



Mitford School



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Grade 8 Confluence Project – Watershed Trip

“Do we as users of the Bow River have a responsibility to people downstream?”

“How is quality of life connected to our world view?”

“Should Canada be concerned about water?”

“How can we ensure a high level of water quality for future generations?”

“What actions should I take for water?”

Dear Students / Parents / Guardians:

May 5th, 2016

The Watershed Trip 2016 is only six days away! Here are the last couple of reminders before we take our journey next week. Please bring a pair of **rubber boots** so that you can perform water quality tests at various test sites. Write your name in permanent marker on the inside of the boots so that they don't get mixed up when placed under the bus. You will need a **bagged lunch** on Wednesday and plenty to drink. Feel free to bring fishing gear or sports equipment for the down time at some of the stops. If you need to refer back to the itinerary or to find the list of what to bring, go to the Mitford website.

<http://mitford.rockyview.ab.ca/grade-8/watershed-inquiry>

Please arrive at the school on Wednesday May 11th **no later than 7:00am** so that we can leave at 7:30am. You need to be on your best behaviour at all times while on the trip. You are representing not only the school, but the town as well and we want to leave everyone we come across with positive thoughts about Mitford's Grade 8s. If there are any major issues while on the trip, parents will be contacted and they will be responsible for either picking up the student, or that student will be placed on a bus home at the cost to the student/parents. Parents are also responsible for the costs of returning a student home early if they cannot continue with the trip due to health concerns.

A digital documentation team made up of grade 8 students will be helping to document the learning and experiences on the trips by taking pictures and videos and interviewing students. In order to be part of these photos and videos you must have signed and returned the Freedom of Information and Privacy (FOIP) form. When we return, the team will be creating a short movie to share with the students, parents and the community.

The **East** group will be arriving back at Mitford School at approximately **5:30pm** on Friday May 13th. The **West** group will be arriving at approximately **4:00pm**. We are asking that if possible, the students should not walk home due to the amount of equipment etc. that they will have.

The week of May 16th, all of the Grade 8 students will be walking down to the Bow River in Cochrane to take local water samples and compare and reflect on the findings from the trip.

If you have any questions or concerns over the weekend please feel free to email me. Contact numbers for the accommodations can be found on the itineraries. In case of emergency you can contact me at 403-512-3904 for eastbound or Krista Wunsch 587-228-9471 for westbound.

We are really looking forward to next week!

Sincerely,

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