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Dear Grade 8 Students and Parents/Guardians;

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some information about our developing Grade 8 graduation plans as well as our Grade 8 trip to Bark Lake. Further information will be sent home between now and June, but we thought it would be important to get some dates and costs home.

First of all, our Grade 8 graduation will occur on Monday June 25 2018 at Lydia Trull PS in our gym. The evening will include a graduation ceremony followed by a dance for our students. This event concludes ten years of elementary education, and is a milestone for our graduates. The event is free, however, attendance may be limited due to number of graduates, and available seating. Generally speaking, we can accommodate up to six guests per graduate.

Before graduation is our trip to Bark Lake. This opportunity has become an annual tradition. The trip involves a 3 day, 2 night stay at Bark Lake in Haliburton. The program involves activities such as low and high ropes courses, archery, and canoeing and swimming. The Board deems several of these activities higher risk. Therefore strict safety regulations are in place, including a **qualifying swim test** which all students must pass in order to be included on the trip, highly qualified instructors at the camp and a facility which has passed Ontario Camping Association and Ontario School Board Insurers inspections.

The **trip will take place June 18 to 20** and will involve only grade 8 students who have demonstrated the necessary responsible behaviour and **complied with the school's Code of Conduct**. The total cost of the trip, including bus and camp, will be **\$330.00** payable in **3 installments of \$110** due by **March 30, April 30 and May 31**. A package of information and permission forms will be sent home for your completion prior to the trip. You may pay online or by **cheque made payable to Lydia Trull P.S.** Bark Lake will also provide a list of necessary items to bring at the time of the trip. The cost of the swim test is included in the overall amount.

Some parents have asked about fundraising to offset the cost of the trip. We are subsidizing this trip at a per student rate of almost \$100 through the Ministry of Education Outdoor Education initiative, and thus will not be formally fundraising. If the amount is still too costly, please have a conversation with your child's teacher.

Should you have further questions, please speak to your child's teacher. Be assured that further information will be forthcoming as we continue through this school year.

Sincerely,

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Grade 8 Teachers

Cheryl Fowler
Principal



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