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

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Dear Student and Parent/Guardian, January 5, 2015

Another Cosmic Cultures II trip will take place Saturday, January 10th. 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 promptly at 8:30 AM. **Please be at school by 8:20 AM!** All schools will meet at the Eli Whitney Museum and then we will split up into color groups. Please see the schedule on the back of this letter for more details. At 1:45 PM, we will leave to return to WMS. **Please make sure your parent/guardian will be at Washington Middle School to pick you up in the side parking lot at 2:10 PM!**

A few quick, but important notes:

* You are responsible for bringing ***lunch/snacks/drinks.*** No food will be provided.
* 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, Jan. 7, 2015.**

I give my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, permission to attend the Cosmic Cultures II field trip on January 10, 2015 to the Eli Whitney and Peabody Museums. I understand that my child will need to be dropped off at school by 8:20 AM and needs to be picked up at WMS at 2:10 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will be walking home

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will be picked up promptly at 2:10 PM by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Their phone number is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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.*

**Schedule for Cosmic Cultures II-Saturday, December 7th, 2013**

**Peabody Museum, New Haven and Eli Whitney Museum, Hamden**

**We are going to split into two groups for this field trip. All buses will meet in the parking lot at Eli Whitney Museum and then we will divide in our two groups with the following schedule:**

**9:30 a.m. All buses arrive at Eli Whitney Museum parking lot. Students will split into their color groups.**

**9:45 a.m. Group 1 departs for the Peabody Museum – it is only about 10 minutes away.**

**Group 2 Remains at Eli Whitney Museum (Green, Yellow, Black)**

**9:45 a.m. – 10:00 – Quick Icebreaker**

**10:00 – 11:00 – Construct an Egyptian funeral barge**

**11:00 – 11:20 – Lunch**

**11:30 - Depart for Peabody Museum**

**11:45 – 1:15 – Tour Peabody Museum (Egyptian Exhibit will have a scavenger hunt)**

**1:30 – Board bus for Eli Whitney**

**1:45 - Board bus for home school**

**Group 1 Begins day at Peabody Museum (Red, Blue, Purple)**

**9:45 - Board bus for Peabody**

**10:00 – 11:45 – Tour Peabody Museum (Egyptian Exhibit and Egyptian E)**

**11:45 – 12:00 - Board bus and return to Eli Whitney**

**12:00 – 12:30 – Eat Lunch/Quick Ice Breaker**

**12:30 –1:30 – Construct an Egyptian funeral barge**

**1:45 – Board bus for home school**