

ENCORE! ENCORE!

Eighth Grade Parents & Guardians,

Our 8th graders will have the privilege of attending two trips this year: our grade level class trip to the Keswick Theater and the school-wide trip to Great Adventure. Although our 8th grade class trip is in December, our planning and preparation for this fantastic day begins **now!**

This trip will take place within the normal school day and your child will attend school during regular school hours. On Wednesday, December 23, the 8th grade will travel to the Keswick Theater in Glenside, Pennsylvania to see an original two act play performed by Chamber Theater Productions. (Performance details are on the reverse side of this sheet.) As you can see, this trip is a fun-filled educational opportunity that directly relates to and enriches our 8th grade language arts curriculum. Trip itinerary and specific details will be provided as the date approaches.

The cost of the trip is \$35 per student. So that we may secure our seats and the buses, payment is due with the permission slip by September 25th. Because 8th graders have the privilege of attending two trips this year, individual money raised through fundraising can be applied to either trip. Attached is the permission slip for your child.

We are looking forward to a wonderful trip to the theater!

Sincerely,

The 8th Grade Teachers



ENCORE!! An Original Two-Act Play

ENCORE!! now features an excerpt from Edgar Allan Poe's famous poem, **"The Raven"**.
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Each of the five stories in our ENCORE!!™ collection has a flavor that highlights the versatility of five great authors: Edgar Allan Poe, Washington Irving, W.W. Jacobs, Guy de Maupassant and Mark Twain. Their timeless glimpses into the human experience are brought to life on the stage.

The Tell Tale Heart

Poe, the master of the macabre, presents a story of the irrational hatred and fear of a psychopathic mind. A wildly disturbed personality commits the "perfect" crime only to be undone by the workings of a fevered imagination.

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

Fantasy and reality are cleverly combined in this entertaining story from the pen of Washington Irving. This fanciful yarn relates the hilarious misfortunes of the great, gangling schoolmaster, Ichabod Crane, and his fateful midnight rendezvous with the legendary Headless Horseman!

The Monkey's Paw

One of the best stories ever written on the theme of being granted three wishes. W.W. Jacobs explores the belief that fate rules people's lives and that those who tamper with it do so to their sorrow. In this tale, the sequence and consequences of the three wishes are deeply tragic.

The Necklace

With telling irony, Maupassant offers a dark jewel of a tale. Mathilde Loisel dreams of the finer things in life and is not content with her secure, middle-class home. The price she pays for a single evening of elegance is a life-time of drudgery and despair. This poignant story is staged with touching symbolism.

The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County

This is perhaps the best-known of all Twain's tales. It is a good, old-fashioned yarn which typifies the brawling, risk-taking, highly competitive society that was frontier America in the nineteenth century. The resilient Jim Smiley and his champion frog, Daniel Webster, are among the most memorable and endearing of Twain's creations.

Form Due – Friday, September 25, 2015

**THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED
WHETHER YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING OR NOT.**

- ☐ My child, _____, will NOT be attending.
Please provide a reason your child will be unable to attend.

- ☐ I will allow my child to travel with the 8th Grade Class to the Keswick Theater in Glenside, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, December 23rd, 2015.

Student's Name _____

Home Phone _____

Work/Day phone number _____

Emergency contact & phone number _____

We encourage you to provide payment in the form of a check, so that you have records of your payment. Please make checks payable to *Carl Sandburg Middle School*.

- ☐ \$35 Enclosed - DUE 9/25

Check # _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature
