



Strawberry Elementary School Bennett Valley Union School District

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

Every spring, the Strawberry 6th grade students participate in a four-day residential program of Outdoor Science Education School at Walker Creek Ranch. The ranch school, operated by the Marin County Office of Education, is located west of Petaluma in an environment of diverse natural habitats, providing students with rich opportunities in scientific discovery and learning. Students live in cabins in small groups, supervised by parent volunteers. The camp dates this year are April 5 – April 8, 2016 (Tuesday through Friday).

The total cost for camp this year is \$356.00 per student.

We count on family donations and fundraising efforts to pay for the program and have several options available to ease any financial burden. Inability to contribute toward the cost of the trip will **NOT** prevent a student from participating. Please let us know; we will work to find a way to cover the need.

Students have an opportunity to earn all or part of their camp donation through our **See's Candy fundraiser** in October/November. Students are credited with all of the profits from their See's Candy sales. Deliveries are scheduled the week of December 7th, in time for the winter holidays. In addition, 50% of the **walkathon pledges** 6th grade students collect go to their individual camp accounts. The walkathon will be Friday, Sept. 25.

Walker Creek is always a highlight in sixth grade. Your child will gain knowledge and skills, and make new friends and lasting memories. We hope all sixth grade students will attend, but do respect family choices. A camp video is available for parents to check out from the school office; much information (including a video) can also be found on the Walker Creek website at www.walkercreekranch.org. Please note: If your child is not going to Walker Creek Ranch, he/she is still required to come to school in order not to be in violation of the state's compulsory attendance laws.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, Oct. 2, 2015	Commitment form and initial donation due
Friday, Oct. 2, 2105	See's Candy order forms and envelopes distributed
Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2015	See's candy orders due
December 7 – 11, 2015	See's candy will be delivered and ready for pick-up
Friday, Jan. 15, 2016	Donation status reports will be distributed to parents. Reports will show the donation balance remaining after deducting donation payments and funds raised
Friday, Feb. 12, 2016	Final camp donation due
Monday, Feb. 22, 2016	Strict deadline for any and all residual forms! Health forms and authorizations to give medications due.
Thursday, Mar. 31, 2016	Turn in student medications, if any, for camp
Tuesday, April 5, 2016	Students leave for camp at 10:00 a.m.
Friday, April 8, 2016	Students return from camp at 1:00 p.m. and go home

If you have any questions, please contact your student's teacher or call me at 526-4433 x301.

Sincerely,

Scott Humble—Principal



Parent/Guardian Checklist

- Walker Creek Commitment form (pink) due by Oct. 2 – ALL SIXTH GRADERS

- Request for special consideration (pink) due by Oct. 2 – if applicable

- Volunteer sign up (pink) due by Oct. 2 – if applicable

- Final camp donation due February 6 – checks payable to BVUSD Special Fund

Single payment	Two installments:	Four installments
<input type="checkbox"/> \$356 by Oct. 2, 2015	<input type="checkbox"/> \$178 by Oct. 2, 2015	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 by Oct. 2, 2015
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$178 by Feb. 12, 2016	<input type="checkbox"/> \$86 by Nov. 6, 2015
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 by Dec. 11, 2015
		<input type="checkbox"/> \$85 by Feb. 12, 2016

- Health forms (yellow) due by Feb. 22 – ALL PARTICIPATING SIXTH GRADERS
 - Registration and Health form (yellow) – ALL PARTICIPATING SIXTH GRADERS
 - Authorization to Administer Medication – if sending any medication, prescription or over-the-counter, to camp. NOTE: Physician’s signature must be on form in order for any medication to be administered.
 - Dietary Information form (yellow) – of applicable

- All medications for camp turned into school office by March 31 – if applicable

ALL medication must be turned into the school office; DO NOT pack in the participant’s luggage. Medication must be in the original container and clearly labeled with the following information: participant’s name, physician’s name, name of medication, dosage. NOTE: We must have an Authorization to Administer Medication signed by a physician in order for any medication to be administered.