



To: Chelsea School District School Board

From: Matthew Ceo, Principal of Beach Middle School

Re: Board Report

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Washington D.C. Recap

The annual 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. was a success, yet again. I want to highlight the leadership of Nick Schumann and Austin Elam for organizing the trip for everyone. Many people don't know this, but the planning for the 2025 trip begins over a year in advance. It's a tremendous amount of work.

Every year is special, and this year was no different. We used to dedicate a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown at Arlington National Cemetery, however, in recent years we made an adjustment. Since Beach Middle School is named after Dwight E. Beach, a World War 2 veteran (among other engagements), we thought it would be more appropriate to honor our building's namesake at the WW2 Memorial with a wreath. It's a quieter environment and allows us the opportunity to speak about General Beach. Special thanks go out to our students that applied to read at this year's wreath laying ceremony.

Beach Participation Update (Final Numbers)

Now that we are at the end of the school year, I revisited the participation numbers for our students. "Participation" is defined as involvement in an activity outside of school hours. Activities could be athletics, clubs, organizations, etc. Here are some quick statistics from that data:

- 445 different students participated in at least one activity at Beach. That is 84% of our student population
 - 6th grade participation is at 80% of students.
 - 7th grade participation is at 89% of students.
 - 8th grade participation is at 83% of students.
- Among all students who participate in activities, 64% are involved in two or more activities.
- The inclusion of limited 6th grade sports has had a profound impact on our numbers and appears to be a boon for athletics.

Respectfully,

Matt Ceo, Beach Middle School Principal
Chelsea School District