

The Villages® Charter Elementary School

January 15, 2025

Dear Parents,

First grade is planning a trip to the Orlando Science Center. We are very excited about this upcoming field trip where our students will be able to participate in hands-on activities incorporating science experiments and solving real-world problems. We will be departing from Buffalo Ridge Primary Center at 8:00 am & Middleton K-5 at 8:15 am to travel by bus to Orlando. We will return to Buffalo Ridge Primary Center & Middleton K-5 at approximately 3:00 pm. Your child will need to be picked up at that time or placed in Buffalo Adventures, aftercare charges will apply.

Classes will be going to the Orlando Science Center on the following dates:

Buffalo Ridge Campus:

Monday, March 3rd: Ms. Botelho, Mrs. Chausse, Ms. Merriam, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Pompey, & Mrs. Tsirnikas

Tuesday, March 4th: Mrs. Leddy, Ms. Perpall, Mrs. Ruiz, & Mrs. Stachler

Middleton Campus:

Thursday, March 6th: Ms. Barker, Mrs. Bingham, Mr. Costa, Ms. Currier, Ms. Freitag, & Mrs. Long

The cost of the trip will be \$38.00 for students, this includes admission, lunch and bus transportation. Please make your check payable to VCS. The attached parental consent form must be filled out completely and signed for your child to participate. Payment and consent forms are due no later than **Wednesday, February 19, 2025**. Acceptable forms of payment include exact cash (no change is available), check made out to VCS with the field trip and your student's formal name in memo, or on Skyward (includes a small fee).

Each classroom is in need of nine (9) parent chaperones to serve as helpers for this trip; one parent per family, please. Please indicate if you are interested in being a chaperone on the bottom portion of this page and return it to your child's teacher on or before **Wednesday, January 22, 2025**. A drawing will be held on **Thursday, January 23rd** and parents will then be notified. 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 **before Wednesday, January 22nd**.

The cost for parents will be \$28.00 for an admission fee and lunch. Parents chosen as chaperones will need to submit payment along with their child's according to the due date listed above. All parent chaperones will need to provide their own transportation. VCS buses will travel to Orlando Science Center via Florida's Turnpike which is a toll road; please be prepared to pay tolls along the way. Parent chaperones will earn approximately 4 ½ hours of PI service time. PI time will not be given for travel to and from the Orlando Science Center. Additional adults and siblings will not be allowed on the trip.

Parents who attend the field trip are welcome to sign out their child with the teacher at the end of the field trip so that he/she may ride home with them. Please be aware that PI time will end at the time your student is checked out. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,
The First Grade Team



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

☐ I would like to chaperone. Name of Chaperone: _____

Lunch is provided at the Orlando Science Center. Please select your child's choice

Ham and Cheese Sandwich _____ Turkey And Cheese Sandwich _____ SunButter and Jelly Sandwich _____

***NO changes are able to be made the day of the field trip.

Please submit a completed on-line volunteer application and email a copy of your driver's license before Wednesday, January 22nd to be eligible to participate in the drawing for chaperones.