



Hello, Savona Families:

Early this year, I was able to put a case forward about the lack of food options in Savona for lunch, for example hot lunch programs that in-town schools may have available to them that we do not. This conversation evolved into the school being given some additional grant funding (Feeding Futures) to have a 'Food Experience.' As it is currently Lunar New Year, we are taking the students for Chinese Food. The Bamboo Inn in Kamloops is graciously going to close their doors on Monday, March 9 to the public and host us. The food will be buffet style and will include (but not limited to): Chicken Chow Mein, Rice, Ginger Beef, Chicken Wings, and a Fortune Cookie. We have informed the restaurant of food sensitivities and allergies. The owner is quite excited about this opportunity, and has said he will also have some other items for students / staff who are interested to try (he is proud and excited to serve his food). There will be no cost for this experience. With students and staff, the restaurant will be at capacity, so sadly parents will not be able to join us.

As we will be going to town on this day, before heading to lunch, we will be stopping at Riverside Park. The new outdoor skating facility should be open (although this could be weather dependent), and we hope to give students the opportunity to try out this new facility. The playground is also right there for students to play on. Parents are welcome to come and join us at the park (and help tie skates for those students skating).

We will leave the school after recess on Monday, March 9 (10:15), hopefully arriving at Riverside Park at 11:00. We will spend about an hour at the park, and then go for lunch. The restaurant is expecting us at 12:30. Once students are finished eating, we will head back to school and dismissal will be at the usual time.

This is something I am excited about! I have never, in my career, taken a whole school out to a restaurant for lunch. I have assured the restaurant that we are a lovely, well-behaved school.

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Ms. K. Chernoff  
Principal, Savona Elementary



# HIGHER RISK ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP PARENT CONSENT FORM

Principal's approval: [Signature]  
Please return before: Wed. March 4th

Activity: Skating or Playground & Lunch Teacher: All Classes  
Location: Riverside Park & Bamboo Inn Date(s): Monday, March 9, 2026  
Departure time from school: 10:15 am Arrival time back at school: 2:15 pm

Overview Itinerary for the Field Trip Program:  
We will be travelling by bus to Riverside Park where students will be able to go skating or play on the playground, followed by lunch at Bamboo Inn. Please indicate below if your child will be skating or playing on the playground.

Transportation:  Walking to and from the activity  Transported by school bus  
 Driven in private vehicles  Drivers required

Volunteer drivers must be at least 21 years old and have at least \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance. There must be a seatbelt for each child/youth and no air bag on the front passenger side unless the passenger is 12 years of age or older. Drivers are responsible for complying with all child/youth restraint/booster seat requirements. Driver must have completed an SD73 Volunteer Driver Form.

### Booster Seat Requirements for Private Vehicles:

- My child is over 9 years of age **OR** over 4 ft. 9 in. ⇒ No booster seat is required
- My child is over 18 kg/40 lbs **AND** under 4 ft. 9 in. ⇒ A booster seat is required
- My child will bring a portable booster seat. (Please note that it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to provide booster seats, when required, for school field trips.)

Parent Helpers Required: Yes  No  \* at Riverside only Lunch Required: Yes  No

Fee to be Paid: Yes  No  Amount Required: \$ N/A

\* This permission slip must be returned for your child/youth's participation - written notes or phone calls will not be accepted to grant permission.

### PERMISSION SLIP

The following statement must be signed by the parent/guardian for students participating in Higher Risk Field Trips:  
I am aware and understand that participation in the Higher Risk Field Trip involves certain inherent risks, dangers and hazards which may result in serious personal injury or death or other loss or damage to property. I am aware that downhill skiing, Nordic track skiing, snowboarding and snow-blading, ice skating, road cycling, mountain biking, adventure hiking, canoeing, kayaking, swimming in natural settings, wilderness orienteering and residential camping are dangerous activities and that in addition to the usual risks inherent in these activities, certain additional dangers and risks including, but not limited to, varying snow, ice and visibility conditions and the danger and risk of collision with natural and man-made objects. For International travel, I have been informed that the Higher Risk Field Trip may become a dangerous activity due to global unrest. Further I agree that there may be other risks not known to me or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson) "the Board", its employees and agents ("the Releasees"). From any loss, claim, or demand for any and all negligence arising as a result of the Student's involvement or participation in the Higher Risk Field Trip except where such negligence is caused by the Releasees. I understand and accept that the Board and its employees and agents may at any time cancel the Higher Risk Field Trip for appropriate reasons including travel advisories indicating international air travel is unsafe or the destination is unsafe. Accordingly, I agree to waive any and all claims against the Board, its employees and agents for any monetary loss arising from the cancellation of the Higher Risk Field Trip. I understand that during the Higher Risk Field Trip the Student may incur additional unforeseen financial expenses required for reasons of safety and I agree to waive and reimburse for any and all claims against the Board, its employees and agents for any such expenses that are reasonably required. Both my child/youth and I understand that Board Policy #240 "Student Behaviour - Discipline" applies on all field trips. The use of alcohol or drugs and or inappropriate student conduct may result in suspension from school. Students engaging in these behaviours are liable to be sent home at their families' expense.

I have read and am informed about the proposed field trip to Riverside / Bamboo Inn on Monday, March 9, 2026.  
I request that my child/youth participate in this trip. I understand there is a cost involved and have enclosed \$ N/A with this form. I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above named student, request that my child/youth be allowed to participate in the trip.

List medical conditions/medication the staff/supervisor should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please supply the school with: family physician, Care Card number and emergency numbers (if not already on file).

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

My child will be skating. I understand they will need to bring their own skates and a helmet.

My child will be playing on the playground.

### Teacher/Office Use Only

Fee for Field Trip Received: Yes  No  Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_