

Friday, October 16th , 2015

To Parents & Guardians of Magnussen School:

This is to inform you of an upcoming field trip involving your child, and to seek your support and permission for your child to participate. On Wednesday, October 21, 2015, all students in Magnussen will be going to Granville Island to attend the Writer's Festival. We will be departing Magnussen at 11am and will be returning between 3:30 – 4:00pm. Further information about the trip is detailed below.

Details of the trip:

- Students will be attending Zeros and Ones from 1 – 2:30pm. We will eat lunch at Granville Island and then head into the theatre. Students will be introduced to authors Jordan Stratford and Gene Luen Yang. These authors lace their mystery stories with intriguing puzzles and tech wizardry. Going back in time to 1826, Jordan Stratford introduces the first book of his Wollstonecraft Detective Agency series which stars historical figures Lady Ada Lovelace, the first computer programmer, and Mary Shelley, author of *Frankenstein*. Graphic novel superstar and computer programming teacher Gene Luen Yang presents *Secret Coder*, the first graphic novel in a new series that makes computer programming an adventure. The students will be participating in the following activities:
 - Have students choose a character from one of the two books. They will then identify the important character traits of said character. Have them list ten challenges the character faced and ten words that describe the character.
 - In The Wollstonecraft Detective Agency series, two historical figures - Lady Ada Lovelace and Mary Shelley – team up to solve crimes. Which two real life people do you think would make a good crime-solving team and why?
 - Take that pairing and write a short story or scene that depicts them working together to solve a crime.

Afterwards, we will be bussing back to school. Students may be picked up at Granville Island at 2:30pm or at school between 3:30 and 4pm.

Families will be responsible for:

- Packed lunch
- Water bottles
- Completing the field trip permission form

We ask that you complete the attached **permission form** and return it to your child's class teachers, by **Tuesday, October 20, 2015**.

Sincerely,

Magnussen School

Parent/Guardian Field Trip Consent Form

To Parents and Guardians of Magnussen: _____

We encourage all students to participate in this field trip however, participation is optional.

Please read the details of this trip carefully BEFORE signing below. Completed forms and payment must be returned to your child's Division teachers by:

Date: October 20, 2015 If this form is returned after this date your child **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND**.

Field Trip Information

Location: Writer's Festival - Granville Island Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Departure Time: 11:00am Pick-up Time: 3:30 - 4:00

Transportation Arrangements: Public Transit Chartered Bus Other _____

We will be heading to Granville Island by public transit.

Students will need to be picked up from Granville Island at 2:30 or at Magnussen between 3:30 - 4:00pm.

If there are any alternate transportation arrangements for your child please specify:

(I.e. Taking public transit home, etc.)

Overview of Trip (Please ensure you have reviewed the specific details on the reverse):

Students will be leaving school at 11am to head to the Writer's Festival. They will eat lunch at Granville Island and then head into the theatre at 1pm. They will be attending the Zeros and Ones event until 2:30pm. If you are picking up your child from Granville Island at 2:30pm, please let us know. Otherwise, students will be back at school by 3:30pm.

Parent/Guardian Consent & Acknowledgement of Risk

I, _____, give consent for _____ to participate in the
(Parent/Guardian name, please print) (Student name, please print)

field trip described above. I have read the details of the trip and am aware that I can acquire additional information. I acknowledge that the above activity is suitable for my child and that although Magnussen School and its staff desires to provide a safe and enjoyable time for all students, some degree of risk is inherent while participating in the above activities. Should an emergency situation arise, I give the staff of Magnussen School permission to take reasonable actions to care for my child.

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Daytime Emergency contact number)