



September 24, 2010

Dear Parents and Students:

This year Elmwood students have been invited to attend We Day in Toronto on Thursday, September 30, 2010. We Day was created by Free the Children ([www.freethechildren.com](http://www.freethechildren.com)) to celebrate the power of young people to create positive change. It is a daylong event that ignites youth and provides them with energy to return home and take action on local and international issues. Numerous artists will be performing at We Day including Alexandre Bilodeau, Betty Williams, cast members from Degrassi, Cherie Blair, K'naan and many more. We Day is a one-of-a-kind event and we feel very fortunate to be able to offer this opportunity to the students of Elmwood.

We will depart from Elmwood on Wednesday, September 29 at 5:00 p.m. in order to be in Toronto for the 8:00 am registration on September 30 and the 8:45 am start of the event. The event ends at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 30 and the group will return to Elmwood by approximately 7:30 p.m. Students will be charged \$160 to cover the cost of the bus and hotel stay while in Toronto. Students will be responsible for purchasing their own meals and should bring enough money for two dinners, one lunch and one breakfast.

Students have been asked to write a maximum 250-word letter of intent explaining why they would like to attend We Day and how they will share their experience upon their return to Elmwood. There are 28 tickets available for students to attend the event. Priority will be given to members of the Free the Children Club and participants of the Me to We Community Service Trip from March 2010.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to experiencing this event with you daughter.

Sincerely,

Andrea Kelly  
Dean of Student Life, Senior School

Erin Derbyshire  
Middle School Athletic Director/Teacher



**Elmwood School Parent/Guardian Consent and Release Form (Over Night)**

for Excursion to We Day.

Date of Trip: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 – Thursday, September 30, 2010

Departure: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 5:00 pm Return: Thursday, September 30, 2010 7:30pm

Destination: We Day Concert, Air Canada Centre, Toronto, Ontario

Hotel Accommodations: The Strathcona Hotel, 60 York St., Toronto, ON

\*\* In the case of joint custody, BOTH parents must sign this Consent/Release form \*\*

**COST OF TRIP**

By my signature below, I allow Elmwood School to bill my account \$160 for the cost of this trip. **I understand that Elmwood School will incur fixed costs as a result of this commitment and accordingly there are no refunds in the event that my daughter is unable to participate.**

**MEDICAL INFORMATION and EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Condition(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Medication(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ontario Health Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE & TERMS OF PARTICIPATION**

By my signature below, I give my daughter of SLG/Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend We Day in Toronto on September 29 and 30, 2010.

I understand that all of Elmwood School's rules and policies (see Handbook) as well as any rules and directives established by those leading the trip remain in full force and effect for the duration of the trip.

By my signature below, I acknowledge and agree that I am solely responsible for any costs arising out of my daughter's breach of any of Elmwood School's rules and policies and/or any rules and directives established by those leading the trip and the resultant disciplinary actions, if any, whether occurring prior to or during the trip.

By my signature below, I further acknowledge and agree that in the event that my daughter breaches any of Elmwood School's rules and policies and/or any rules and directives established by those leading the trip while on the trip, Elmwood School may in its absolute discretion require that my daughter immediately return home and any expenses related to such a return (including without limitation travel, including travel of an adult to accompany my daughter, and any outstanding trip expenses) will be my sole responsibility.

## **RELEASE AND INDEMNITY**

In consideration of my daughter being permitted to participate in We Day ("the trip"), I do for myself, my daughter, my spouse and our respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, agree as follows:

I acknowledge and accept that participation in the trip may expose my daughter to unspecified risks and hazards, which are inherent in such trips, including without limitation, the method of transportation for the trip, my daughter's participation in all travel activities and programs incidental to the trip, including without limitation, participation in tours, cultural events, athletic events, sightseeing, recreational and entertainment events, whether or not they have been fully explained to me in advance, including without limitation, the use by my daughter of various methods of transportation, all of which I expressly and voluntarily assume.

*Furthermore, I acknowledge and accept that my daughter will not be under the direct supervision and control of Elmwood School staff or other trip volunteers at all times during the trip. As such, I agree that the conduct of our daughter during unsupervised times and any consequences flowing from such conduct is solely the responsibility of my daughter. [Note: include this paragraph only if activity is "on-site supervision" or "in-the-area supervision" activity (i.e., remove if it is "constant visual supervision" activity)]*

By my signature below, I do for myself, my daughter, my spouse and our respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE Elmwood School Inc. and its respective officers, partners, agents, employees, servants, representatives, successors and assigns ("the Releasees") OF AND FROM any and all actions, causes of actions, complaints, demands and claims whatsoever in existence prior to on or after the date hereof whether in law or in equity, in respect of death, injury, loss or damage to my daughter's person or my person or property HOWSOEVER CAUSED, arising or to arise by reason of my daughter's participation in the activities contemplated herein except to the extent that same are directly caused by the gross negligence of Elmwood School Inc. or its respective officers, partners, agents, employees, servants, representatives, successors and assigns. I FURTHER UNDERTAKE TO

HOLD AND SAVE HARMLESS AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY all the aforesaid from and against any and all liability incurred by any or all of them arising as a result of or in any way connected to my daughter's participation in the activities contemplated herein.

By my signature below, I also agree and undertake not to make any claim or take any proceedings against the Releasees set out above, or any other person or corporation which might claim contribution or indemnity under the provisions of any statute or otherwise from the Releasees set out above.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONSENT**

In the event of an emergency, Elmwood School requires parental consent in order to consent to the medical treatment or surgery of the student. Elmwood School will use reasonable efforts to contact the parent(s) prior to consenting to medical treatment for the student and the parent(s) acknowledge and agree that the need for an immediate decision regarding medical treatment for the student may make such contact impossible.

Accordingly, I, by my signature below, hereby authorize and give my express consent to the Head of Elmwood School, or her delegate, to act in loco parentis and in that capacity to consent to medical treatment or surgery for the student based on the advice of the attending physician who considers immediate medical treatment or surgery to be a necessity.

In addition, by my signature below, I hereby authorize and give my express consent to the Head of Elmwood School, or her delegate, to seek and obtain any and all medical interventions that may be reasonably required to ensure the safety and well being of my daughter while on the trip.

**I have read all of the foregoing carefully and by my signature agree to be bound by all aspects of the foregoing.**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to Ms. Kelly by Monday, September 27, 2010.**