



April 20, 2016

Dear Parents of students in M.O.S.P. (Mr. Brown's Div. 9):

Another day-long field trip that we are pleased to include in our Ocean Program will take place on **Friday April 29, 2016**. Students will participate in a walking tour and activities with Lekwungen teacher Mr. Mark Albany, school counselor and teacher in the Victoria School District, and a member of Songhees First Nations. We will learn about First Nation relationship with the land while hiking in the forests of Mount Douglas Park.

For some students this might be a rare chance to travel with the class group by city bus. This group mode of travel is a planned part of the experience. We meet early on this day: please **be at the classroom at 8:15 AM**. Students will travel by BCTransit as a group to Mount Douglas Park via University of Victoria on the #7 and #39 buses. A day bus pass costs \$5.00 (and includes travel and transfers in both directions). With 6 parent volunteers, we can benefit from 'family travel' where 4 students may travel with one adult. Therefore, we are encouraging parents to join us on this trip. Students will return to Monterey School under adult supervision to be dismissed at or around 3:30pm. (or Parents may pick up their son/daughter from the Mount Doug Beach parking lot, just north of Ash Road at 2:00pm.)

The only cost for this day is the bus fare, and no student will be denied this educational opportunity if this presents a challenge. Please contact me or our principal Mr. Ken Andrews; the MOSP can provide bus fare, and your privacy will be respected.

This will be a really fun day and will allow us to do both Social Studies work and P.E. in a natural setting; it will feel like an outdoor classroom, not a vacation. Students please bring the following:

- Appropriate clothing for the weather
- Complete, self-sufficient lunch and tightly closing water bottle. No candy or junk food please. Litter free lunch please
- Bus fare (see above)

Deadline for return of the section below is **Tuesday April 26**. Your help in returning this form as soon as possible is appreciated.

Thanks,

Mr. Brown



I give permission for my child to participate in the class trip to **Mt. Douglas / First Nations Knowledge Walk** described above.

 name of Student parent name [PLEASE PRINT] parent signature

_____ _____
 phone # email address

____ yes, I am available to accompany the class on our bus trip and tour of the Mount Douglas area. ____ , yes, I will be picking up my child at the Mt. Doug Beach parking lot at 2:00pm ____ (parent initials)