



October 2015

Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

It's almost time to get out the suitcase, lay out the clothes and begin packing for our three day trip to Philadelphia. Attached please find a copy of the suggested packing list. A small, nylon sports bag (string bag) should also be brought for storing bus activities, snack, bottled water, disposable camera (optional) and wallets. Each student is responsible for labeling his/her suitcase and sports bag with his/her name and must attach ribbon with the class color for sorting purposes. (Class parents will distribute the ribbon on the morning of departure). Since each student must carry his/her own suitcase, one on wheels would be very helpful. Cell phones are not allowed and no electronic games, radios, CD players or iPods may be brought on the trip. In addition, each child should bring \$20.00 (small bills, please) for miscellaneous expenses. All meals are nut-free and have been pre-ordered, except Wednesday's bagged lunch from home. No money for souvenirs or gifts will be allowed.

Please note our early departure time from Meadow Avenue. It is important that all students report to the cafeteria on Wednesday, 10/21 for check-in by 6:30 a.m. We will load the buses at 6:45 a.m., and the buses will leave promptly at 7:00 a.m. We are trying to adjust our time to accommodate for business traffic into Philadelphia in order to arrive at the National Constitution Center for a full day of activities. Our plans are to return on Friday, October 23rd by 3:00 p.m. at Meadow Avenue. In the interest of time, class parents will be called and a phone chain will be initiated to inform you of our estimated time of arrival.

For students bringing *prescription and/or non-prescription medication* on the trip, it is necessary to fill out a health form and have it signed by a physician. This includes any over the counter medication. The health forms are available on the Bronxville School website. All medication must be in its original container and delivered to the school nurse's office **on or before Wednesday, October 14th**. It is critical that this date be honored so that there is time to carefully sort and organize necessary medications.

Following are chaperones for this trip:

Linda Abbott	Stephanie Kennedy
Cathy Bevilacqua	Giselle Licursi
Ely Boyum	Ginny Martin
Katie Brosnahan	Karen McManus
Marina Brown	Bruce Meyers
Katy Byrne	Tricia Murray
Rosana Colliniates	Cynthia Nagle
Tim Curran	Linda Orsenigo
Jason Dickens	Tom Rooney
Lauren Geremia	Tevon Trojia
Vanessa Janec	Sarah Zoneneshine

Maria Otto is the nurse accompanying us to Philadelphia. She has been the nurse on the fifth grade trip for many years.

For the safety of our students and as a means for students to contact their teacher and/or the nurse at night, there will be a security guard on duty on each floor of the hotel from 9:45 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. "Lights out" will be 10:00 p.m.

For emergency communication purposes (in addition to the Elementary Office), the following class parents will have your child's homeroom teacher's cell phone number:

- Ms. Colliniates' class: Joella Lykouretzos (917) 774-2031
- Ms. Geremia's class: Anne Marie Denning (917) 855 - 2631
- Mrs. Janec's class: Kathleen Matthews (917) 620-5307
- Mrs. Kennedy's class: Emily Wilson (347) 886-4546
- Mr. Meyers' class: Sarah Clifford (917) 378-4688

Ms. Zonenshine's class: Sharon Robinson (646) 352-2069

Mrs. Murray will be in contact with the elementary office every day. The Wyndham is located at 400 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA. The telephone number is 215-923-8660. Please use the above numbers for emergency purposes only. Students will not be allowed to call home.

If you have any specific questions, please e-mail Stephanie Kennedy or a class parent. Use the attached check off sheet to be certain that your child is prepared. Also attached is our itinerary as well as a "Pick Up" form. All children must be met by an adult upon our return from Philadelphia, so please indicate who will be picking up your child and return form (or email your plans) to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, 10/16.

We are all looking forward to sharing this fun-filled, educational trip with your child.

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Teachers