



November 3, 2011

Dear Parents,

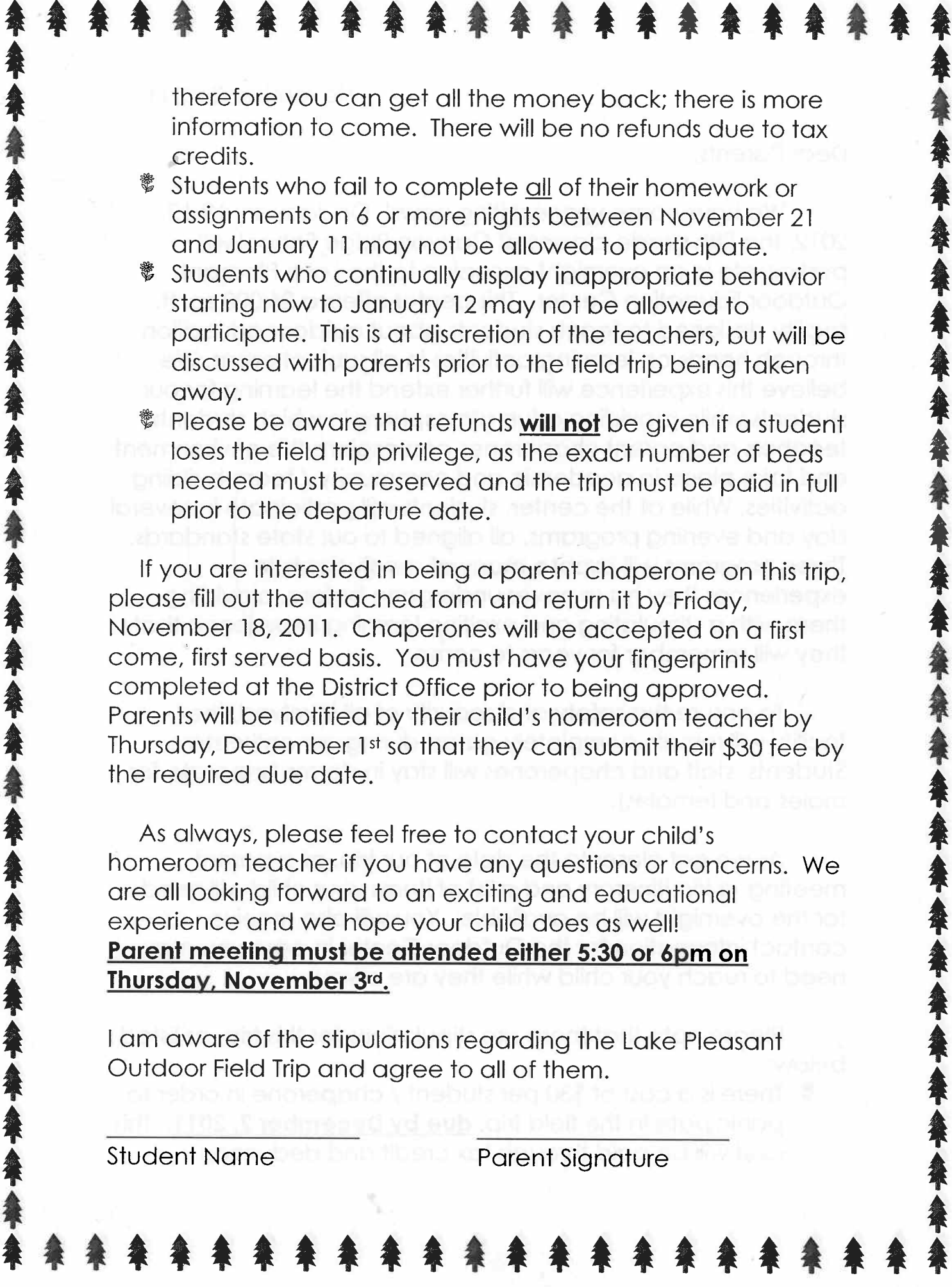
We have some **very** exciting news! On January 12-13, 2012, the fifth grade classes at Canyon Ridge School will participate in an overnight excursion to the Lake Pleasant Outdoor Education Center. This center offers a 26,000 sq. ft. facility designed to teach students about outdoor education through hands-on learning activities in all subject areas. We believe this experience will further extend the learning for our students while providing a fun atmosphere in which students, teachers and parent chaperones can explore the environment and take place in academic and community / team-building activities. While at the center, students will participate in several day and evening programs, all aligned to our state standards. These programs will expose many of our students to experiences they have never undergone before, providing them with a stimulating and exciting learning experience that they will remember for years to come.

To ensure the safety and security of all involved, the facility will remain completely gated during our entire stay. Students, staff and chaperones will stay in dorms (separate for males and females).

As we get closer to the date of our trip, at a parent meeting, a trip itinerary and a list of items your child will need for the overnight will be available. You will also receive contact information for the Outdoor Center in case you may need to reach your child while they are away.

Please note that there are stipulations for this trip, as listed below:

- There is a cost of \$30 per student / chaperone in order to participate in the field trip, **due by December 2, 2011**. This cost will be paid through tax credit and deduction



therefore you can get all the money back; there is more information to come. There will be no refunds due to tax credits.

- ✿ Students who fail to complete all of their homework or assignments on 6 or more nights between November 21 and January 11 may not be allowed to participate.
- ✿ Students who continually display inappropriate behavior starting now to January 12 may not be allowed to participate. This is at discretion of the teachers, but will be discussed with parents prior to the field trip being taken away.
- ✿ Please be aware that refunds **will not** be given if a student loses the field trip privilege, as the exact number of beds needed must be reserved and the trip must be paid in full prior to the departure date.

If you are interested in being a parent chaperone on this trip, please fill out the attached form and return it by Friday, November 18, 2011. Chaperones will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. You must have your fingerprints completed at the District Office prior to being approved. Parents will be notified by their child's homeroom teacher by Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> so that they can submit their \$30 fee by the required due date.

As always, please feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We are all looking forward to an exciting and educational experience and we hope your child does as well!

**Parent meeting must be attended either 5:30 or 6pm on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

I am aware of the stipulations regarding the Lake Pleasant Outdoor Field Trip and agree to all of them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

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

Yes, I am interested in being a parent chaperone for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade overnight to the Lake Pleasant Outdoor Education Center!

- ✿ I understand that I will have to devote the entire day on both January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and that I will be required to stay with the students overnight.
- ✿ I understand that while on the field trip, I will take responsibility for a group of approximately 5 students.
- ✿ I understand that other children, including younger and older siblings, will not be able to attend the trip with me and my 5<sup>th</sup> grade child.
- ✿ I understand that I will be required to ride the bus with the students unless asked by my child's teacher to drive my own vehicle.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number/s:

If you are interested in chaperoning, parents must fill out the necessary paperwork ahead of time (application, medical questionnaire, confidentiality agreement and orientation/handbook requirement form). Please download the application from the Dysart webpage so you are filling out the most up-to-date/complete application. You can view the orientation video and read the handbook from the same webpage - [www.Dysart.org](http://www.Dysart.org), Departments, Community Education, and Volunteer in a school.

Once you have completed all of the above, please contact Sharon Boersma to set up a fingerprint appointment. The fingerprint schedule is VERY busy, so please **make an appointment** as she will not be able to accommodate those without one. Also, fingerprint results have been coming back rather slow; the last batch took 4 weeks so it is crucial that you get your fingerprints done ASAP.

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