

Nature's Classroom  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents,

As part of the sixth grade experience, our students are given the opportunity to participate in a three day outdoor education program at Nature's Classroom. This unique program is designed to give students a firsthand experience of the outdoors to gain knowledge and appreciation for the ecology of our wonderful state.

The cost to attend Nature's Classroom is **\$12.00**. Nature's Classroom does not have a cafeteria. Students may bring a lunch from home or purchase a school bagged lunch. No large coolers are allowed due to limited space. Only water may be taken on trails – all food and other beverages must remain at the picnic area. **No glass containers and, as always, no gum or candy.**

No chaperones are needed for Nature's Classroom.

Students must wear **school appropriate clothes** suitable for a day in the outdoors. Sandals, flip flops, and 'Croc' type shoes are **not allowed** for safety purposes. Students must wear **closed toe shoes**. Small packs are allowed as well as cameras, sunglasses, and hats. No bug spray or sunscreen may be brought to school but can be applied at home before leaving. On shoreline sampling day, students will change into a pair of aqua shoes provided by Nature's Classroom. Students may wish to bring their own pair of aqua shoes, old pair of shoes, an old towel, spare socks, and a plastic bag for carrying wet items. Students are NOT to bring games, toys, gum, candy, or electronic devices of any kind.

In order for your child to participate, he/she must have the following items completed and returned to their science teacher by **February 2, 2024**.

- \_\_\_\_\_ A signed Medical Release form (this should have been submitted at the beginning of school)
- \_\_\_\_\_ A signed permission form
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$12 paid in the MyPaymentsPlus app.

**\*Refunds will not be given if a student does not attend or is removed from the program\***

Students may bring cameras to Nature's Classroom to capture their memories. Other electronic devices are not allowed. Cell phones must be turned off and out of sight. Any items brought to school are *strictly* the responsibility of the student.

Be sure to include two emergency numbers on the permission form. If your child has any allergies or other health issues we should be aware of, please note this on the permission form.

Although this is an exciting experience, students are reminded that Nature's Classroom is an educational activity and school appropriate dress and conduct is a must. Your child will be representing Mulrennan Middle School. If you have any questions, please contact your child's 1<sup>st</sup> period or science teacher.