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Dear Seventh Grade Parents and Guardians,

During the month of February, seventh grade students have been experiencing several unique activities as part of a multidisciplinary unit related to the Holocaust. These activities culminate with an all-day remembrance on March 7, 2011.

On Holocaust Remembrance Day, the students spend their academic periods learning about the Holocaust through a variety of activities. Students begin with a morning lesson focusing on the role of bystanders during the Holocaust. Students will then attend an assembly where they will listen to Ms. Tova Friedman, a Holocaust survivor, relate her incredible experiences. Students will assess and define the responsibility of individuals directly or indirectly involved in the Holocaust. Following the morning activities, students will be given a presentation about Genocides that occurred after the Holocaust and work on spreading the message Never Again.

Our ultimate goal in this array of activities and in our interdisciplinary unit is to not only teach history, science, mathematics, and language arts, but also to make a lasting impression of the importance of character and standing up for what is right. Please consider discussing the solemnity of the Remembrance Day both before and after your child's experience. Students need to dress respectfully for the occasion and our guest speaker. Suggested clothing includes shirts with collars, khaki pants, and appropriate length skirts. Our expectation is that students will conduct themselves respectfully as befits the occasion.

Sincerely,

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teams

Mary Ehid  
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