



# SALT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Albright Middle School is excited to announce that the Mobile Museum of Tolerance (MMOT) will be visiting our school on 4/21, 4/22 and 4/23. The goal of this traveling classroom is to provide students and community members across Illinois with powerful, interactive lessons about topics including the Holocaust, civil rights, discrimination, and becoming an upstander. This letter is intended to prepare you and your students for what they will experience on the MMOT.

The MMOT was developed through a collaboration between the Illinois State Board of Education, the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, and the Midwest office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, an international Jewish organization with a focus on Holocaust education and human rights. The MMOT travels to schools and communities across Illinois and is the first mobile museum of its kind in the United States. Our school is fortunate to be one of the first stops on this groundbreaking journey.

Prior to the MMOT visit, your child's teacher received lesson plans and other materials to help prepare students for their workshop. Their teacher will remain present on the bus during the workshop, allowing them to help engage students in discussion and make connections to what they are learning in the classroom. In addition, each MMOT workshop is led by a licensed Illinois educator who travels with the bus.

Your student will board the MMOT-- either in person or via Zoom-- for an approx. 40-minute workshop. After welcoming students to the bus and explaining the program topic, the MMOT educator will show students a short documentary film about the Holocaust or the Civil Rights Movement. The main portion of the workshop will be a discussion that connects these events to students' own knowledge and experiences in the modern day. The goal of each MMOT workshop is for students to understand that they can speak out against hate and create positive change in their own communities.

Albright Middle School has selected the following workshop(s):

## **The Anne Frank Story (8<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

Aimed at younger audiences, the goal of this workshop is to enhance middle school students' ability to become proactive members of society by influencing positive change. Students view an immersive short film about the life of Anne Frank before launching into a discussion on the Holocaust, antisemitism, and resistance. Stereotypes, racism, and prejudice are defined and discussed in an age-appropriate manner.

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## Civil Rights (5th – 7th Graders)

This workshop explores civil rights in an historical and contemporary context. Students will view a documentary featuring numerous American civil rights heroes and draw comparisons between the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 60's with other fights

for civil rights throughout US history. Major topics of discussion include discrimination, racism, segregation, and nonviolent protest.

Your child's teacher has also been provided with materials to help continue the conversation into the classroom following their MMOT visit. Your student may also receive a link to an anonymous survey about their experience on the MMOT; this survey is optional and helps the MMOT team improve programs for future school visits.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the MMOT team is dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of everyone who comes on board the bus. In-person sessions are scheduled with 15 minutes between for cleaning, and the bus currently operates at 1/3 capacity to allow for social distancing. Masks are also required for all students and staff on board.

For more information about the Mobile Museum of Tolerance, please visit <http://www.mmot.com/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerrie Aulisa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gerrie Aulisa

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