

WASHINGTON, D.C. INTEREST SURVEY

It is that time of year again to begin planning our annual 5th Grade Washington, D.C. trip. Each year we create a packet of information to present to our learning superintendent to ask permission to take this trip. We must get permission for our trip and it is our learning superintendent's decision as to whether or not it will take place. Part of the information we send is the number of students and chaperones interested in attending this trip. We wanted to get an idea now of who wanted to participate in this trip. Also, we are not allowed to collect any money until the trip is approved.

A) Cost and Due Dates: The cost of the trip is \$447 for students and \$483 for chaperones. This includes lunch on Tuesday, hotel accommodations with a continental breakfast, motor coaches, entry fees to attractions and tour directors on each motor coach. Students and chaperones will need to bring additional money for 3 lunches and 4 dinners (approximately \$90).

- **October 10:** A non-refundable deposit of \$50 per person plus the first installment of \$100 for students and \$110 for chaperones for a total of \$150 for students and \$160 for chaperones.
- **November 14:** An installment of \$150 for students and \$160 for chaperones. (Pvt. Room installment \$135)
- **December 12:** The balance of \$147 for students and \$163 for chaperones. (Pvt. Room balance \$135)

B) Dates for Washington, DC Trip: This is a four day, three-night trip. The dates would be Feb. 5-8, 2019. We see many attractions including, but not limited to, Monticello, Montpelier, Lincoln Memorial, the Capitol Building, etc.

C) CHAPERONES: We need chaperones to help us with this trip. Last year we had approximately 80 chaperones for 118 children. We wanted to give you some key information to help you decide if you want to chaperone:

- 1) You must be a registered volunteer with CMS to chaperone. If you have not registered, you can go to www.cms.k12.nc.us and go under volunteers. **We need all chaperones registered by the time of the deposit.**
- 2) If you are the **opposite** gender of your child, you have three options. 1) You may pay for a private room (additional \$270). 2) You would not room with your child and, instead, you would stay in a room with children/other adults who are your gender and your child would do the same. 3) A mom/son could room with another mom/son and dad/daughter could room with another dad/daughter. This option only works if we have even numbers who want to do this and if they sign a special CMS form. If you are the same gender as your child, you would room with them and other children/adults of the same gender. **A private room is not an option if you are the same gender as your child.**
- 3) You may be chaperoning 2-3 children including your own. **If you are attending this trip, you are considered a chaperone.**
- 4) This is a very physical and long trip. We leave Bain at 6:00 AM and do not arrive to the hotel that first night until between 9-10 PM. The other days are also very full. We do LOTS of walking. We wanted to be upfront about the rigor of this trip because it can be very strenuous and stressful.

5) Please do not make rooming requests. We begin assigning rooms based on homeroom classes and only go across classes if needed. We have so many students and parents that usually attend this trip that it would be impossible to grant special requests. One more quick tip...it is better to have both parents registered just in case something happens and the intended chaperone cannot go.

D) FUNDRAISING: We have many parents ask us about fundraising and there are some strict guidelines. We plan to have a meeting soon to give parents information. We will send home a letter informing you of this meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Hayes in room 200. Please return the second page to school by Thursday, September 6, 2018.

STUDENT'S NAME _____ Due Date: 9-6-18

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Parents, remember this is just an interest survey. ***It helps us with planning but this is not a commitment.***
The commitment will come if you pay a deposit and installment 1.

A) Student Interest

_____ Yes, I am interested in sending my child on this trip.

_____ No, I am not interested in sending my child on this trip.

B) Chaperones

1) _____ Yes, I am interested in chaperoning this trip.

Chaperone's Name _____

2) Choose one of the following:

_____ I have already registered as a volunteer.

_____ I have not registered as a volunteer and will do so immediately.

C) Rooming interest if the chaperone is the opposite gender of their child.

I am the **opposite gender** of my child. I plan to:

a) _____ Pay extra for a private room. Cost is \$270 in addition to student and chaperone prices.

b) _____ I will room with children/adults of my same gender and my child will do the same.

c) _____ I am a mom with a son and would like to room with another mother and her son or I am a father with a daughter and would like to room with another father and his daughter. ***I understand I still cannot request who my roommate will be.*** I will also have to sign a special form in order to do this. ***This option would only be available if we have an even number of families that wish to do this. This cannot be guaranteed.***

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Parent Signature _____