



Dear Grade Four Parents,

We have been given this wonderful opportunity to participate in the new program below which compliments our Science curriculum. Both Grade Four classes will participate in three visits to Strathcona Science Provincial Park on the same date, but at different times.

It is very important that your **child dresses for the weather** as we will be outdoors for these two hour adventures.

Each class will **require 3 supervisors**.

The program is free, but we will be paying for bussing. This cost will be added to your Term 2 Field trip costs.

Bussing		
Thursday	Jan. 9	\$3.00
Thursday	April 16	\$3.00
Thursday	June 11	\$3.00
	TOTAL	\$9.00

Please read the following information.

If you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher. Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Angela Prenslo, Miss Podoborzny, and Mrs. Lindbeck

******* We need 3 parents to join us as volunteer supervisors. Please indicate beside the date that you are able to volunteer and we will contact you. 4P will be attending 9:00- 11:00.**

_____ **January 9** _____ **April 16** _____ **June 11**

Name: _____





Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

We would like to inform you of a new program called “Wild Child-ECO-Buddies” being offered to your child’s school. This is a program of Sierra Club Canada Foundation that helps to connect children, youth, and families to nature since 2010. The mission of our Wild Child programs is to provide child-led, play-based learning through repeated exposure to nature, helping to foster a lasting relationship with the natural world.

Using the basics of play and discovery, ECO-Buddies is an innovative, holistic approach to environmental education to connect with nature and become eco-literate. This program enables children to learn about climate change and become responsible stewards of the land. Through outdoor activities, games, exploration, experiments, crafts, and conversation, children and teachers will apply concepts from the Alberta science curriculum to the ecosystem around them and learn how organisms in nature work together to build a healthy planet.

We include some time for free play in our programs because we believe that free play is essential for healthy child development and that children are learning as they unleash their imaginations in wild spaces. **Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor adventures!**

This program will take place at Strathcona Science Provincial Park, located south of the Yellowhead Highway and west of Anthony Henday Drive. Three visits over a period of five months (#1: January 9, #2: April 16 and #3: June 11), and an optional hands-on family tree planting event on an evening or weekend at the end of our program (TBD).

We are grateful to Edmonton Community Foundation for funding this program.

If you have any questions or wish to have more information on this program, please feel free to contact our Wild Child Project Coordinator or visit our website.

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