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Dear 5th Grade Parents,

On Friday, (*date*), the students will be attending the Colonial Day at the Capitol. Only eight schools within the state of Oklahoma have been selected to participate in this wonderful opportunity. Colonial Day is funded by a grant awarded by the Oklahoma Humanities and the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence. The grant helps offset the cost of Historical speakers, however, each participating school is responsible for a minimal fee to help cover remaining costs. We are asking each student to bring \$ to help cover these expenses. This year we will have the pleasure of seeing presentations from historical interpreters from Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon and the Oklahoma History Center.

Part of this wonderful experience is that the children are to dress in colonial attire. Attached is a costume letter giving you ideas for creating or purchasing a colonial costume for our big day.

The students will also need to bring a sack lunch on the day of the trip. Every thing must be disposable because they will not be able to carry around leftovers or a lunch box at the Capitol.

Everyone will meet on the 4th floor in the House of Representative's Chambers at 9:00 AM. You are welcome to stay and participate in Colonial Day, but understand that seating will be for the students, and all parents are asked to stand in the back of the rooms for each presentation. Attending parents will be required to sign their child out on an attendance sheet if they are not returning to school.

At the Capitol, the students will be conversing with historical interpreters, participating in a mock Bill of Rights song, dancing colonial style and debating our loyalty to the King. What a memorable way to experience life as our forefathers knew it! We are very excited about this wonderful opportunity!

If your child is able to attend, please complete the form below AND return it with (*\$0.00 by date*). Thank you for all you do to make your children a success!

Together in Education,

Teacher Name

Email

Child's Name

Parent's Name

Cell Phone

Home Phone

_____ Yes, my child will be able to attend the event.

_____ No, my child will not be able to attend.

_____ Yes, I will be able to chaperone.

Parent Signature

Email Address

Name of Emergency Contact

Emergency Contact Phone #

Colonial Day Parent Chaperone Volunteer Form

I am in need of about 5 parent chaperones for Colonial Day at the Capitol. Parent chaperones will need to commit to the following:

- ❖ Be able to communicate by email.
- ❖ Meet at the Capitol at approximately 9:00 to meet with student groups
- ❖ Supervise 4-5 students for the entire day
- ❖ Make sure students follow Capitol rules (These are provided for you in parent packet)
- ❖ Collect student lunches
- ❖ Carry schedule, map and a bag with student lunches
- ❖ Help keep group together and direct them to the right room at the Capitol using schedule and provided map
- ❖ Help collect signatures of parents that are signing out students and taking them home
- ❖ Make sure all students in the group are picked up by their parent to be transported home or back to school

If you are interested in chaperoning, please mark yes on the form above. I will be contacting you later with additional information. Thank you!