



Issaquah Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In the coming weeks, your child will be preparing for our annual Spring Forum at IMS. Spring Forum is a time for students to reflect upon their total middle school experience before they move on to high school. It is, in one sense, a culmination of their middle school career at IMS. Each student will present her/his cumulative portfolio to two community members. The cumulative portfolio includes self-chosen examples of your son's or daughter's growth in academic work, accomplishments in sports or the fine arts, and achievements in personal hobbies or interests

In order to assist your child in her/his preparation for Spring Forum, we are requesting that you write a reflection piece about your child. Using the format of a letter to your son or daughter, please comment on the growth and progress you have seen your child make in the last three years. We are asking the students to discuss your letter with you and then include it in their portfolios to discuss as part of their presentation.

And we have another request to ask of you! We need validators, or community members who listen to the students' presentations. If you are able to be a validator at these Spring Forums, please sign up by going to our IMS website and clicking on Spring Forum. There you can find the "Validator Sign-up" page. Many community members, including business owners, parents, and grandparents, have noted that as validators, they gained wonderful insights into what's happening in our classrooms.

Thank you for supporting your child throughout her/his years at IMS and for helping in his/her preparation for Spring Forum!

Sincerely,

The Eighth Grade Team

P.S. The Spring Forum is scheduled to start the week of May 21nd and your child will know his/her scheduled time shortly