



Mountain Park School

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Dear Families of Students in Grade 9,

On Wednesday, June 24th, we are excited to host our 3rd annual Grade 9 Picnic. This picnic is made possible by our Parent Council who have generously contributed toward purchasing lunch for each grade 9 student attending. For those students attending, they will have the option between 4 different Spolumbo sandwiches, a drink, and a bag of chips. This information will be collected at school.

This field trip is considered a walking field trip and therefore, we do not need the typical permission forms for field trips in the CBE. We will be walking as a group from Mountain Park School, through Fish Creek Park, and ending near Annie's Café. We will be departing Mountain Park School at 10:10am and arriving at Annie's around 11:15-11:30. Please note that the total distance that students will be walking there is 4.6 km and then they will walk this distance back again (map below). As outlined, we will not be rushing and we expect the walk to take the group about an hour and 20 minutes to get from the school to the park. Students will be assigned smaller groups that will each have a teacher supervisor. The teacher supervisor will leave each location with their smaller group one after another so teachers are spread out throughout the larger walking group. This will allow us to do attendance along the way and ensure that all students are accounted for.

While there, students will have about 2 hours to play games (we will be bring some outdoor lawn games), eat lunch, and have the option to **purchase** an ice cream from Annie's Café. Students are advised to bring a blanket with them to sit on while eating. We will be leaving the area around 1:15-1:30 and returning to MPS around 2:30 – 2:45. With the exception of the pathway up and down the ridge, the terrain is generally flat along the route.

Potential hazards include: slips, trips, and falls, exposure to the weather and sun, exposure to seasonal allergens and insects, including bees. Students are encouraged to dress for the weather, including sunscreen and a hat if it is sunny and warm. If a student has an allergy, especially to outdoor seasonal allergens, they are advised to take the appropriate medications prior to leaving home that day. Should a student have a severe/anaphylactic allergy, they must bring their EpiPen with them on this trip and specifically inform a teacher of their allergy and where they are keeping their EpiPen. There will be several teachers on the trip that have their First Aid if the need arises. If, on the day of the event, weather conditions are such that it would not be safe to walk to the park, we will modify the event to be held at the school.

During the time of the trip, if you need to pick up your student from where we are at the park for any reason, it would be preferred that this is arranged prior to the day of the trip. If you know for sure that your child will be away on the day of the trip, or if you feel that your child might need accommodations to participate in the trip, please email Ms. LeBlanc. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 403-777-6442 or email Holly LeBlanc at hilleblanc@cbe.ab.ca.

