

October 27, 2011

Dear Parents,

On Friday, November 11, 2011 the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades will have a wonderful opportunity to take a field trip to the School of Economics in Blue Springs, Missouri. Below is an overview of the day:

As the students enter The School of Economics, they will be ushered into a large room with signs written in foreign language. This room symbolizes Ellis Island, the place most immigrants experienced as their first taste of America at the turn of the Century. While in Ellis Island the students will experience what immigrants went through as they passed through immigration.

Once all immigrants have passed through immigration, they will be seated on the floor in the front room to hear the welcoming speech from the Mayor of New York City. Students will then be given an overview of the day. The doors to the back room will then be opened to reveal the neighborhoods of New York City. All immigrants will report to their shops to start their work day.

The students will get two breaks during the day. They will need to cash their paychecks, buy and eat their lunch, and buy souvenirs from different neighborhoods. The main goal of each shop is to pay off their shop's loan and make a profit. If their loan is paid off and they've made a profit, the shop owner will receive a profit/auction ticket at the closing meeting.

Each neighborhood will have one shop. This shop will offer a variety of food and craft service items. During the simulation some decision-making will have to take place as the students try to determine the best price for their products.

Listed below are the regions of the world represented by "neighborhoods" in this simulation:

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| • Western Africa | • Egypt |
| • City/Hall/USA | • Orient |
| • Ireland | • Pacific Islands |
| • Latin America | • Scandinavia |
| • Mediterranean | • Western Europe |

Besides the neighborhood shops, this simulation will also have the following:

- NYC Bank
- CPA Firm

Some things you need to know:

1. Cost of the activity is \$12. PTS is going to pay for the entire fee. Thank you PTS!!!
2. **The bus will leave at 6:00 AM sharp. That means the students need to be here at 5:45 a.m.**
3. Bathroom break will be given on the way down at the rest stop on the south side of Cameron.
4. Remember that the school dress policy applies to field trips. Be sure to watch the weather for appropriate clothing.
5. **Students may NOT bring electronic devices (ie. IPODS, DVD players, electronic games). Students should be careful when choosing what to**

bring on the trip as all items will be left on the bus during the day.

Teachers and staff are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

6. The only money students need to bring is for snack/light dinner. They will be responsible for keeping their own money. We will be stopping at McDonalds at Cameron on the way home.
7. Our approximate return time will be 6:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. We will call using the Global Connect system to update our return time.
8. It is going to be a long day for the students. The school of economics has a long waiting list and we were just lucky enough to get a day. Thankfully this year we had an opportunity to have a Friday.
9. Below are the rules for field trips. We will review those with students at school. Please review those with your child also.

Field Trip/Field Day

- Use kind words
- Listen and follow directions
- Hands and feet to yourself
- Use objects appropriately
- Wait your turn
- Be safe Stay with your group
- Dress appropriately for activity
- Use appropriate voice for activity
- Keep track of personal items
- Do your best
- Keep a positive attitude
- Walk when moving between activities

The next few weeks we will be working at school to prepare for our trip. Students will be working in multi-grade groups in their neighborhoods. Be sure to ask your students all about what is going on.

Please sign and return the attached permission slip.

We would appreciate parent volunteers to help with the field trip. If we have more volunteers than the School of Economics allows, they will be chosen on a “first come, first serve” basis. Also, parent volunteers who helped out last year may volunteer again, but priority will be given to parents volunteers who have not yet had the opportunity to participate. All parent volunteers will be placed in students other than their own.

If you have any questions feel free to call Mrs. Gray at school, (660) 874-4126.

Sincerely,
Teresa Dolan, Fourth Grade
Andi Foster, Fifth Grade
Dawn Coy. Sixth Grade
Ann Gray, Principal