



Dear 6th grade Parents,

Your children are amazing and we are thrilled to work with them this year. Their role as leaders at our school is very important to our success. We are already experiencing growth and leadership from your children in just these few short weeks.

One of the culminating experiences at our school for the 6th graders is our end of year fieldtrip. You have received an information packet that outlines the specifics of this year's trip. This letter is a formal invitation from the Upper Elementary teaching staff to encourage your support of this trip for your child. These "going out" experiences are life-changing opportunities and are a very important part of the Montessori curriculum. Our staff and parent volunteers have worked diligently to prepare a wonderful trip for your child and we are thrilled to share this opportunity with them. **This year our trip will be April 24th – April 29th, 2016 and we will be at the Alliance Redwoods Conference Center in Occidental, California.**

We will be providing opportunities for the 6th graders to fundraise the majority of their fees for this trip. Last year, the 6th grade students raised the majority of all the fees for the entire group and we would like to repeat this again for your child. One of the most powerful experiences for the students in previous years was the sense of accomplishment from raising their own funds. **We are asking that each family contribute \$200.00 towards their child's trip.** We encourage you to have your child earn these funds so he/she feels a sense of achievement and gratitude. We would like to receive this payment by **November 20, 2015.**

We will also have slots for 8-10 chaperones depending on the number of students attending. On average, we will have a total of 18 teachers and chaperones for this trip. In order to be fair to all our parents who would like to attend, we will be holding personal interviews for these slots. Each parent that would like to be considered for a chaperone slot will need to provide Ms. Stephanie an **email formally stating your intent by October 1st.**

All chaperones will be required to pay for their trip in full by December 15th, 2015. The cost of the chaperone's trip is \$500.00. This is a non-refundable fee. Please fill out the attached form to indicate if your child will be attending this trip. **Return this form to the main office by September 25, 2015.**

I am thrilled that we will be able to offer this opportunity to your child. Thank you for your support and willingness to share your child with us for this important year of their school career.

Sincerely,

Ms. Stephanie
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My child _____ will be attending the end of year 6th grade field trip to Alliance Redwoods. I understand that the due date for our contribution of \$200.00 is due November 20, 2015 and this is a non-refundable fee. I also will support my child in their fundraising efforts that MMA will help provide. I understand that my child be exempt from this trip if she/he has accrued 2 or more discipline incidents and that all funds will be forfeited due to this misconduct.

Parent Signature

Date