

April 22, 2013

Dear Parents of Division 7 and 8,

As a part of our Social Studies study of Government and to coincide with the upcoming provincial election, division 7 and 8 will be visiting the Parliament Buildings in Victoria on **May 22, 2013**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the students to see first-hand how and where government takes place. In addition, we will be touring the Royal BC Museum to learn about BC's history and to view their expansive Northwest Coast First Nations exhibit. We hope all students will be able to join us on this exciting field trip.

The schedule is as follows:

- **7:15 am** – We will meet and leave from the front of the school. We will travel by school bus to the Tsawwassen ferry terminal to catch the 9:00 ferry to Swartz Bay where another bus will take us to downtown Victoria.
- **11:15 am** – Upon arrival, we will eat lunch (**Students will bring a bagged lunch.**) at the Royal BC Museum.
- **11:45 am** – We will divide into small groups and complete a self-guided tour of the Royal BC Museum permanent displays. Students may bring cameras but flash photography is not permitted.
- **1:15 pm** – We will make our way to the BC Legislature Building for a guided tour at 1:30 pm.
- **2:30 pm** – In small groups, we will take a walk along the Inner Harbour and/or Government Street for some sightseeing.
- **3:30 pm** – A school bus will pick us up in Victoria to transport us back to the ferry terminal at Swartz Bay where we will board the 5:00 ferry back to Tsawwassen. **Please provide students with money to buy dinner on board the ferry or another packed meal.**
- **7:30 pm** – We will arrive back at the school and eagerly wait to tell our parents all that we've seen and learned. Please pick up your child on time at the school.

Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Pocrnic, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Patel will accompany the students on this trip as well as four parent volunteers. If you are interested in supervising a group of students for the most part of the day, your duties will include:

- Provide overall support by keeping students focused and safe during all aspects of the trip (including lunch and dinner).
- Be able to supervise a small group (5-6 students) on the ferry trip including outings to the outer decks.
- Provide direction for a self-guided tour in the Royal BC Museum to a small group (5-6 students).
- Refrain from distracting the students by talking during the guided tour of the Legislature.

We have fortunately secured a subsidy from the Provincial Capital Commission to help offset the cost of this trip. As well, our PAC has continued to generously provide funds toward class field trips. Therefore, the cost per student amounts to \$20. Please complete the form below and return it to school by **May 1, 2013** along with \$20. Please keep the top portion for reference.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Pocrnic and Mrs. Wagner

I hereby give my son/daughter, _____, permission to attend the field trip to the Legislature and the BC Royal Museum in Victoria, BC on May 22, 2013.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Phone Number

Child's weight (needed for ferry ride) _____

Medical concerns to be aware of for this trip include: _____

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Yes, I would like to help supervise on this field trip and understand the responsibilities.

Print your name

