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Dear Readington Middle School Families,

I would like to offer a unique opportunity to our 8th grade students. A newly released documentary, *The Eagle Huntress*, is playing in the Montgomery Theater on Route 206 in Skillman and the district will provide bus transportation and supervision for any 8th grade student who wishes to see this amazing film. *The Eagle Huntress* is an 87-minute film about Aisholpan, a 13-year-old Kazakh girl in western Mongolia, and her desire to become an Eagle Huntress. Under the tutelage and support of her father and grandfather, Aisholpan learns all aspects of falconry, from capturing and taming her very own eagle to training for an annual competition, where she will compete against 70 eagle hunters on her quest to gain acceptance. The film provides a marvelous view of the schooling, traditions, and lifestyle of children in this section of the world. The footage of the eagles and the landscape is breathtaking.

We recognize that this experience may not be everyone's cup of tea. It is a G-rated documentary with English subtitles. That alone may make your children roll their eyes. If, however, your child is intrigued by other cultures, is interested in sustainability, is passionate about wildlife protection, and is open to new experiences, then this movie will be perfect. I watched it with my three teenaged sons last week and they were very entertained. Understand, however, that this is not required, nor is it directly connected to any units of study in school.

Eighth grade students are invited to attend the 2:45 show on Monday, December 12. Students will leave their period 8 class at 1:30 to board the bus. We expect to depart from the Montgomery Theater by 4:15 and should return to Readington Middle School no later than 5:00. Please sign the approval sheet below to confirm that your child is interested and has your permission to attend a December 12th showing of *The Eagle Huntress*. **A check in the amount of \$8.00 to cover the cost of the movie ticket should be attached and made payable to Readington Middle School.**

Sincerely,

Barbara Sargent, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

I _____ give permission for my child, _____, to attend a 2:45 viewing of *The Eagle Huntress* at the Montgomery Theater in Skillman, NJ on Monday, December 12, 2016.

_____ I will pick up my child at Readington Middle School at 5:00 p.m.

_____ My child will have a ride provided by _____.

Parent Signature _____

Parent Cell # _____

Check # _____ is attached.