

The Youth Frontiers Courage

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Our school believes that to do well in school, students need to be comfortable with who they are and feel physically and emotionally safe. In this effort to create a safe and caring culture, we are bringing in Youth Frontiers to facilitate a Courage Retreat. The 7th grade students will be bused to the Event Center at 8:45 am and return to the school at 2:15pm. They will make it back to school in time to ride their bus and participate in after school activities.

Since 1987 Youth Frontiers, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization based in Minneapolis, has been partnering with schools to build positive communities where students can thrive socially, emotionally and academically. Their vision is to change the way young people treat each other in every hallway, lunch line and classroom of every school in America so that today's young people make tomorrow's world better. Last year, Youth Frontiers worked with nearly 100,000 students and educators throughout the country.

On the Courage Retreat, the Youth Frontiers retreat staff will focus on creating a more positive school community by engaging students in a variety of activities that build students' empathy skills and teach safe ways to help prevent bullying.

This high-energy, interactive retreat is scheduled for October 7th for the 7th grade class and will be held at Hutchinson Event Center. We encourage parents and caregivers to inquire about the retreat experience once the student returns home by asking the following questions:

1. What activities did you find fun?
2. What were some of the fears that you discussed with your classmates during the small-group discussions?
3. What do you think is the most common fear in your class or school?
4. What is one thing you can do tomorrow at school to show more courage?

❖ **All students will be required to provide their own lunch for the event. If a student would like the school make them a bag lunch, they should notify their Academic homeroom teacher one week in advance. The school will provide a small snack in the morning for all the students.**

Visit www.youthfrontiers.org/parents/my-child-is-on-a-retreat/courage for more information on Youth Frontiers, to access great parent resources and to watch a video about the Courage

Retreat.

Sincerely,

Bill Carlson and The 7th grade Staff
Assistant Principal