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Hello Parents/Guardians;

**RE: WALKING FIELD TRIPS**

The CBE values the educational benefit of field trips. Walking field trips close to our school can compliment 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 12 hours' notice when planning a trip to a local site. You will be notified about these trips by email.**

**LOCATION:** The following is a list of possible destinations within walking distance of Chaparral School. All field trips are to compliment classroom learning in all curriculum subjects. Locations may include:

- Park explorations in Chaparral or Walden
- Chaparral Lake: Students will not be permitted to swim, skate, or partake in water activities without your consent. Students may take water samples for science activities.
- Chaparral or Walden businesses: Students may visit local businesses (such as Save-on Foods, Shopper's Drug Mart, restaurants, dentists, etc.)
- Community walks

**IDENTIFIED HAZARDS:** As with any field trip, we want to inform you about some common hazards involved with the walking trip to the above location. Students will be expected to be dressed appropriately for the temperature/weather, as we will be walking in the fall, winter, and spring. 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;
- Students will be instructed with clear expectations to stay with the group and away from traffic during these trips.

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

Sincerely,

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