



September 16, 2010

Dear Grade 5 Parents,

On September 30 – October 1 we plan to take our Grade 5 students to the Outdoor Education Centre (YMCA-YWCA) at Dunrobin for an overnight field trip. This annual event provides our students with exciting leadership and team-building opportunities. During the visit, the girls will participate in initiative games, outdoor living skills, low ropes, high ropes, climbing wall, orienteering and hiking. All activities are run by experienced YMCA staff and the girls will be accompanied by Elmwood faculty (Ms. Holmes and Ms. Wiegand) at all times.

The bus will leave Elmwood at 7:45 a.m. on September 30. We will return to school for regular dismissal on October 1. The cost of the trip is \$90.00 per student. **Please ensure that Ms. Holmes and Ms. Wiegand are fully aware of any medical and dietary requirements in writing in advance of the trip.** We will be providing parents with contact numbers so that you can reach us in case of emergency during the field trip.

A list of equipment required by each student is attached to this letter. **Students should not bring any money, electronic equipment (such as iPods, MP3 players, and digital cameras) or valuables of any kind.** Students may bring disposable cameras if they wish. All food is provided by the YMCA. We also ask parents not to send candies—again, treats will be provided during the trip, and this enables us to monitor for possible food allergies.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the trip. We request that the attached permission slips be returned to the school office by Friday, September 24.

Sincerely,

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