**Miles River Middle School: 8th Grade Washington, DC Trip**

We are excited to announce our 8th grade trip to Washington, DC! The Dedham Middle School Washington, DC trip will take place **Tuesday, May 19th – Friday, May 22nd, 2020.**

We will be partnering with Close Up, a non-profit organization that since 1971 has provided hands-on experiential programs for over 900,000 students and teachers from across the country. Using the nation’s capital as a living classroom, students will get a “close up” view of American history, government, and democracy in action.

Close Up’s unique, all-inclusive programs allow for students to have a fun and educational Washington, DC experience they will never forget. Included in this packet is information about our partner, Close Up, the cost of the program, and important dates and deadlines.

**Close Up’s Instruction and Supervision**

*Teaching Method:* Close Up takes student travel beyond a site-seeing tour, treating DC as an interactive, living classroom. Facilitated by Close Up’s staff of full-time teaching fellows, students will actively engage with the city, and one another, through interactive lessons, debates, and simulations. Students will be placed into small groups and partnered with one Close Up instructor for the entire time in DC. Close Up instructors are trained to deliver an experiential curriculum that helps students connect what they are seeing and experiencing in DC to what they have learned at school.

*Safety and Security*: Safety is Close Up’s #1 priority – Close Up provides 24 hour supervision on program, including night monitors on every hotel hallway, two instructors per bus, a program leader, and a dedicated Close Up representative for our school.

**Program Highlights**

During their time in Washington, DC, Close Up will bring students face-to-face with the people and places that have shaped our nation. Students will have the opportunity to:

* See DC’s famous monuments and memorials
* Visit the world-renowned Smithsonian Museums
* Explore Arlington National Cemetery
* Discover DC’s vibrant neighborhoods
* Participate in a dynamic mock congress activity and visit Capitol Hill
* Speak with members of Congress
* Discuss current issues facing your community and country

We hope your student joins us for this once in a lifetime experience!

**Craig Hovey**

**Trip Coordinator**

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| **School Information**  *School Name:* Miles River Middle School  *Trip Coordinator:* Craig Hovey  *Coordinator Contact*: [c.hovey@hwschools.net](mailto:c.hovey@hwschools.net)  **Program Details**  *Dates:* May 19-22, 2020  *Transportation:* Roundtrip bus transportation  ***Student Program Tuition & Airfare****:* **$995**  **Important Deadlines**  *$300 Non-Refundable Deposit Due:* November 6, 2019  *$500 Second Payment Due:* February 7, 2020  *Final Payment Due:* April 3, 2020  *100% Cancellation Fee Deadline\*:* April 3, 2020  **\****All payments are non-refundable and non-transferable after April 3, 2020. Should a refund be requested prior to April 3, 2020, Close Up will refund any amounts paid over the initial $300.* | **Program Tuition**  Our all-inclusive program cost covers:   * Round-trip bus transportation from Miles River, and around Washington, DC * Quality hotel accommodations * All meals upon arrival * 24-hour supervision and instruction, including night monitors, program leader, and small-group program instructors * A dedicated Close Up Representative for your school * All program logistics and planning * All entrance fees and gratuities * Educational materials * Specialized access to Georgetown Medical Center * Secondary medical and liability insurance * Access to *Close Up in Class* online resource library |

**Registration and Payment information**

You will receive an email from Close Up with individual account login information to enroll online, make payments, and access program information at [www.closeup.org](http://www.closeup.org)

Once you receive your participant ID# and password, follow the directions below:

Step 1: Go to [www.closeup.org](http://www.closeup.org)

Step 2: Click on ‘Login’

Step 3: Enter your Close Up Participant ID and password (case sensitive)

Step 4: Follow the prompts to complete the enrollment information and make payments.

If you have questions about payments or registration, please call Close Up at 703-706-3346 or email [programsupport@closeup.org](mailto:programsupport@closeup.org).

If you prefer to use a personal check or money order to make payments, please make it payable to Close Up Foundation, include your student’s Participant ID in the memo line, and mail with a payment coupon printed from your account to:

**REGULAR MAIL: Close Up Foundation**

**Attn: School Accounts**

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