

September 20, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to be offering the Outdoor Education program again this year, to all grade 4, 5 and 6 students. Outdoor Education is part of your child's assessment and reporting this year and is an integral part of your child's curricular knowledge and understanding in all subjects. Specifically this will be shown in their Health mark. We will be developing our understandings of the Social Emotional Competencies of: Self-Awareness, Social Awareness, Group Decision Making and how life events shape us. We have designed a progression that will deepen and extend learning each year through various activities such as: hiking, snowshoeing and outdoor survival skills to teach curricular outcomes. This results in a rich learning environment that stimulates and challenges students. By fostering awareness and reflection in nature, students will experience the mental, emotional, academic, physical and social benefits of being outside.

I have attached a learning progression if you are interested in reading further about the design and rationale for this program.

This program does not have any fees associated with it. The attached equipment list includes many of the important clothing items that make the trips safe and comfortable for your child. If your child does not have an important item (such as synthetic base layers) they are available at Costco and Walmart for a reasonable price. We will also have an inventory of clothing that can be borrowed from the school. Please let me know if you need anything.

On October 11 from 7:00-8:30pm we will be having a Outdoor Education Information night and screening of the Documentary Project Wild Thing. We will go over proper equipment, program progression and risk mitigation. The documentary is an inspiring and hilarious look at how and why we should take students outside. (<https://vimeo.com/68072823>)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me by email at lemphersr@fsd38.ab.ca

Sincerely,

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Trip Dates and Locations

Note: Trip locations may change based on the weather and swimming schedule

4 Ellis

October 11 afternoon - Half day near school

November 16 - Full day hike at Ann and Sandy Cross Nature Conservation Area

December 21 morning - Half day Snowshoe near school

February 15 afternoon - Half day snowshoe in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

April 11 - Full day Outdoor Skills in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

May 16 - Full day hike at Bluerock Wildland Provincial Park, High Noon Hills

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October 5, morning - Half day near school

November 1 - Full day hike at Ann and Sandy Cross Nature Conservation Area

January 17 afternoon - Half day Snowshoe near school

February 28 morning - Half day snowshoe in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

March 21 - Full day Outdoor Skills in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

May 3 - Full day hike at Bluerock Wildland Provincial Park, High Noon Hills

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October 5 afternoon - Half day near school

November 2 - Full day hike at Ann and Sandy Cross Nature Conservation Area

January 11 morning - Half day Snowshoe near school

February 28 afternoon - Half day snowshoe in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

March 28 - Full day Outdoor Skills in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

May 9 - Full day hike at Bluerock Wildland Provincial Park, High Noon Hills

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October 11 morning - Half day near school

November 8 - Full day hike at Ann and Sandy Cross Nature Conservation Area

December 21 afternoon - Half day Snowshoe near school

February 15 morning- Half day snowshoe in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

April 4 - Full day Outdoor Skills in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

May 23 - Full day hike at Bluerock Wildland Provincial Park, High Noon Hills

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October 12 afternoon - Half day near school

November 15 - Full day hike at Bluerock Wildland Provincial Park,

January 11 afternoon - Half day Snowshoe near school

February 8 - Full day snowshoe in Sheep River Provincial Park

March 29 - Full day - Outdoor Skills in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

May 24 - Full day hike, Sheep River Provincial Park, Sandy McNabb Hill

5 Genge

October 12 morning - Half day near school

November 22 - Full day hike at Bluerock Wildland Provincial Park

January 18 morning - Half day Snowshoe near school

January 25 - Full day snowshoe in Sheep River Provincial Park

March 22 - Full day - Outdoor Skills in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

May 17 - Full day hike, Sheep River Provincial Park, Sandy McNabb Hill

5 Cruise

October 19, morning - Half day near school

December 6 - Full day hike at Bluerock Wildland Provincial Park, Windy Point

January 18 afternoon - Half day Snowshoe near school

February 1 - Full day- snowshoe in Sheep River Provincial Park

April 5 - Full day- Outdoor Skills in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

May 10 - Full day hike, Sheep River Provincial Park, Sandy McNabb Hill

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October 25 afternoon - Half day near school

December 7 - Full day hike at Bluerock Wildland Provincial Park, Windy Point

January 17 morning - Half day Snowshoe near school

February 14 - Full day snowshoe in Sheep River Provincial Park

April 26 - Full day Outdoor Skills in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

June 1-2 - Grade 6 Camping Trip Sandy McNabb Campground and Provincial Park

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October 25 morning - Half day near school

November 30 - Full day hike at Bluerock Wildland Provincial Park, Windy Point

January 10 morning - Half day Snowshoe near school

January 31 - Full day snowshoe in Sheep River Provincial Park

April 12 - Full day Outdoor Skills in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

June 1-2 - Grade 6 Camping Trip Sandy McNabb Campground and Provincial Park

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October 19 afternoon - Half day near school

November 29 - Full day hike at Bluerock Wildland Provincial Park, Windy Point

January 10 afternoon - Half day Snowshoe near school

February 7 - Full day snowshoe in Sheep River Provincial Park

April 25 - Full day Outdoor Skills in Okotoks River Valley Trail System

June 1-2 - Grade 6 Camping Trip Sandy McNabb Campground and Provincial Park