occur again

Student will get signature of parents on explanation statement

Students will get the signature of the teacher that marked the 4 or the administrator who assigned the suspension on explanation statement.

Student will turn in essay and signatures to Mr. Todd at least one month before trip departure.

7. Student and parents can reasonably expect a response within one week of essay being turned in.