**April 22nd, 2015**

**RE: Mount Allison overnight trip**

**Dear Grade 8 Orange Parents/Guardians,**

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM OF THIS LETTER IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR CHILD ATTENDING THIS TRIP.**

This June there is a very exciting program called “Explore” offered at **Mount Allison** University in Sackville for grade eight students. There is a possibility of taking a group of about 25 students on this overnight, university course experience. There are students who would greatly benefit from and enjoy a chance to glimpse university life. **June 10th and 11th** are the tentative dates and we would be travelling by bus (pending approval). The fee is **$120.00** and the orange team will cover the bussing costs. Cheques can be made out to Harkins Middle School, as one large payment will be made by the school upon arrival.

Touring the campus, taking four, university related, hands-on courses and looking at the stars in the observatory are just some of the activities your child would be experiencing. Three meals, one snack, all other activities and the overnight stay in a dorm are included in the price.

If you are interested in your child taking in this opportunity, I must have your permission/waiver form by **Friday, May 15th**and the payment by **Monday June 1st**. The first **25** applicants with permission/waivers and payment turned in will be accepted **as long as academics, behavior and attendance are not an issue** (This number may change depending on available chaperones but the maximum is 30).

Students are encouraged to do some **fundraising** on their own to help with the cost of their attendance (ex. Bottle drives etc. I am also looking for a parent chaperone that would be willing to bring a vehicle in case of emergency and for additional storage of sleeping bags etc.

What an exciting chance to learn new things and think about possible future plans! If you would like to check out Mount Allison’s information on the program you can see this site: <http://www.mta.ca/summer/explore.htm>

**Please keep an eye on the school website (Teacher Page: Mrs. Hamilton) for updates.**

Thanks, ***YES WE’RE INTERESTED (parent signature) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

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