

April, 2010

Dear Parents of Sixth Graders,

The plans for our trip to Oslo are being finalized and the itineraries are packed with activities.

Our departure is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5th from Sola Airport. The group will fly on Norwegian flight DY 521 at 6:50. Please be at the airport by 5:45 so that we can take attendance and check in. Please ensure that your child brings a school ID (lunch card) which will be used for identification purposes when checking in with the airline. We will spend the night at Cochs Pensjonat, (telephone 22 33 24 00) and return on Thursday, May 6th on Norwegian flight 538 landing at 19:50.

Please pack a breakfast for Thursday morning and lunch for Thursday noon. These convenient meals are a necessity for keeping to our timetable of events. It may be wise to send a small, empty container for water since the day will get long and students often need extra water on the trip. However, if you do this, remember that your child's backpack will go through security and liquids are not allowed. If you prefer, we can make sure that the students have time to buy bottles of water when we arrive in Oslo. Please limit the snacks and candy you send, so that your child doesn't have too much sugar. A suggested checklist of items to bring is attached.

Each student should bring raingear and something warm. The weather may be sunny and bright, but if it is cold and/or rainy, we will continue with the itinerary as planned. We will be walking a great deal, so each student should have a comfortable pair of shoes. Please send a note if your child will require any medicine during the trip. If there are any special concerns regarding your child of which we should be aware, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The chaperones for the trip will be Mr. Armstrong and Ms. Maren Miller with the Artists group, Ms. Wallace, Mr. Stoelting and Ms. Uddenberg with the Scientists, and Mr. Catanzaro and Ms. Lakin-Miller with the Explorers.

Last year the cost of this trip was just over 2200 nok per student. We are working to find deals and lower our costs from last year. The business manager will be sending you a final giro which can be paid either online or at your bank.

Students are expected to be fine representatives of their family, school and country. We base the fine workings of past trips on the trust and cooperation of the students. The talk you have with your child concerning cooperation is one that will make the trip more enjoyable for everyone. Sixth graders have been well received in Oslo in past years and museum curators are pleased when we return and often comment on the excellent behavior of our students.

We hope to make our visit as worthwhile and enjoyable as possible. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us. We are looking forward to a great trip.

Sincerely,

The Sixth Grade Team