

April 11th, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of the science curriculum and a continuation of our studies in ecology and the diversity and ecosystems, seventh grade science classes will go tide pooling at Furlong Gulch near Shell Beach. This trip is in partnership with the Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods and docents from this organization will be joining us to help in instruction and identification of the tide pool organisms.

The classes are split into three groups and will go on the following days:

Second Period May 1st

Third Period May 2nd

Fifth Period May 3rd

First and sixth periods will be split amongst those dates. We will leave as close to 9am as possible and return at 3.15pm even on Wednesday the 3rd. (I will do everything I can to have students back in time, but sometimes the unforeseen happens and we are late. My apologies in advance if this should occur). **We will survey the tide pools in the morning. We will go to Salmon Creek Beach for lunch and other activities in the afternoon. Students ARE NOT permitted to swim.**

Students SHOULD bring:

- ❑ A healthy lunch and water
- ❑ Clothes that will keep them comfortable in a wide range of possible weather conditions.
- ❑ Sunscreen and hat
- ❑ Shoes that can **AND WILL** get wet. **It is important that students have shoes on that they can step into the water with. Students often slip and hurt themselves when they are trying to keep shoes dry.** Please no flip flops.
- ❑ A change of clothes

There is no limitation to the number of chaperones on this trip. In fact the more adult eyes I have keeping students safe and attentive the better. The Sonoma Coast can be hazardous if the necessary precautions are not followed. I will review safety and expectations with the students before the trip.

Please email if you are able to chaperone. If you are able to chaperone, I will provide you with information on the breakdown of the day and what I will ask the chaperones to do and look for.

All students should return the permission slip with all necessary information and signatures by April 26th We will be traveling by charter bus and the suggested donation for each student is \$10. Please make checks payable to Willowside Middle School. Chaperones are welcome to ride the bus or take their own car.

If you lose this paper, I will have it posted on my website on the field trips page.

Thank you for your support,

Debbie Grima-Lowe

