

# The Villages® Charter Elementary School

December 19, 2024

Dear Parents,

Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be taking a wonderful trip to the historical city of St. Augustine. Throughout the year your child has been studying Florida and this trip will be an excellent way to see Florida's history in person. The trip will take place on four separate dates.

***Classes will be going to St. Augustine on the following days:***

**Tuesday, February 4th - BR - Mrs. Barclay, Ms. Bedwell, Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Zentko**

**Monday, February 10th - MD - Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Daley, Mr. Rowan, Mrs. Burroughs**

**Monday, February 24th - BR - Mr. Mutz, Ms. Simpson, Ms. Lally, Ms. Pendragon, Mrs. Caputo**

**Wednesday, March 5th - MD - Mrs. Skinner, Ms. McNary, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Gagne**

**Departure on each day will be at 6:00 A.M from the Intermediate Center (BR) and K-5 Building (MD). Please arrive at BR IC and park in the West parking lot of the IC in front of the gym no later than 5:45 a.m. Please arrive in MD and park in the West Parking lot by the 3rd-5th grade car line no later than 5:45 a.m.** Students along with their adult chaperones will board a deluxe motor coach chartered by Ancient City Tours. While in St. Augustine students and adults will tour many historic sites such as: Castillo de San Marcos (the Old Fort), the Pirate Museum, the Fountain of Youth, and the Old Jail. Each class will be staying together as a whole for this event. After a fun, educational packed day students will arrive back at the school at approximately **6:00 p.m.**

The total cost for the trip will be \$110.00 per person for students and \$125.00 per person for adult chaperones. The price includes transportation, admission, and lunch provided by Zaxby's. At this time a non-refundable deposit of \$60.00 for each participant is needed. The deposit amount is due by **Friday, January 10th**. Because reservations will be made dependent on the number of deposits received, no late payments will be accepted. The balance for the trip (\$50 for students & \$65 for chaperones) will be due **Friday, January 24th**. The attached permission slip must be completed for your child to participate. Please return it to your child's teacher along with your final payment. Acceptable forms of payment include cash, check, made out to VCS with the field trip and your student's formal name in memo, or on Skyward (includes a small fee). All payments are non-refundable.

Each classroom is in need of six (6) parent chaperones to serve as helpers for this trip; one parent per family, please. If you are interested in being a chaperone please fill out the bottom portion of this page and return it to your child's teacher by **Wednesday, January 8, 2025**. To be eligible for the drawing as a chaperone, a completed volunteer application along with a copy of your driver's license must be submitted online using the Campus Wide Volunteer Application found on the TVCS.org website under Elementary Forms on or before **January 8, 2025**. Names will be drawn on **Thursday, January 9th** and parents will then be notified. Parents chosen as chaperones will need to submit payment along with their child's according to the due dates listed above. Parent chaperones will be required to travel on the bus and stay with the class group for the entire day. Parents will earn approximately 13 hours of PI service time. Additional adults and siblings are not allowed on the trip.

Your child should wear a blue or green school uniform shirt with uniform pants or shorts on the day of the trip. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher. We are looking forward to a great time!

Educationally yours,

The Fourth Grade Team



I would like to chaperone. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name – Please Print)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_