

October 8th, 2009



Gr. 7 and 8 Trip to Ottawa

Dear Parents:

This year, in keeping with past tradition, Oakridge is planning a Gr. 7 - 8 excursion to our nation's capital city in June 2010. The dates for this proposed trip are **Wed. June 16th to Fri. June 18th** (inclusive).

We have planned a parent information session for you to hear the details of the proposed itinerary and to have an opportunity to ask questions. Linda Philp of Young Explorers tours will be in attendance at this session, which is planned for **Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00 pm** in our school gymnasium. Our Intermediate teaching staff will also be joining us.

On the reverse side of this letter, you will find details of the proposed trip. The cost of the trip has been estimated to be \$489 per student. A schedule for payment in installments will be developed in order to alleviate the need to make a large payment all at once. We hope to have a high level of participation from our student body.

We look forward to meeting with you personally on October 21st. A visit to Ottawa will be an exciting and educational year end opportunity for our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Agnew".

Janice Agnew
Principal

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurene Klassen".

Laurene Klassen
Vice-Principal

Oakridge School

Destination: Ottawa
Hotel: Four Points Sheraton
Depart Wed, Jun 16, 10 **Return:** Fri, Jun 18, 10

Price per student: \$489.00
Based on: 160 paying students

DAY 1	5:00	AM	Driver on duty
	6:30	AM	Bus reports to the Penn
	7:00	AM	Bus departs from the school
	12:00	PM	Lunch (not included) and stops coordinated between the group leader and the driver
	1:30	PM	Guide on duty at the Bank of Canada Building
	2:00	PM	Activity 1 - Ottawa Walking Tour (60m) - Your local guide takes you on a walking tour of the capital taking in the many famous sights including the Byward Market.
	3:00	PM	Activity 2 - "Money Matters" Workshop at the Currency Museum (60m) - Students learn where money comes from, who makes it, and how they can be sure that it is the real thing!
	3:30	PM	"The Explorers' Challenge"
	4:00	PM	Check in to the hotel
	6:00	PM	Dinner
	7:00	PM	Evening Activity 1 - Bowling (2 games) (90m) - Challenge your classmates and teachers to see who gets top score at a local bowling alley.
	9:00	PM	Group arrives back at the hotel, guide meeting with teachers, driver off duty
10:00	PM	Night supervision until 7:00 am, guide off duty	
DAY 2	7:00	AM	Guide on duty
	7:30	AM	Breakfast
	8:15	AM	Driver on duty
	9:00	AM	Activity 1 - Guided tour of the National Gallery (90m) - Tour the national collection of history and contemporary works of art with special focus on Canadian art.
	11:00	AM	Activity 2 - Guided tour of Parliament (45m) - Tour the Centre Block and see where federal decisions have been made since Confederation OR Meet a Parliamentarian (30m) - Meet your local representative of Parliament.
	12:15	PM	Lunch (not included)
	2:00	PM	Activity 3 - Imax Film at the Museum of Civilization
	3:00	PM	Activity 4 - "First Peoples Hall & Grand Hall" at the Museum of Civilization (90m) - Explore the history of the Canadian Aboriginal peoples, their accomplishments and their cultures.
	4:30	PM	Activity 4 - Explore the A-Mazing-Mazes at Saunder's Farm (90m) - Visit the largest collection of hedge mazes in North America including the Canadian Experience Maze.
	6:00	PM	Evening Activity 2 - Dinner & Dance at Saunder's Farm (180m) - Learn about agriculture before you sit down to a nutritious farm-grown dinner followed by a student dance in a log cabin
9:30	PM	Group arrives back at the hotel, driver off duty, guide off duty	
10:00	PM	Night supervision until 7:00 am	
DAY 3	7:00	AM	Guide on duty
	7:30	AM	Breakfast
	8:00	AM	Driver on duty
	8:15	AM	Teachers conduct room checks
	9:00	AM	Activity 1 - "Grand Tour" at the War Museum (60m) - Tour the museum's world-class architecture along with its collection of military art and machinery.
	11:00	AM	Activity 2 - "Crime and Punishment" (60m) - Learn about early prison life in this historic jail and see original cells, death row, and the last working gallows in Canada
	12:00	PM	Depart for home, guide off duty
	12:30	PM	Lunch (not included) and stops coordinated between the group leader and the driver
	7:00	PM	Arrive at the Penn Center