

September 7, 2017

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents,

The seventh grade teachers and administrators are excited to inform you about our annual class trip to the North Carolina Outer Banks. The trip is scheduled for March 26 - 29, 2018, and is being arranged by Group Travel, LLC, in Hickory, North Carolina.

The students will be transported by motor coach to the Outer Banks on the evening of March 26<sup>th</sup>. We will leave school around 11:00 PM and drive all night to reach the Outer Banks by Wednesday morning. Tour guides and RRMS faculty, as well as parent chaperones, if needed, will accompany the students on each bus. Students will then spend three days and two nights visiting various sites in the Outer Banks. Some of the sights will include:

- Wright Brothers National Memorial (historic site where the first airplane flight took place)
- Fort Raleigh (site of the Lost Colony of Roanoke)
- Jockey's Ridge State Park (home of the largest moving sand dune on the East Coast)
- Elizabeth II State Historic Site (replica of 1600's sailing vessel and interactive museum)
- Bodie Island, Cape Hatteras, and Ocracoke Island lighthouses
- Ocracoke Island school, British cemetery, and wild pony lots
- North Carolina aquarium in Manteo, NC
- Ferry rides to Ocracoke Island and Cedar Island
- Carolina Ocean Studies program
- Evening activities include souvenir shopping

The cost of the trip is \$515. This price is all-inclusive; it includes accommodations for two nights in a hotel, all meals, round-trip motor coach transportation, security guards in the hotels throughout the nights, admission to attractions, and ferry rides.

Payments need to be made to Group Travel, LLC, in five installments. The payment needs to be postmarked to Group Travel by the following dates:

**September 29 -- \$75**

**October 27 -- \$110**

**December 01 -- \$110**

**January 26 -- \$110**

**March 02 --\$110**

All payments are to be mailed to Group Travel, LLC (see attached payment slips). Payments may be made by check or money order. **The fee for late payments is \$25 for each late payment.** There will be a \$25 returned check fee for any payments that do not clear the bank. **A non-refundable deposit of \$75** is included in the first payment. Within 30 days of the trip (February 26<sup>th</sup>), no refund will be made for students who are unable to go on the trip for **any reason** (discipline, chooses not to go, etc.). On or before February 26, 2017, Group Travel will refund any individual cancellations, **minus the \$75 deposit.**

Advance payments may be made at any time, in any amount. Account balances must be current with the above-mentioned payment dates, or the \$25 late fee must be imposed. Accounts must be paid in full and all checks cleared by March 15<sup>th</sup>, or your student will not be able to travel and no fees will be refunded.

In order for your child to be eligible to go on the trip, he/she must comply with the school behavior criteria. This includes: (1) **no** out of school suspensions, (2) no more than three full days in Behavior Intervention (any partial days assigned by the administrator will be totaled and included as part of the three full days), (3) no drug, alcohol, weapons, stealing, or fighting violations, and (4) adherence to all school and district policies for both in-school and out of school activities (please see attached Travel Contract). In addition, each child who wishes to go on this trip must return all required information and permission forms.

We hope your child will be able to participate in this educational and fun trip. If you have any questions, please contact Shana Hannibal at 981-1500 between 11:30 and 1:15 or email [shannibal@rhmail.org](mailto:shannibal@rhmail.org)

Paper work needs to be turn into Mrs. Hannibal (**Team 7-3**), Mrs. Ashworth (**Team 7-2**), or Mrs. Burlimachi (**Team 7-1**). Also, if you would like to serve as a parent chaperone, please send a note with your child to his/her contact teacher. The number of chaperones will depend on the number of students going on the trip, and is often not confirmed until mid February. Parent chaperones will be asked to pay the full price of \$515.

If you lose any of the attached paperwork, you can download it from the school's website before the final due date. Just look for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Info link.