



**Desert Wind Middle School**  
"Home of the Tigers"

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May 11, 2018

**Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents/Guardians,**

It is my pleasure to share information about this year's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Unification Celebration. Previously referred to as 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion, we now celebrate this event as the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Unification Ceremony as we are bringing together all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from Desert Wind and Maricopa Wells to celebrate the conclusion of their middle school education and welcome them to the Maricopa High School RAM family.

The unification celebration will be held on **Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 7:00pm on the Maricopa High School Football field. It is open seating for all family and friends.** Students will not be able to come to the ceremony with backpacks, balloons, flowers or any other items. Such items can be given to students after the ceremony.

We expect that all students practice appropriate behavior. If a student is suspended after April 5, 2018 for any infraction in accordance with the MUSD Secondary Student Handbook Code of Conduct or adhering to the Code of Conduct, they will not be permitted to participate in the Unification Ceremony. All student fees for the cafeteria, library books and/or textbooks must be paid as well as the return of any sports uniforms. If a student has an outstanding fee or uniform that is not returned, they will not be permitted to participate.

As we plan for this celebration, please review our dress code expectations with your student. Our female students may wear spaghetti straps or strapless dresses. However, no undergarments should be visible and **NO HIGH HEELS will be permitted on the football field.** Dress length should be knee length or longer. Any color is permissible. For our male students, they should wear dress pants and collared shirts. Please maintain our school and student integrity by adhering to our dress code expectations, this is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate their success.

**Tuesday, May 22, 2018**

- 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.— Rehearsal at High School (bring water, hat, & apply sunscreen)
- 6:00 p.m. — Students report to MHS MPR (Please be on time)
- 7:00 p.m. — Unification Ceremony at MHS Football field

**Tuesday, May 23, 2018- 8th grade trip to Wet n Wild**

**Friday, May 25, 2018 – Last Day of School, 2:10 pm early release**

Sincerely,  
Mrs. June Celaya  
Principal