



2015/2016 School Year

Hello parents/guardians,

### **Update on field trips within walking distance**

The CBE values the educational benefit of field trips. Field trips close to our school can complement classroom learning by giving students opportunities to explore the community around their school.

Please be advised the process for trips within walking distance of the school has been simplified, excluding restricted activities, e.g. swimming. As parents/guardians, you will no longer need to fill out a consent form for your child to go on a class trip that is walking distance from the school, e.g. to a local park. Appropriate walking distance is determined by the Principal and may vary, depending on the age of the students.

Teachers will provide at least 48 hours' notice when planning a trip to a local site. You will be notified about these trips by email, letter, or through their learning management systems (D2L, Edmodo, Google ...)

The following is a list of sites near the school that teachers may use to complement classroom learning: Crowfoot Library, Crowfoot YMCA (limited activities as identified by teacher according to hazards below), Crowfoot Business Park, Arbour Lake community Association, Arbour Lake School, city of Calgary adjacent field...

As with any field trip, we want to inform you about some common hazards involved with walking trips to the above locations. Please note this list may not include all of the hazards for a given trip:

- Slips, trips and falls;
- Getting separated from the group;
- Street crossings;
- Pre-existing medical conditions and/or allergies

If you have any questions regarding field trips within walking distance of the school, please contact me or your child's teacher.

Regards

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