

The Villages® Charter Elementary School

August 20, 2024

Dear Parents,

Our 5th grade classes will be taking a wonderful trip to the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) in November & December. The trip to KSC will be an exceptional way to learn outside of the classroom about the space program and its history. Some of the trip highlights include; a visit to the Rocket Garden, a ride in the Shuttle Launch Experience, a visit to the Astronaut Hall of Fame, enjoying an IMAX movie, and the best part -- a guided bus tour of the Saturn V building and rocket, which we will sleep under for the night!

At Open House, we will have a Kennedy Space Center Informational meeting. This information will be placed on the 5th grade Teacher Connection page as well as emailed out by teachers. Any further questions can be answered by your child's teacher.

Because so many of our students enjoy this event, we will have three groups going on three separate dates. We will leave on day 1 at 1:30 pm (Buffalo Ridge) and 2:00 pm (Middleton) and return on day 2 at approx. 5:30pm (Buffalo Ridge) and approx. 5:00 p.m. (Middleton). Our scheduled dates are:

November 7-8: Mrs. Kolz, Ms. McClellan, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Russ & Mrs. M. Williams

November 20-21: Mrs. Bottongino, Mrs. Cable, Mrs. Garrett, Ms. Jones, Ms. Priddy, Mr. Rosenauer & Mrs. Villegas

December 3-4: Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Hartley, Mrs. LaCoste, Mrs. Rowan & Mrs. S. Williams

The total cost for the trip will be \$180.00 per person for students and adult chaperones. The price includes round trip transportation via VCS buses, admission, and meals. This is an overnight field trip which includes camping out at the Apollo Saturn V building. All participants must bring a sleeping bag. The sleeping arrangements will be boys/men on one side of the rocket and girls/women on the other side.

In order to get an accurate number of student participants, **a non-refundable deposit of \$80.00 for each student** is needed. The deposit amount is **due on or before Friday, August 30th**. Reservations will be made dependent on the number of deposits received, no late payments will be accepted. Please make checks payable to VCS, pay by cash, or pay online via your Skyward Fees Management Account (like agenda planners). Partial refunds may be awarded on a case by case basis until October 4th. Beyond that date there will be no option for refunds.

Each class will need 6 parent chaperones. **If you would like to be considered as a chaperone, please complete the bottom portion of this page and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. To be considered as a chaperone, you must submit a completed volunteer application and copy of your driver's license ONLINE by Friday, August 23rd.** Due to the limited number of total participants allowed, it may not be possible for all parents who wish to attend to do so. In the event the number of parents wishing to go exceeds the number we are allowed to have accompany us, there will be a drawing held to determine the attendees. Parents chosen as chaperones will be given additional information on chaperone requirements, such as fingerprinting which is an additional fee of \$49.25, and responsibilities during the trip. Chosen chaperones will be asked to submit the deposit payment of \$80.00 after being selected and by August 30th. Due to the nature of this trip, only legal guardians may be considered to chaperone.

Once deposits have been received, the final payments will be required on or before the dates listed below. Refunds will not be issued for adult chaperones who are not allowed to attend due to fingerprint or background check results.

The payment schedule for the remainder of the cost of the field trip for both student and adult is as follows:
Sept. 13th - \$50.00 and
Sept. 27th - \$50.00.

Educationally yours,
The 5th Grade Teams at Buffalo Ridge and Middleton

 I would like to chaperone. _____ (printed name)

Child's Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Please complete the volunteer application online and send in this slip by Friday, August 23rd if you would like to be in the drawing to chaperone the trip.