Dear Parents,

 The Grade 5 students have an exciting end of the year field trip scheduled for **May 23rd**. We will be visiting **The Mystic Aquarium**. The boys and girls will participate in a variety of activities including a tour of the aquarium, a 4D movie and a class on Belugas/Echolocation.

 The cost of the bus and admission to the Aquarium, for the students, has been fully funded by the generosity of the Fifth Grade Moving Up Committee.

We are in need of **4 chaperones per class**. Chaperones will be expected to travel with the class on the coach bus. The cost for each **chaperone** has been subsidized by our MUC and will be **$9.50**. This includes the bus, admission to the aquarium, the Beluga/Echolocation class and the 4D movie. If you are interested in being a chaperone, please check the box on the attached permission slip. At this time we only need your response. Once all permission slips have been returned, chaperones will be assigned. Should we receive more than 4 responses per class, chaperones will be selected through a lottery. Once chaperones have been confirmed, a letter will be sent requesting payment.

Any parents who volunteered to chaperone but were not selected, and any otherparents planning to join us at the aquarium can do so for the cost of **$16.50** (admission to the aquarium only) or **$19.50** (admission to the aquarium and the 4D movie.) There is no cost to adults to attend the class. There will also be a limited number of seats remaining on the bus for parents who prefer not to take their own transportation. These seats will be available on a first come first serve basis. Please indicate your choice on the permission slip. **All parents taking their own transportation must arrive on time to enter with the group. We must all enter together to get the discounted parent rate.** (Regular admission is $34.99 pp) Please do not send money in yet. A second letter will follow to collect admission fees.

All students and chaperones traveling by bus must **arrive at Jennings School by 7:15** a.m. for a **7:30 departure**. We are scheduled to arrive at the aquarium and enter at **9:30.** We will depart from the aquarium at **2:30** and anticipate returning to Jennings School by approximately **4:30 p.m.** Please indicate on the permission slip how your child will go home after we return to school.

Students and parents must bring a **NUT-FREE,** **disposable lunch**, labeled with their first and last names and their class. We will eat lunch in the picnic area outside of the aquarium.

We are all looking forward to this very exciting trip!

 Sincerely

 The Fifth Grade Teachers

Mystic Aquarium Field Trip Permission Slip

**Please complete and return by Friday, May 12th.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes,** mychild \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend the trip to the Mystic Aquarium on May 23, 2017

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No,** mychild \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will not attend the trip to the Mystic Aquarium on May 23, 2017.

Upon return to Jennings School, my child will;

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_walk home by himself/herself

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_go home with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_will be picked up by me

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Parents**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I will not be able to attend this trip

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Yes**, I would like to attend the trip, and I am interested in being a chaperone. I understand that I will need to travel with the class on the coach bus.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Yes**, I would like to attend the trip. I am not interested in chaperoning, but I am interested in traveling with the class on the on the coach bus if seats permit.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Yes**, I would like to attend the trip. I will be taking my own transportation. I understand that I must enter with the group to receive the discounted parent rate.

*(Please do not send in any money at this time. Money from chaperones and other parents attending will be collected at a later date.)*