Dear Parents and Students,

I am excited to announce that I will lead a group of Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School students on a WorldStrides program to Washington, D.C.. On this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, students will explore our nation's most important historical sites and experience incomparable learning moments. This will be a trip that your child will be talking about for years to come!

Your child will return home excited to tell you about:

- Standing where Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech at the Lincoln Memorial
- Discovering the true meaning of sacrifice at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Walking in the footsteps of our great leaders on Capitol Hill
- Exploring numerous Smithsonian Museums, like the National Museum of Natural History and the National Air and Space Museum

I have chosen to travel with WorldStrides because of their exceptional service, their 50 years of experience, their safety record, and their preventive measures that ensure learning occurs in a safe and fun environment. I will chaperone the program with other teachers as needed, and throughout the program our group will be guided by a WorldStrides-certified Course Leader. **Since this is not a school sponsored trip, we will not be attending as representatives or employees of the school.**

There will be a trip information meeting to discuss this wonderful opportunity on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM Zoom. All parents and students are invited to attend this brief 30-minute meeting where I'll share more information about WorldStrides, review some of the trip highlights, and explain some of the tools available to help pay for the trip. I strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. Please read through all the details of this letter including a sample itinerary on the back of this page, and visit www.worldstrides.com/signup for more details about WorldStrides and our group’s trip. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (312)241-2639, or via dctripbrooksjulian@gmail.com.

I would love for your child to join us on this unforgettable trip!

**Sign Up By Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

Janorise Robinson  
Program Leader
Washington, D.C. Sample Itinerary

**DAY 1**

Arrive in Washington, D.C.

**Washington Monument** The world’s tallest stone monument, which honors our nation’s first president

**World War II Memorial** Honors the 16 million who served — and 400,000 who died — in the U.S. Armed Forces during WWII, and all who supported the war effort from home

Lunch

**Holocaust Museum** Get a glimpse of life for the victims of Nazi Germany with a viewing of “Daniel’s Story” at this living memorial

**Arlington National Cemetery** America’s most famous military cemetery: Changing of the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Kennedy Gravesites, Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial

**Iwo Jima Memorial** A tribute to all U.S. Marines based on the famous WWII photo by Joe Rosenthal

**Pentagon Memorial** Honors the 184 victims of the 9/11 attack at the Pentagon

Dinner

**Lincoln Memorial** In remembrance of former President Abraham Lincoln and the great nation he fought to preserve during the Civil War

**Korean War Veterans Memorial** Tribute to the men and women who defended South Korea in the Korean War

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial** Dedicated to the more than 58,000 men and women killed or missing in Vietnam

Hotel check-in

**DAY 2**

Breakfast

**Alexandria** One of America’s oldest and most historic cities

**Mount Vernon** George Washington’s home, plantation, and Education Center, which showcases life during colonial times, 18th-century treasures, and our first president as a farmer and businessman

Lunch

**Capitol Hill Grounds Tour** Capitol Visitor Center: Supreme Court, Library of Congress

**White House** (picture stop) Home of the U.S. president

**Jefferson Memorial** Dedicated to our third president and author of the Declaration of Independence

**FDR Memorial** In remembrance of former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt

**MLK Memorial** Honors the famous civil rights activist, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dinner

Return to hotel

**DAY 3**

Breakfast

Hotel check-out

**Ford’s Theatre** and **Petersen House** Where President Lincoln was shot and later died on that fateful day

**National Archives** Home of the original Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence

Lunch

**Smithsonian Institution** The world’s largest museum complex: National Air and Space Museum, Natural History Museum, National Gallery of Art, National Museum of American History

Dinner

Depart Washington, D.C., for home

The above represents a sample itinerary. Changes or substitutions may be made depending on your travel dates, arrival and departure times, national holidays, and events beyond WorldStrides’ control at the discretion of WorldStrides as it deems necessary or desirable.
Washington, D.C. Details:

TRIP DATES
Trip ID#: 192370
Destination: Washington, D.C.
Departing: Friday, February 18, 2022
Returning: Sunday, February 20, 2022

TRIP MEETING
There will be a trip information meeting to discuss this wonderful opportunity on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM Zoom.

TRIP PRICE
Prices are based on 35 full-paying participants.

Student: $1,332 quadruple occupancy.

Adult: $1,532 double occupancy.

Payment can be made in full or spread out into monthly installment payments*. Select EZPay when choosing monthly installment payments and have your payments automatically deducted from your bank account saving you time and potential missed payments.

Full Refund Program: An additional $159 covers cancellation (see Terms and Conditions at www.worldstrides.com/ms-terms-conditions).

FLAG financial assistance: FLAG financial assistance may be available for families with an adjusted gross income up to $85,000. See reverse for details.

*Installment amounts may vary in price based on when you sign up and optional inclusions. Your last payment must be made by the final payment deadline and may be larger than your previous installment payments. Your final payment is due on 12/05/2021.

INCLUDES
• Round trip transportation
• Sightseeing transportation
• Admission fees
• Course Leader
• Field Journals
• 24-Hour Emergency Support
• Opportunity to earn free school credit
• Evening Activities
• All Meals
• Quality hotel accommodations
• Accident/health insurance
• Night chaperones in hotel
• Online educational resources

SIGN UP TODAY!
Sign Up By: 09/15/21
Deposit Amount: $99 (non-refundable)

Sign Up:
• Online at www.worldstrides.com/signup (use Trip ID#192370 to sign up)
• By phone – call WorldStrides’ Customer Service Team at 1-800-468-5899
• By mail – use the registration form on reverse

Sign up today for the trip of a lifetime!

ONLINE
worldstrides.com/signup

PHONE
800-468-5899

MAIL
Fill out the attached form and return by mail
Easy ways to pay for your trip

At WorldStrides, our passion is student travel. We believe every student should have the opportunity for travel to change their lives and that's why we offer several tools to help make these experiences possible for each and every student.

Financial Assistance with FLAG

- Over $2.5 million in financial assistance given out each year to thousands of families
- Families with annual adjusted gross incomes of less than $85,000 may qualify
- One simple call and you'll know how much is available for your trip

Hurry, financial assistance is given on a first come, first served basis.

Fundraising with the Gift of Education

- Student driven fundraising where 100% of money raised goes to offset trip price
- Easy to use e-cards, letters and shareable Facebook links students can send to friends and family
- Thousands of students pay for their entire trip each year through the Gift of Education

Payment Plans that are easy & affordable

- Sign up for the trip with a small deposit
- Remaining payments are spread out into smaller amounts and paid monthly prior to travel
- Set up auto-deductions from your checking account to save time and money

Protect your investment with our Full Refund Program

Educational travel is an investment in your child's future. Our Full Refund Program protects that investment should you have to cancel prior to departure. The program refunds all money paid (less non-refundable deposit, fees, and the Full Refund Program cost). We strongly recommend that you add-on our Full Refund Program when signing up for your trip.

Full Terms and Conditions are available at worldstrides.com/tripterms

REGISTRATION FORM

Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School

Full legal name*

Additional registrant name*

*Federal mandate (TSA) requires that travelers provide their complete first, middle, and last names (as they appear on legal documents, not nicknames or initials) and date of birth.

Date of birth: ___/___/___

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Student

☐ Adult Additional registrant DOB: ___/___/___

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Student

☐ Adult

Email Address: ______________________________________

☐ I verify this is a valid email address. Sign me up for paper-free billing and notifications

Mailing Address: _______________________________________________ City: _______________________________ State: _____________ Zip: ________________

Responsible Party name: ____________________________________

Mobile phone: _________________________________________________________

Home phone: ______________________

Mother's work phone: ______________________

Father's work phone: ______________________

Amount I am paying today: ____________

Your minimum payment is $99

Include a souvenir T-shirt and bill me $19. My size is

☐ S

☐ M

☐ L

☐ XL

☐ XXL

☐ I am paying by check

☐ I am paying by credit card

☐ MasterCard

☐ Visa

☐ Discover

Card Number: ____________

Name as it appears on card: ___________________________________

Expiration Date: ____________

Cardholder's signature: ____________________________________________________________________________________________________

☐ Yes, enroll me in the Full Refund Program!

☐ No, do not enroll me in the Full Refund Program

Signature

X:

I have reviewed and agree to the Terms and Conditions and confirm my Full Refund Program selection. Full Terms and Conditions can be found at www.worldstrides.com/tripterms