



2019-2020 Impromptu Walking Field Trips Informed Consent

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The education of students is not confined to the four walls of the classroom. Teachers enhance their curriculum with field trips outside the classroom. As a parent or guardian, your consent is required for impromptu walking field trips.

Impromptu walking field trips are often spontaneous, taking advantage of the weather or to collect or to see something in the community. Such field trips may include, but are not limited to the following;

- Environmental clean up
- Sketching lessons
- Observing local animals & plants
- Walks using senses to observe season changes
- Collecting fall leaves, etc for science or art
- Visit local businesses, art galleries, events, etc
- Environmental enhancement e.g. gardening
- Use of local community trails, beach, playgrounds, parks, tennis court

SUPERVISION: The teacher will directly supervise impromptu walking field trips. Depending on the grade level and the nature of the activity, additional supervision may be provided by teachers, school aides, or parent volunteers who meet the supervision requirements outlined by our District Field Trip Policy.

RISK REDUCTION: Teachers will discuss behavioural expectations with students and take the appropriate safety precautions before embarking on the impromptu walking field trip to minimize risk and to enhance the safety of each student. In case of emergency, cellular phones and basic first aid packs are taken or easily accessed on impromptu walking field trips. For students with life-threatening medical conditions, their emergency procedure plans/medical supplies will be carried by the classroom teacher.

While on any field trip, it is important for students to remember that they are on a school outing and behavioural expectations are consistent with all school rules.

By completing the attached form in advance, Harrison Hot Springs Elementary and the classroom teacher are seeking informed consent for your child to participate in impromptu walking field trips within our school community. Walking field trips are optional and alternate arrangements will be made for students who do not participate. Please feel free to talk to the classroom teacher if you require further information.

Sincerely,

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