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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Creating engaged, lifelong learners is an important part of Elmwood’s mission, and we believe that exploring the world outside the classroom is key. Therefore, we are excited to share our plans for the 2011 – 2012 school year with you. This year we will once again be offering our unique Camp Elmwood experience as well as variety of exciting grade trips. We appreciated all the feedback from students and parents about last year’s trips. They were a success and together we created many happy memories.

In addition to the educational benefits, we believe that Camp Elmwood, Grade Trips and March Break outings are key to building stronger relationships between girls in their respective grades as well as across grade levels. These trips are an essential part of the Elmwood experience. As such, our past trips have been very well attended, especially Camp Elmwood, which is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community as the new school year begins. It is our expectation that all girls from Grades 6 – 12 will join us again this year. You will find detailed information about Camp Elmwood included in this package.

We have worked with EF Educational Tours and their innovative curriculum team to create and customize Grade Trips that will allow our students to explore exciting cities in North America, while discovering real world examples of concepts studied in class. In addition, a March Break community service trip to India has been organized through Me to We, the travel branch of Free the Children, for Senior School students. Middle School students will also have the opportunity to participate in a trip over March Break—details will be provided in the Fall, please watch your email for more information.

This year we are sending the schedule, cost, and consent forms at the beginning of the summer to ensure that your family has time to incorporate these dates into your family calendar. A more detailed itinerary and packing lists will be distributed for each trip closer to the date of departure. If you have any questions, please contact us via email at fmarchand@elmwood.ca or akelly@elmwood.ca.

Grade	Destination	Date of Trip	Approximate Cost
6-12	Camp Elmwood	September 14-16, 2011	\$240
6	Kingston	May 16-18, 2012	\$620
7	Quebec City	February 1-3, 2012	\$540
8	Toronto	October 12-14, 2011	\$545
9	New York	April 17-20, 2012	\$790
10	Montreal	December 13-16, 2011	\$650
11	Washington D.C.	November 1-4, 2011	\$825
12	Shaw Festival	October 4-7, 2011	\$575
9-12	India	Approx. March 8 -22, 2012	\$4500

Sincerely,

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