

## STUDENT ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION:OFF-SITE

**2022-2023**

**September 2022**

Dear Parents/Guardians of Greystone Students,

The staff at Greystone Centennial Middle School offers a wide variety of learning opportunities for our students off the school site. These curriculum-based activities provide learning opportunities which extend beyond the classroom to a variety of facilities in the Spruce Grove Community. The permission of our students' parents or guardians is required for each student to participate in such activities.

During the school year, your child may be involved in a variety of walking field trips that relate to classroom studies or school activities. Teachers may walk with their classes to various destinations within close proximity to the school. Examples of such field trips may include walks to the library, park, community centre, other schools, local businesses or to a nearby store. On occasion these walks may be spontaneous, taking advantage of the nice weather to engage in a learning opportunity. The classroom teacher will directly supervise walking field trips. Depending on the grade level and nature of the activity, additional supervision may be provided by teachers, educational assistants, or volunteers. At all times, teachers will endeavour to ensure the safety of students.

Walking field trips are considered low risk for accidents or personal injury to students. However, some degree of risk is inherent in any walk that takes place off school property, and injury may occur without fault on the part of the student, school employee or volunteers. The expectations of students going off-site for activities are the same as the expectations on the school campus. Each teacher reinforces the expectations but such things as remaining in the designated areas, travelling to and from venues with the teachers, having the permission of the teacher to cross streets, and acting responsibly and respectfully in the greater public community are necessary. Classroom teachers will discuss behavioural expectations with students and take the appropriate safety precautions before embarking on the walking field trip to minimize risk. First-aid packs and mobile phones are taken on such trips in case of an emergency. Student medical supplies will be brought for students with existing life-threatening medical conditions (e.g. allergies, anaphylaxis).

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT** Given the impromptu nature of walking field trips, your child's school is seeking, in advance, informed consent for your child to participate during the **2022-2023** school year. Rather than sending home a separate permission form for each walking field trip, the consent below will cover your child's walking field trips for the entire school year. By allowing your child to participate, you are agreeing that walking field trips are a suitable type of activity for your child and that there is an inherent risk of injury associated with such an activity.

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### INFORMED CONSENT - General Off Site Activity/Field Trip

**INFORMED CONSENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT** (to be executed by parents/guardians of Individual (Child) who is under the age of majority)

By signing this document, you will assume certain risks and responsibilities, please read carefully.

Individual (Child)'s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: Greystone Centennial Middle School

Location: General (community) Start/Departure Time: 9:00 am

Grade/Class: 9 End/Return Time: 3:45 pm

Teacher/Supervisor in Charge: Various Date: various

1. This is a binding legal agreement. Clarify any questions or concerns before signing. As an Individual participating in the Parkland School Division and its affiliated districts (collectively the "Organization"), the Field Trip activities may include, but are not limited to: travelling to the location, events, games, rides including roller coasters, animal exhibits, orientations or instructional sessions or lessons, (collectively the "Activities"), the undersigned, being the Individual and Individual's Parent/Guardian (collectively the "Parties"), acknowledge and agree to the terms outlined in this agreement.
2. I am the Parent / Guardian of the Individual and have full legal responsibility for the decisions of the Individual.

Parent / Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Description of Risks

3. The Individual is participating voluntarily in the Activities. In consideration of that participation, the Parties hereby acknowledge that they are aware of the risks, dangers and hazards that they may be exposed to, which include, but are not limited to:
  - A. Exerting and stretching various muscle groups;
  - B. The failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment, resulting in injury;
  - C. Abrasions, sprains, strains, fractures, or dislocations from slipping, jumping, falling, or running;
  - D. Privacy breaches, hacking, technology malfunction or damage;
  - E. Sickness, nausea, headache, and other sicknesses from participating in rides or viewing, including but not limited to roller coasters, animal exhibits, rides, and other Activities;
  - F. Physical contact with other Individuals;
  - G. Not wearing appropriate attire or footwear;
  - H. Failure to act safely or within the Individual's ability or within designated areas;
  - I. Negligence of other persons, including Individuals, or employees;
  - J. Extreme weather conditions;
  - K. Travel to and from Field Trip location

4. The Parties understand and acknowledge that:
  - A. The Activities have foreseeable and unforeseeable inherent risks, hazards and dangers that no amount of care, caution or expertise can eliminate, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, and in rare occurrences, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life;
  - B. The Organization may offer or promote online programming (such as webinars, remote conferences, workshops, and online training) which have different foreseeable and unforeseeable risks than in-person programming;
  - C. The Organization has a difficult task to ensure safety and it is not infallible. The Organization may be unaware of the Individual's fitness or abilities, may give incomplete warnings or instructions, may misjudge weather or environmental conditions, and the equipment being used might malfunction.
  
5. In consideration of the Organization allowing the Individual to participate in the Activities, the Parties agree:
  - A. That the Individual's mental and physical condition is appropriate to participate in the Activities;
  - B. That personal injury can and may occur to the Individual Child, and I hereby authorize the Field Trip's organizer, its officers, or representatives to seek and consent to emergency medical attention for the Individual Child and further agree to be liable for and to pay all costs incurred in connection with such medical attention;
  - C. To comply with the rules and regulations for participation in the Activities;
  - D. To a rescheduling of the Activities, should unforeseen circumstances affect the viability of these Activities;
  - E. To comply with the rules of the facility, including during transportation;
  - F. That if the Individual observes an unusual significant hazard or risk, the Individual will remove themselves from participation and bring such to the attention of an Organization representative immediately;
  - G. The risks associated with the Activities are increased when the Individual's abilities are compromised, for any reason, including, but not limited to fatigue, muscle strain, compromised vision, minor injury, and the Individual agrees not to participate if impaired in any way;
  - H. That it is the Individual's sole responsibility to assess whether any Activities are appropriate for the Individual. By the Individual commencing an Activity, they acknowledge and accept the suitability and conditions of the Activity;
  - I. That the Parties acknowledge that they have considered and disclosed to the School Board all physical or mental health conditions, allergies, intolerances, and any other risks associated with these conditions, that could potentially affect the Individual's ability to safely participate in the Activities. Permission for the Individual to participate in the Activities is therefore based upon belief that the Individual does not have any intolerances, allergies, or health conditions that have not been disclosed, and could affect the Individual's ability to safely participate in the Activities.
  
6. In consideration of the Organization allowing the Individual to participate, the Parties agree:
  - A. That the Parties are not relying on any oral or written statements made by the Organization or their agents, whether in a brochure or advertisement or in individual conversations, to agree to be involved in the Activities; and
  - B. That the Organization is not responsible or liable for any damage to the Individual's vehicle, property, or equipment that may occur as a result of the Activities

## INFORMED CONSENT- Transportation - Parkland School Division Provided

1. In consideration of the Organization allowing the Individual to participate in the Activities, the Parties agree:
  - a. The Organization is providing transportation, and by granting permission for the Individual to participate in the Activities, the Parties agree that the Individual participating must use the school provided transportation going to and from the Activities;
  - b. By granting permission for the individual to participate in the Activities, the Parties agree to allow the Individual to use school provided transportation;
  - c. There are inherent risks associated with school provided transportation, that includes but is not limited to:
    - i. Injuries from slips, trips, or falls when entering or exiting the school provided transportation;
    - ii. Injuries from ignoring safety rules, such as falling down after standing-up inside a moving vehicle;
    - iii. Injuries due to a traffic accident involving the school provided transportation;

### General

The Parties expressly agree that this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law and that if any of its provisions are held to be invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

### Acknowledgement

The Parties acknowledge that they have read this Agreement and understand it, that they have executed this Agreement voluntarily, and that this Agreement is to be binding upon themselves, their heirs, their spouses, parents, guardians, next of kin, executors, administrators and legal or personal representatives.

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Name of Individual (print)

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Signature of Individual  
(For students 18 years of age or older)

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Date

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Name of Parent/Guardian (print)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian  
(For students under 18 years old)

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Contact Number

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*The information collected on this form is being collected pursuant to the Education Act (Student Record Regulation), the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act, and Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Information acquired through this form is kept secure and access is restricted. If you have any questions regarding the collection or use of this information, please contact your school principal or Parkland School Division's FOIP Coordinator, 780.963.8411.*