

Dear Parents,

June 3, 2018

We will be going on an excursion to the Strathcona Wilderness Centre on **Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> 2018**. Students will participate in the Spring into Nature program, which prompts them to use their senses to explore and make discoveries in the Spring-time forest. Many children spend little time in a forest environment, and this allows them to do so safely, and in a fun, guided way. The program also plays in well with our Kindergarten learning, as we've been talking about the five senses, and how we use them to help us in our daily lives and to understand the world and each other.

Our field trip will run rain or shine, unless it is storming. Therefore, students must be prepared for conditions. Students should dress in layers so that they can add or remove them as needed. All students must wear sturdy, full shoes, or rubber boots... **no sandals, and no Crocs** (or the like). This is so that your child has the best foot protection, and is less likely to sustain toe, foot, or ankle injuries. Splash pants and/or rain jackets are also great options for this kind of outing.

Please send healthy snacks such as fruit, vegetables, cheese and crackers, yoghurt, granola bars, or sliced sausage. Yoghurt drinks are ideal for giving a bit more of a boost on a day like this, and water is great for hydration, but please do not send large water bottles. Use of sunscreen and/or insect repellent prior to departure from home is also good.

I can bring 2-3 volunteers. If you would like to assist, please email me.

The cost for this outing is \$15.10. The breakdown of costs is as follows: \$7.00 for programming, and \$8.10 for bussing. This can be paid through Power School, or via cash or cheque given to the office. This fee is based on participation by 21 students, and will fluctuate based on actual number of participants on the day of the event. **Your child may only participate if all fees have been paid, and there is no outstanding balance on your account.**

We will depart for the SWC promptly after the final bell and attendance (8:55), and return by noon. **All students will need to be picked up from school**, as we will arrive later than our regular dismissal time, and the home-time bus will not be available.

Looking forward to this fun outing!

Thank you for your ongoing support and assistance,

Miss Stocker