



February 8, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians of Division 4 & 13

Our Grade 3 & 4 classes will be going on a field trip to **Grouse Mountain** on **Friday, March 1st 2024** to participate in the *Wildlife Education Program*. This program is designed to enrich your child's learning with knowledge of the Pacific Northwest First Nations culture. The cost is **\$46** per student. In order for your child to participate, please complete, sign and return the attached consent and waiver form, along with your payment by **Thursday February 15th**. Please make cheques payable to Devon Gardens Elementary or provide exact change of the amount owing. For our fieldtrip to **Grouse Mountain**, we will be travelling to and from our destination on a Third Wave bus. We will also travel up/down the mountain on the gondola and engaging in three different guided learning activities while on the mountain.

Firstly, we will explore how wildlife adapt to their environments. Through hands-on activities, students will learn about some of Grouse Mountain's most fascinating animals and how they adapt to escape predators, find food, and survive the changing seasons. Secondly, we will be discovering the mountain through a guided outdoor tour. Lastly, students will interactively discover traditional First Nations customs, legends, dances and rich history in the Hiwus Feasthouse, an authentic Pacific Northwest Coastal Longhouse.

Please ensure students are dressed in winter appropriate attire including snow pants, snow jacket, water proof boots, gloves, toques, scarves, etc. Please complete the consent and waiver forms carefully and accurately.

FIELD TRIP DETAILS:

7:40 am	Students meet in the gym at Devon Gardens
8:00 am	Departure from Devon Gardens Elementary
9:30 am (approx.)	Approximate Arrival at Grouse Mountain
9:45 am	Skyride to Alpine Station
10:00am – 2:15pm	Outdoor activities
2:30 pm	Depart from Grouse Mountain
4:00 pm (approx.)	Arrival back at Devon Gardens, depending on traffic.

Students and parent volunteers should bring a bagged lunch. We encourage lunches be packed conservatively, as participants of the field trip must carry their bags/backpack with them throughout the day. Therefore, please also consider providing your child with a small light-weight drawstring backpack for ease of carrying.

As mentioned above, we will be travelling by bus, if you would like to be a parent volunteer (to supervise and participate in all of the activities) please complete the appropriate section on the attached consent form. If we have more volunteers than needed, we will draw names and you will be advised. Due to the nature of this field trip, siblings cannot be accommodated.

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INCLUDED WITH THIS PACKAGE (in order to secure our numbers for the field trip, all forms MUST be filled in and returned by THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th 2024):

- *Delta School District Consent and Waiver Form; this needs to be initialed on all relevant lines and signed by both guardian parents and witnessed by an adult (parents may witness one another's signature). We've updated the waiver to include the new date.*
- ***Please ensure that you read all the carefully and have initialed/signed all areas, as requested to avoid having incomplete forms returned to you.***

PLEASE SEE PACKING LIST ON NEXT PAGE ...

PACKING LIST:

It is recommended that your child dress for snow and cold weather. Please have your child bring a daypack (backpack) with the following items:

- ☐ Boots
- ☐ Winter coat
- ☐ Warm hat and gloves
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Lunch & snacks (no nuts, onion, egg or shellfish)
- ☐ any medications your child requires (epi pen, inhaler, etc..), along with instructions, in a ziploc bag labelled with your child’s name – *to be given to the teacher*
- ☐ 2 large garbage bags (for dirty/wet clothes)

SAFETY AND SUPERVISION:

Students will be supervised by Devon Gardens staff as well as and parent volunteers.

Should you have any questions, please contact one of us.

Sincerely,

Mme Bal & Ms. Arjun

----- PLEASE RETURN BY **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024** -----

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

- ☐ I have included \$46.00 to cover the cost of the field trip (***please make cheques payable to Devon Gardens Elementary***)
- ☐ I, _____, am willing to be a parent volunteer.

Phone number: _____

Signature: _____