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**"Cosmic Cultures II” Inter-district Grant Program**

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Dear Student and Parent/Guardian, March 17, 2016

Another Cosmic Cultures II trip will take place Friday, April 1st. On this trip, we will be visiting two area museums: The Eli Whitney Museum in Hamden and the Peabody Museum in New Haven. We will be departing Washington Middle School at approximately 9:10 AM. We will join the schools from New Haven and Hartford to first tour the Peabody Museum in New Haven. We will be focusing especially on the Egyptian Exhibit and participating in a scavenger hunt. After bussing to the Eli Whitney Museum, students will have lunch and work with the Eli Whitney staff to learn about and construct an Egyptian funeral barge. We will be back for dismissal.

A few quick, but important notes:

* Students are responsible for all missed work.
* Students must bring ***lunch/snacks/drinks.*** No food will be provided. However, a lunch may be ordered through the cafeteria at the student's normal cost.
* In case you need to call the museums while we are there (note the times):
	+ Eli Whitney Museum, Hamden: (203) 777-1833
	+ Peabody Museum, New Haven: [(203) 432-5050](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=Yale+University:+Yale+Peabody+Museum+of+Natural+History&sll=41.317271,-72.919425&sspn=0.005745,0.013937&ie=UTF8&hq=Yale+University:+Yale+Peabody+Museum+of+Natural+History&hnear=&z=16)

****Please remember that we must have a firm commitment to attend all sessions of this program in order to follow grant requirements. **Attendance will be strictly monitored and** **students with two absences will be dropped from the program**. If there are any emergencies, changes, or you need to get in contact while on the field trip, please call or text Mrs. Vollono @ 203-464-1201.

**Please return this permission form to Mrs. Vollono in 8D by Wednesday, March 23, 2016.**

I give my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, permission to attend the Cosmic Cultures II field trip on April 1, 2016 to the Eli Whitney and Peabody Museums. Students will leave during period 2 and be back in time for regular dismissal home.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will be bringing lunch and a drink.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will be ordering a bag lunch from the cafeteria. Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **NOTE:** The price of the lunch will be deducted from the student's lunch account.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*School officials reserve the right to search student baggage, rooms, and any personal belongings at any time deemed necessary including, but not limited to, general searches prior to departure.*