



## Spring-Ford Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center

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Dear Parents and Students,

On the following dates: October 17, 2008; November 14, 2008; and January 9, 2009; the Spring-Ford Middle School will hold its dance and open gym evenings. While important safety and security guidelines are provided to students at least twice per day during the week preceding the dance and open gym via announcements, it has been recommended that these guidelines also be sent home to parents. Therefore, this request represents the rationale for such a correspondence. The following signifies important dance and open gym guidelines:

- The dance and open gym will begin promptly at 7:00 PM and end promptly at 9:00 PM. No students will be admitted after 7:15 PM, unless prior arrangements have been made with school officials. Furthermore, any student that has not secured transportation home by 9:30 PM will lose the privilege of attending future dance and open gym evenings.
- All dance and open gym evenings will be held at the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. Students must enter the building through the front main door, which is labeled as Door #2.
- **The dance and open gym evenings are only offered for eligible Spring-Ford Middle School students.** Dance and open gym tickets must be purchased during homeroom periods prior to the dance and open gym evening and sell for \$5.00. No tickets will be sold at the door. Therefore, if a student has not secured a dance and open gym ticket prior to the event, then they will not be admitted into the event.
- All school rules and regulations are in effect at the dance and open gym. Students must be present in school on the date of the dance and open gym to be eligible to attend the dance and open gym. Students and parents are asked to continue their cooperation with our school dress code. In addition, if students wish to play basketball or ping-pong in the gymnasium, sneakers must be worn to preserve the gymnasium surface.

In conclusion, the dance and open gym evenings for our students have been very successful. There has been significant student attendance, appropriate student behavior, and an overwhelming sense of excitement and fun. Therefore, to maintain this positive atmosphere, it is important to continue to be mindful of the previously outlined guidelines to ensure the safety, security, and enjoyment of our students as they spend a Friday evening with peers dancing and shooting hoops.

Sincerely,

Michael Siggins