

ALHAMBRA

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BRIGHTWOOD SCHOOL, 1701 Brightwood Street, Monterey Park, CA 91754
Natalie Tee Gaither, Principal



PHONE: (626) 570-6200
FAX: (626) 308-2407

June 3, 2020

Dear Brightwood Eighth-Grade Parents,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer so far and that your family enjoyed our Virtual Promotion Ceremony last week. (It is still posted on our school website (www.BrightwoodElementary.org) in case you want to watch it again and/or share it with friends/relatives.)

We are excited to announce that, due to some restrictions being lifted by the Los Angeles Department of Public Health (LACDPH), we will host a **Promotion DRIVE-THRU CELEBRATION on THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH, starting at 9:00AM**. We are extremely grateful for Booster Enterprises, Inc. (the company we work with for our Fun Run fundraisers), who offered to partner with our school to help host this special event and provide us with inflatable arches, flags, music, and much more. At this event, we will be distributing the following items:

- Promotion certificate
- Lifetouch commemorative promotion photograph & certificate
- Any scholarships or awards received (*including pins and/or gift cards*)
- Panoramic photo (*if purchased*)
- Yearbook (*if purchased*)

To expedite the process and adhere to LACDPH guidelines for social distancing and the new drive-thru guidelines, it is important that all families and students follow these rules:

1. **Student & Car Instructions:** Only one car per student/family is allowed. You may decorate your car with promotion appropriate materials. When decorating your vehicle, please be mindful of any items that may obstruct your view when driving or may possibly cause an accident. **The eighth-grade student must sit in the front passenger seat with a working window** to receive the items listed above. A staff member will direct the eighth-grade students to roll down their window so we can hand off the items to them. Students must have a mask on when the window is down. *Please note that students must be in enclosed vehicles (no convertible cars with the top down, and no motorcycles, no bicycles, no skateboards, etc. and no walk-throughs).*
2. **Social Distancing:** Per LACDPH guidelines, **everyone must remain in their car at all times** during the Promotion Drive-Thru Celebration. After the Promotion Drive-Thru Celebration, please return home. Please do not pull over or congregate on the surrounding streets adjacent to the school or exit your vehicle to take photographs. Social distancing and safe driving practices will be fully enforced and supported by the Monterey Park Police Department.
3. **Follow the Schedule & Map (and Return of District Property):** Before your child moves on to high school, **we need to collect any borrowed district property (including textbooks, music instruments, library books, etc. See attached check-off form.)** If your child will NOT be attending an AUSD high school in August, we also need to collect the school's Chromebook if you borrowed one. Please drop off these items to the school office **June 8th-10th between 9:00am and 12:00pm**. Specific dates have been assigned for each homeroom: **Monday, June 8th for Mr. K's homeroom, Tuesday, June 9th for Mrs. Lim's homeroom, or Wednesday, June 10th for Ms. Tan's homeroom**. Please let us know the approximate time to expect you by filling out this Google form (<https://forms.gle/FdPwkrJ974HZ74tu7>). Only one student/family will be allowed in the office at any time and everyone who enters the office will be **required to wear a mask**. Please wait patiently outside if another family is already in the office and maintain safe social distancing at all times. When you drop off the borrowed property, we will provide you with:
 - Promotion Drive-Thru Celebration schedule (with specific time frame, based on your child's homeroom and name)
 - Driving instructions and map for our Promotion Drive-Thru Celebration
 - A dashboard sign for your car (**required to participate in the event**)
4. If you do not have access to a car to participate in the Promotion Drive-Thru Celebration, please notify us when you drop off the district property and we will make alternate arrangements for you to pick up your child's promotion items.

To help make the day a special occasion for your child, some of his/her former teachers and other Brightwood staff members will be at the Promotion Drive-Thru Celebration to cheer on your child and may be writing on your car windows (with washable window crayons). We are all looking forward to seeing you and your child on Thursday, June 18th!

Please Note: We are still not done celebrating your child! The parent promotion committee has several souvenir items they want to distribute to your child (but unfortunately, they will not all be ready by June 18th) and we also plan to hold a Class of 2020 reunion/alumni event when it is safe to gather together. More information will be sent to you when we are ready to move forward with these events.

Sincerely,
Natalie Gaither
Principal

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER