



Cherry Hill Public Schools
CARUSI MIDDLE SCHOOL

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January, 2017

Dear Sixth Grade Parents/Guardians:

We would like to take this opportunity to share important information regarding the Cherry Hill Environmental Residency Program at Mt. Misery. The Cherry Hill School District is one of a few school districts in the state that offers a comprehensive, on-site ecological experience for students. This innovative program is designed to help our students become aware of the conditions and circumstances that influence and affect their environment and the development of all living organisms.

Our students and staff members are looking forward to their 2016-2017 experience at Mt. Misery. We believe that it will be one of their most memorable middle school experiences!

Your student's house is scheduled to participate in the Mt. Misery program during the week of:

House	Departs	Returns
House 6-2	9 AM, Tuesday, February 28, 2017	11 AM, March 3, 2017
House 6-3	9 AM, Tuesday, March 7, 2017	11 AM, March 10, 2017
House 6-1	9 AM, Tuesday, March 14, 2017	11 AM, March 17, 2017

While this program is part of the curriculum, parents are requested to contribute to the cost of the program. The total cost to parents for the program this year is \$255. This amount includes room, board, and transportation. A separate \$10 is requested for a commemorative t-shirt.

Payment for the Mt. Misery Program must be paid by check or money order only payable to **CHBOE**. Final payment and ALL required paperwork must be submitted to your child's homeroom teacher no later than, Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Please submit \$10 (cash or check payable to **Carusi Middle School** will be accepted) with order form for the commemorative t-shirt no later than Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Please review the attached list of rules and expectations with your child. We are asking that you sign and return the acknowledgement form. Our goal is to establish, in the minds of everyone, expectations for acceptable behavior before we leave for Mt. Misery. We want everyone to be safe, respectful, and enjoy this unique experience. Unacceptable behavior may result in a child being sent home early.

Please complete, sign, and return the attached **Health Information Form** (green form) to school. By completing this form, we can all be assured that if necessary, you can be contacted as easily as possible. Additionally, if your child has any special dietary needs, is under a doctor's care, or is taking any prescription medication, you must complete the appropriate forms. Questions regarding medical information for the trip should be directed to Mrs. Taylor, our school nurse. **All forms and payment for the trip must be returned no later than Thursday, February 16, 2017 or your child will not be permitted to attend Mt. Misery.**





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Finally, unlike at school, messages are not to be sent to the students nor received by them due to the setting and nature of the trip. If there is an emergency and you need to pick up your child, please contact us at Carusi and we will assist you.

On **Tuesday** morning of your child's week at Mt Misery, please ***do not bring your child to school before 9:00 AM***. As you approach the school, turn left and proceed to the rear of the building. Please follow the directions from our staff as you approach the drop off area. Once you reach the drop off area, bring your child's luggage directly to the waiting truck. Your child should proceed to the cafeteria with ***their lunch for that day in their possession***. Their teachers will be waiting for the students in the cafeteria.

On **Friday** morning the buses should arrive back at Carusi by 11:45 AM. Please follow the direction of Staff members to the designated staging area. A one-way traffic pattern will be in place to ensure safety. It is extremely important that you're here to pick up your tired, but happy, youngster **ON TIME**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us or your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

Dr. John J. Cafagna
Principal

Kelly Hands-McKenzie
Assistant Principal