



Village School

Middle School for Girls

NEWSLETTER

September 14, 2018

Our first "full" week of school was fantastic! Thankfully, no visit from Florence. Please read on for important news and updates.

EVENTS

Back-to-School Night: Thursday, September 27 at 7:00pm.

After a short group meeting, parents will break into grade levels and visit each of the academic subject classes. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parent Conferences: October 5 and 8.

There is no school on Parent Conference days. A Sign-Up Genius link for Parent Conferences was sent earlier this week.

Open House: Saturday, October 13, 10:00am-2:00pm.

Student volunteers are needed to tour prospective families. Sign Up Genius will be sent next week.

2nd Annual Girls Excelling in Math Fun Day: Saturday, November 17, 9:00am-11:00am

This event is for local 1st through 4th graders. This is a great opportunity for our girls to lead and share their love of math with younger girls. We will need lots of student and parent volunteers to make this day a positive and memorable experience for all who come. Math Club will be a great time for your daughters to start to brainstorm about what type of session they may want to facilitate. Registration details will be shared in October, but SAVE THE DATE, and tell your friends.

2nd Annual ESTEAM for Girls Summit: Saturday, September 22, 9:00am-2:00pm

This event takes place at Albemarle High School. We are in need of 7th and 8th graders who can volunteer an hour or more of their time at the ESTEAM Summit at our showcase table to share informally with participants about Village School's GEM Fun Day and GEM Tournament. We need help especially from 8:30-9:30 and 11:00-12:30. Registration is full for this event, but volunteers may still be able to participate in the summit. Email Ms.Tassell for details and availability.

FIELD TRIPS

5th Grade Open Gate Farm: Thursday, September 20.

5th graders should come to school that day in weather appropriate-clothing, closed-toe shoes and with a bag lunch. See today's Friday folder sent home with the girls for the waiver or view below.

7th Grade Port Isobel: September 23-25.

See today's Friday Folder for more information on the trip or view below

SPORTS

We had our first cross country race of the season! Congratulations to 7th Grader, Emma Bevacqua, who placed 4th overall in the middle school division at the Ragged Mountain Cup.



Ragged Mountain Cup

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Girls Who Code will be meeting on Fridays, 3:45pm-5:15pm.

Math Club is Monday, September 17, 3:30pm-4:15pm.

The first series of Math Club meetings will run through Monday, November 12th for a total of 6 sessions (9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 10/22, 11/5, and 11/12). We will use games and hands-on challenges to learn and have fun with math and problem-solving. Expect to learn cool computation tricks that build number sense, play games to build your fact fluency, and explore fun activities that you might lead at our GEM Fun Day in November. Bring a friend!

OTHER NEWS

We are collecting new and gently used books for *Book Baskets*.

There is a collection basket in the Reading Room. For more information on this program visit bookbaskets.org.

Box Tops for Education.

This is a very easy way to raise money for Village School! Just clip out the Box Tops for Education logo on packaging for cereals, snacks, school supplies, paper products, trash bags, ziplock bags and more. Collect as many as you can and turn them into the office by October 30th (and then again in the spring). Each Box Top earns cash for the school to spend on items we need.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
Shreya Mahadevan: 9/22

Village School Calendar

- September 23-25: 7th Grade to Port Isobel
- September 20: 5th Grade to Open Gate Farm
- September 24: Staff Development Day (No School)
- September 26: September Birthday Celebration
- September 27: Back to School Night, 7:00 pm
- October 5: 5th and 6th Grade Parent Conferences (No School)
- October 8: 7th and 8th Grade Parent Conferences (No School)
- October 13: Open House, 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- October 16: 7th and 8th Grade Dads' Lunch, 12:00 pm
- October 19: 5th and 6th Grade Dads' Lunch, 12:30 pm
- October 24: Birthday Celebration for October
- October 29: Teacher Workday (No School)
- October 31: Halloween Celebration
- November 7-8: 5th Grade Trip to Jamestown
- November 9: 6th Grade to Wild Rock

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude." -- Maya Angelou

OPEN GATE FARM

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Open Gate Farm Tours Liability Waiver

When engaged in Open Gate Farm tours, safety is our main concern. It is impossible to eliminate all risks; however, participant commitment to follow instructions and use sound personal judgment will contribute greatly to everyone's well being. In order to participate in our farm tours this waiver must be signed by the participant and/or parent/guardian. By signing this waiver, the participant and/or guardian accepts that there are inherent risks and hazards in touring a working farm and agrees not to hold Open Gate Farm or any proprietors or land owners liable for accidents and/or injury.

Please read and sign the following agreement:

I, as the participant and/or parent/guardian of the participant, understand I will be participating in activities that involve experiences outside a typical classroom. I give permission for the named participant to participate in all aspects of the farm tour; I fully understand that physical activity involves risk of injury. I understand that the risks may include loss or damage to personal property.

I understand that I will not be forced into doing an activity and that despite all reasonable precaution taken, a guarantee of absolute safety is impossible. I agree to exercise good personal judgment, to ask for help if I am concerned about my safety and to be reasonable for deciding if a proposed activity is appropriate for me. I agree to inform my instructors of any physical, mental, or medical condition that might affect my ability to participate or affect other members of my group. I realize that failure to tell that information could result in harm to myself or others. I/we agree to hold Open Gate Farm, its Directors, Officers, Employees, Agents, Land Owners, and/or Associates harmless for any accidents, injury, loss of or damage to property that may occur in this program.

I/we understand that all possible precautions are taken to ensure that all programs and activities sponsored by Open Gate Farm are conducted by mature and qualified personnel in a safe and responsible manner. I voluntarily assume the risks of the activities and agree to report any injuries before leaving Open Gate Farm.

In the event of an emergency, I/we understand every attempt will be made to contact the parent/guardian. In the event that the parent/guardian cannot be reached I/we give permission to Open Gate Farm to secure proper medical treatment. I understand that any medical expense will be billed directly to me or to my insurance company.

I am aware this is a waiver and release of liability and sign it voluntarily.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Full Name

Printed Full Name

Seventh Grade CBF Field Trip Fall 2018

Dear 7th Grade Parents,

The seventh grade will take a three day field trip to Port Isobel on September (9/23 - 9/25). This trip is an important part of the 7th grade science curriculum at Village School. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation accepts a very limited number of school groups, so we are lucky to be one of them.

CBF charges a fee to cover the cost of lodging, ferry transportation and instructional activities. The cost of this three-day trip is included in this year's book and activity fee. Each family will however be asked to provide several food items for our meals. See the attached signup sheet for details.

This packet contains several documents from CBF. Please read through them carefully.

- ☐ letter from CBF
- ☐ participant information sheet
- ☐ health form (blue)
- ☐ food donation form (yellow)

If your child's tetanus shot is not up to date please schedule a booster shot as soon as possible. Return the **health form** and the **food donation form** ASAP.

If for any reason your child will not be able to attend, please let me know. Call or email me if you have any additional questions.

Kim Taylor

NOTE: Please keep all of this information! You may need to refer to it later.



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
Saving a National Treasure

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child will soon be participating in a Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) education program. CBF is a private, non-profit conservation organization dedicated to "Save the Bay" with bay-wide programs in environmental education and resource protection. CBF's environmental education program introduces people to the wonders of the watershed and works to heighten sensitivity, increase knowledge, and empower citizens to take positive action toward the Bay's restoration.

CBF's educators take more than 30,000 students and teachers into the field annually. From one-day canoe and workboat trips to week-long stays at one of our learning centers, the philosophy is the same: *To care for the environment, you must love it. To love it, you must know it. To know it, you must experience it.*

During the trip your child will be participating in a variety of outdoor activities—like pulling a trawl, marsh mucking, canoeing, planting trees, or dredging for oysters—where they might get **WET** and **MUDDY**. Dressing appropriately and being prepared for an outdoor experience will help make this challenging trip rewarding and fun. Please read the enclosed *Participant Information* to better prepare your child with what to wear, what to bring and expected behavior for the trip.



In addition, please complete and return the enclosed *Health Form* to the classroom teacher prior to the trip date. No one will be permitted to participate in the trip without a completed form. If we have your permission to use photos taken of your child while on the trip for CBF materials, please sign the section at the bottom of the page.

If you would like more information about this education program, please visit www.cbf.org/programs.

Sincerely,

Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Education Program Manager



EDUCATION PROGRAMS PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS IS ESSENTIAL!

For most programs the entire trip will take place outside or on the water. On the Bay it can feel *at least 10° - 15° F cooler* than on land. In cool weather, bring extra- warm, layered clothing, a hat and gloves. You may remove layers if needed, but you'll be glad to have them!

RESIDENTIAL CENTER PACKING LIST

CLOTHES

- Clothes for 3 days (pants, long and short sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, fleece)
- One outfit for marsh mucking (long sleeve shirt, pants, and tennis shoes that will get really muddy) and one bathing suit to wear when washing off
- Closed-toed shoes for the boat
- Rain gear, (**EVEN IF RAIN IS NOT FORECASTED**); ponchos are okay.

TOILETRIES

- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Old towel for after marsh mucking
- Washcloth

GEAR

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Plastic bag to bring home wet clothing
- Water bottle
- Bandana to use as a napkin
- Pen and journal
- Flashlight
- Sunglasses, sunscreen, lip balm

OPTIONAL

- T-shirt for fish printing
- Teva-type sandals for canoeing
- Flip flops for inside the buildings
- Disposable camera

WARM WEATHER

- Brimmed hat
- Shorts
- One pair of lightweight pants for the bugs
- Lightweight long sleeve shirt for the bugs
- Quick drying underlayers

COLD WEATHER

- Warm, hooded waterproof coat
- Warm hat, gloves, scarf
(wool & fleece are best)
- Layers of clothing (for warmth)
- Waterproof footwear
- Quick drying underlayers

MUDDY CLOTHES CANNOT BE DISCARDED AT THE CENTER!



Teacher/Leader _____
School/ Org. _____
County _____

® FIELD TRIP HEALTH FORM

(Mandatory for ALL participants)

Trip Date ____ / ____ / ____ CBF Field Program/Location: _____

Participant Name: _____
Last First

Age: ____ Sex: F / M Home Phone () _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Family Physician: _____ Office Phone: () _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy # / ID #: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Wk Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____
(minor participants only)

In an emergency, please notify:

☐ Check here if same as above.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Work Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Health History

1. Check any allergies participant may have and briefly describe the reaction:

☐ Insect stings/bites _____ ☐ Seafood _____

☐ Asthma (allergy induced) _____ ☐ Food (wheat, nuts) _____

☐ Hay Fever _____ ☐ Penicillin _____

☐ Other _____

Check below if participant currently has or has had any of the following:

CONDITION	Currently		CONDITION	Currently	
	Past	Has		Past	Has
Heart Defect/Disease	☐	☐	Epilepsy	☐	☐
Diabetes	☐	☐	Bleeding/Clotting Disorders	☐	☐
Hypertension	☐	☐	Asthma	☐	☐
Other: _____	☐	☐			

Health History, Continued

2. Complete the following:

a. Are there any specific activities to be encouraged, limited or avoided? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If, yes please explain: _____

b. Is participant able to swim? ☐ YES ☐ NO Circle level of ability: beginner intermediate advanced

c. Does participant have a current tetanus shot? ☐ YES ☐ NO Date of shot: __/__/__

d. List current medications (please send with directions if to be administered during trip):

e. I give permission for me/ my child to be administered the following as needed for minor discomfort while on a CBF educational field trip: (check all that apply)

☐ Tylenol ☐ Advil ☐ Benedryl ☐ Cough drops ☐ Sudaphin (Sudafed) ☐ Antacid ☐ other: _____

f. Do you/your child have any special dietary considerations? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please provide detailed information: _____

g. Provide any other important health related information about yourself/ your child:

READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

This health history provided in this document is correct so far as I know. I understand that participation in Chesapeake Bay Foundation activities is entirely voluntary. I understand that the CBF field trip may involve: swimming, boating (by canoe, sail, and/or motor), hiking, camping, fishing and other outdoor activities and sports. I know and understand the risks and dangers involved in the above-named activities and I know and understand that unanticipated dangers might arise. I hereby release CBF from any responsibility for injury which might occur as a result of participation in CBF activities except for those determined to be a result of gross negligence on the part of CBF. I give permission for _____ to participate in all field trip activities, except as noted. I, also, give permission to authorized personnel to carry out such emergency diagnostic and therapeutic procedures as may be necessary for me/or my child, and also permit such treatment procedures to be carried out at, and by the local hospital(s) for me/or my child in the event of an emergency. I understand that any medical expenses will be billed directly to me or my insurance company.

Parent/guardian signature OR adult participant signature

Date

Your child will be participating in many exciting educational activities with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. We sometimes use students' names, voices and/or photographs of students in connection with audio-video productions, articles, or press releases, but not as an endorsement. Please sign in the space below if you agree to grant to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation permission to use you or your child's name, voice, and picture in connection with any audio-video productions, articles, or press releases.

Parent / Guardian signature or adult participant signature _____

Parent /Guardian Email address (to receive photos) _____

****If photos are taken, we will be able to e-mail them directly to you. Please encourage your children to describe the day's activities. CBF does NOT trade e-mail addresses.*

☐ Please check here if you do NOT wish to receive mail from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

CBF Trip - Food Donations (Food for 26)

Please check off several food items you are willing donate for our trip. Each family will be assigned several items. Return by **Monday September 17th**.

- Breakfast (2) ☐ 2 dozen Bodo's bagels and 2 plain whipped cream cheese
 ☐ 2 dozen Bodo's bagels and 1 plain/1 straw. whipped cream cheese
 ☐ 4 cans of juice concentrate (3 OJ/ 1 other)
 ☐ 2 dozen assorted fruit (bananas/oranges)
 ☐ 5 large boxes assorted cereal
 ☐ 2 gallons milk (1% or 2%)
- Lunch (2) ☐ 6 loafs of bread (mix of white and wheat)
 ☐ 1 jar peanut butter/1jar of jelly
 ☐ 3 lbs assorted lunch meat (turkey, etc.)
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 ☐ 3 lbs fresh mozzallea cheese
 ☐ 2 lbs assorted sliced cheese (cheddar)
 ☐ 4 tomatoes, prepared lettuce for sandwiches, small jar mayo and mustard
 ☐ 4 dozen cookies
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 ☐ 5 large (20oz +) bags of assorted chips etc.
 ☐ assorted raw veggies (cut up), ranch dip
- Dinner (2) ☐ Pesto sauce to serve 13 people (dinner #1), 3lbs pasta
 ☐ Marinara sauce to serve 13 (dinner #1), 3lbs pasta
 ☐ 6 bags washed and ready salad, two large bottles ranch, casear
 ☐ 6 loaves Italian or French bread and two small tubs of butter
 ☐ 12 frozen hamburger meat patties (dinner #2)
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 ☐ 16 hotdogs (dinner #2)
 ☐ 12 small chicken breasts (dinner #2)
 ☐ Hamburg buns (24)
 ☐ Hotdog buns (24)
 ☐ Lettuce, tomatoes, sliced cheese, ketchup, mustard etc. for burgers
 ☐ Dessert to serve 24 (1st night) brownies/squares. (nothing gooey)
 ☐ Dessert to serve 24 (2nd night) brownies /squares. (nothing gooey)
- Snacks/Drinks (2) ☐ 48 Granola Bars
 ☐ 48 Zip lock bags of trail mix or other snack (no chocolate – it melts)
 ☐ 12 Apples (whole) and grapes – or other fruit snack for 24
 ☐ 16oz powdered drink mix (lemonade, Gatorade etc.)
 ☐ Hot chocolate mix for 24 servings, mini marshmallows
 ☐ Snack or treat for 24

**** Remember we will be packing light, so please try and limit the amount of packaging. Keep in mind that we must take out all our trash.**

Child's Name _____ Parent e-mail address _____