

April 16, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This school year we have been very fortunate to have Cynthia Curtis and Bill Bates, environmental scientists with the Environmental Protection Agency, working directly with our students. They have been in the classroom this year as part of the Oak Park Education Foundation's Science Alliance program. On May 24th, we will conclude our partnership with a fieldtrip to Indiana Dunes State Park.

During our trip to the dunes students will work directly with scientists from the EPA, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and volunteers from Save the Dunes, a non-for profit organization working to preserve the dunes. Students will conduct various water monitoring tests, as well as record observations from restored areas of the dunes with entomologists, geochemists, and environmental scientists specializing in wetlands. This field trip is an extension of our current studies with Ms. Curtis and Mr. Bates.

We will leave Julian at 9:00 ***SHARP*** and return around 2:30. Students will need to arrive at school no later than 8:50 as we will be loading the buses directly and not going into the Julian. Students should not bring their back packs or other school items. **Students will need to bring a sack lunch**, and we are asking that they try to limit the volume of trash from their lunches. Any trash we generate, we may be taking back with us.

Because this is an Oak Park Education Foundation sponsored field trip, there is no cost for the bus. **There is however a \$2.00 fee for each person to enter the Dunes State Park.**

Students *may* want to bring:

- Sunscreen/hat
- Bottle water
- Clothes that can get dirty/wet
- A change of shoes

Thanks,  
Mr. Baker

---

My child has permission to attend the Science Alliance fieldtrip to Indiana Dunes State Park on Thursday, May 24th. I understand that students will be traveling by bus, leaving at 9:00 and returning around 2:30. Students must bring a sack lunch to eat at the dunes. **THERE IS A \$2.00 COST FOR THIS FIELDTRIP.**

---

Parent/guardian signature

---

Student name

\_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in chaperoning (it's a great fieldtrip!) Chaperones will also need \$2.00.

---

Phone number

---

Emergency Contact Number