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3/12/14
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As an end of the unit activity and reward to my students, I will be showing the film, Pleasantville during class time, on Tuesday, March 18th. The society depicted in the movie has many similarities to the society we have been reading about in the novel, The Giver. We will be comparing and contrasting the two communities and connecting it to the idea of a utopian society.

The movie is PG-13, and the version I will be showing has been further edited and censored. I have been very careful in determining what material is appropriate for the students to view.

If for any reason you would prefer that your child not see the film, please send me a note verifying your request. In order for me to find an alternate activity for your child I will need to know by Monday, March 17th. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jenny Mora

Plot Summary:

A brother and sister from the 1990s are sucked into their television set and suddenly find themselves trapped in a "Leave it to Beaver" style 1950's television show, complete with loving parents, old fashioned values, and an overwhelming amount of innocence and naiveté. Not sure how to get home, they integrate themselves into this "backwards" society and slowly bring some color to this black and white world. But as innocence fades, the two teens begin to wonder if their 90s outlook is really to be preferred.

Film is from **1998**
Rated **PG-13**

