



# CANADA TRIP INFO!

March, 2009

Dear Parents of our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Canada Travelers:

Excitement is brewing as our Canada trip date nears!! The purpose of this letter is to update you on the latest news surrounding our Canada trip. I realize this letter is lengthy; however, all the information is vital to keeping our lines of communication open and to the success of our long awaited trip. Please call or email me if you have any questions.

1.) First and foremost is the date of your final installment. **Friday -March 27th.** Please use the attached form and make checks payable to **Upper Moreland School District**. As you can probably tell, I have extended this date because I have been late in sending you a reminder. The Flea Market and the Italian dinner have kept me very busy this year!!!

2.) Next, is a serious reminder about trip refunds. We can only guarantee 100% refund until **Tuesday, April 28th.** After that date, reservations with our hotels and other venues will have been made and canceling them is not an option without financial cost to us. **Please remind your child of his/her responsibility to maintain grade and behavior requirements up until the date of our departure.** These requirements for participation were clearly outlined at our first meeting in the fall. If you need clarification, please do not hesitate to call me. ***Behavior records will be monitored and participation criteria enforced through the date of our departure.***

3.) Attached you will also find a form to reserve tickets for our final fundraiser. Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "**Festa Italiana**" will be held on **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** in our school cafeteria and Commons area. This event is being generously catered by **Carrabba's Italian Grill** on Maryland Road. The price for this dinner is **\$15.00** per adult and **\$8.00** per child (3 to 8). Also included that evening will be several **Basket Raffles**. This promises to be a fun night as donations from local and national businesses and restaurants include baskets of goods, gift certificates, sports memorabilia, etc. Again, help us spread the word by telling your family, neighbors and friends and by getting your tickets early. **Tickets for the dinner are on sale now. Please know that your child can earn 'checks' by selling**

**tickets. S/he can earn a check for every 3 tickets sold. Please also know that we have limited seating. So get your tickets early!!!!**

In addition, students can volunteer to serve as wait staff during the dinner to receive checks. **See Ms. Gregory to volunteer.** We only need a limited number of staff. Your volunteering is on a first come first served basis.

Once again, we will need baked goods donations for the Italian Fiesta. You will be receiving a phone call asking if you would like to contribute. Again, please label your donations with your child's name so that we can give him/her proper credit.

4.) Also attached, and below the payment form, I am asking for any changes to medication, insurance or diets that have happened since our meeting in November.

5.) Prior to our departure date, there will be a **mandatory** meeting on **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** **at 7:30pm in the Auditorium** for both parents and travelers. During this meeting you will gain specific information about the itinerary of our trip and details concerning what to pack. At this meeting, I will also distribute earnings from your hard work of fundraising this year.

At this time I will be collecting **passports or original birth certificates.** These are **mandatory for entrance to and returning from Canada.** I can not take your child on the trip without these documents. The requirements have become stricter since "9/11".

If you have access to the Internet, you can visit and bookmark our link from the District's web site [www.umtsd.org/MiddleSchool/Canadaindex.htm](http://www.umtsd.org/MiddleSchool/Canadaindex.htm).

There you will find detailed information and fun pictures about events surrounding our trip. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

John Grande

Canada Trip Coordinator

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**PLEASE RETURN TO ME BY FRIDAY, March 27<sup>th</sup> :**



Dear Mr. Grande:

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed find my child's final payment for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Canada.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have already paid you the full amount.

My Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Mr. Grande:

Please make the following changes to my child's medications; emergency phone numbers; and /or diet. Please be as specific as possible and as clear as possible. Feel free to attach your own note to me.

MEDICATIONS:

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

SPECIAL FOOD OR DIET INFORMATION: