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## PS 261

### Day 1 (Wednesday 5/20/2009)

7:00 AM	<p><b>Depart on Motorcoach</b></p> <p>Atlantic Travel &amp; Tours, Inc. 917-754-0591</p> <p>Pick up at: PS 261 314 Pacific Brooklyn, NY 11201</p> <p>"Adventure Student Travel has worked together with your motor coach company to create a custom itinerary that meets your group's needs. Please note that any changes to this itinerary could result in itinerary change fees and vendor fees."</p> <p>During your travel time enjoy the movies on the Life and Times of Frederick Douglas provided to you by Adventure Student Travel.</p>
	<p><b>Meet Tour Guide</b></p> <p><b>Lead coach group leader: Call your tour guide Mr. Mike Fauer 240-367-4450 upon arrival in DC. He will give instructions for coach parking.</b></p>
	<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <p><b>Union Station Meal Vouchers</b> 40 Massachusetts Avenue, NE Washington DC 20002 202-289-1908</p> <p><b>Vouchers are in your packet.</b></p> <p>This unique venue combines plenty of great restaurants and great shopping in one location. Fabulous for groups, Union Station brings you back to a time when architecture designed was on a grand scale, where there is something for everyone.</p>
1:45 PM	<p><b>Capitol Hill Tour</b></p> <p>621 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20003 202-547-7788</p> <p><u><a href="#">There are 3 confirmations in your packet. Divide the group for the following tours:</a></u> <u><a href="#">2:20pm 46 students + 1 guide</a></u> <u><a href="#">2:40pm, 59 students + 1 guide</a></u> <u><a href="#">3:30pm, 45 students + 1 guide</a></u> Arrive 30 minutes early . Review the Capitol Hill visitor instruction sheet in your travel folder for entry instructions/precautions.</p>
	<p><b>White House Photo Opportunity</b></p> <p>1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington DC 20002</p> <p>Your group will approach the White House for a photo opportunity.</p>

5:30 PM	<p><b>Dinner</b></p> <p><b>Ronald Reagan Meal Vouchers</b> 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington DC 20004 202-312-1657</p> <p><b>Vouchers are in your packet.</b></p> <p>Eighteen food court eateries offering a variety of international cuisine. The food court has 1,000 seats for everyone to enjoy their meal. The vouchers have meal choices on them. To see sample vouchers check DC file, last page of info packet.</p>
7:00 PM	<p><b>Illumination Monuments/Memorials tour</b></p> <p><b>See the nation's capitol at night. Walk among the monuments in the evening.</b></p>
	<p><b>Tour Guide Departs</b></p> <p><b>Your tour guide will depart after the Illuminations Tour.</b></p>
	<p><b>Hotel Check-in</b></p> <p><b>Best Western Potomac Mills</b> 14619 Potomac Mills Road Woodbridge, VA 22192</p> <p><b>Reservation is under PS261/Adventure Student Travel.</b></p> <p><b>Night security provided by Metropolitan Security Patrol begins at 11pm.</b></p>

## Day 2 (Thursday 5/21/2009)

	<p><b>Breakfast at Hotel</b></p> <p><b>Enjoy the complimentary deluxe continental breakfast.</b></p>
7:30 AM	<p><b>Depart on Motorcoach</b></p> <p>Atlantic Travel &amp; Tours, Inc. 917-754-0591</p>
	<p><b>Meet Tour Guide</b></p> <p><b>You will meet your tour guides at Arlington Cemetery at 8:30am.</b></p>
	<p><b>Supreme Court Tour</b></p> <p><b>US Supreme Court Building</b> 1 FIRST ST. N.E. Washington, DC 20543 (202) 479-3211</p> <p><b>Your guide will give you a tour.</b></p> <p>See where our laws are put to the test. This historic building has been the setting for the most celebrated legal cases in our history. Each year the Supreme Court hears legal arguments from a variety of cases in which legal decisions are rendered. These decisions help to shape our everyday lives.</p>
	<p><b>Smithsonian Museums on the National Mall</b></p> <p><b>Library of Congress</b></p>

12:00 PM	<p>1100 Jefferson Dr SW Washington, DC 20013 (202) 633-1000</p> <p>With most of its facilities located in Washington, D.C., the Smithsonian Institute is comprised of 19 museums and seven research centers, and has 142 million items in its collections.</p>
	<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <p><b>Atrium Cafe'</b> - on the National Mall 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW Washington, DC 20560 202.357.2700</p> <p><b>You will be eating at the Atrium Cafe. Your vouchers are in packet .</b></p> <p>The Atruim Cafe is located inside the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, and offers a full range of pizza, burgers, salads, soups, sandwiches, rotisserie chicken and beverages.</p>
	<p><b>Tour Guide Departs</b></p> <p><b>Thank you Guides!</b></p>
	<p><b>Return to Hotel</b></p>
7:00 PM	<p><b>Dinner</b></p> <p><b>Pizza will be delivered to your hotel at 7:00pm by Papa Johns.</b> <b>Adventure Student Travel has made arrangements with your hotel to allow you to have your pizza in their breakfast area. Plates, cups, etc are in the breakfast area.</b></p> <p><b>The following pizzas will be delivered:</b></p> <p>9 Pepperoni 9 Sausage 42 Cheese <b>60 Pizzas total - a variety of sodas are provided as well.</b></p>

### Day 3 (Friday 5/22/2009)

	<p><b>Breakfast at Hotel</b></p> <p>Enjoy the complimentary deluxe continental breakfast.</p>
	<p><b>Hotel Check-out</b></p> <p>Be sure to check out of the hotel before you depart for today's activities. Check to be sure you have packed everything as you won't be coming back to the hotel.</p>
7:45 AM	<p><b>Depart on Motorcoach</b></p> <p>Atlantic Travel &amp; Tours, Inc. 917-754-0591</p>
	<p><b>Meet Tour Guide</b></p> <p>Meet tour guide at The Frederick Douglas Home for your walking tour of the grounds.</p>
	<p><b>Frederick Douglass National Historic Site</b></p> <p>Frederick Douglass House</p>

9:00 AM	<p>1411 W Street S.E. Washington, DC 877-559-6777</p> <p><b>Your guides will give you a walking tour of the estate grounds.</b></p>
	<p><b>Tour Guide Departs</b></p> <p><b>Your tour guides will depart once you have finished at the Frederick Douglas House.</b></p>
	<p><b>Fort Dupont Park</b></p> <p>Fort Dupont Park is conveniently located in Southeast Washington, DC. It is southeast of I-295, north of Pennsylvania Ave., east of Branch Ave. and west of Ridge Rd.</p> <p>Plenty of room to run and have fun!</p>
	<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <p><b>Box lunches will be delivered to the buses while they are at the Fort Dupont Park between 11:30am and 12:00pm by <i>Office Catering.</i></b></p> <p><i>Office Catering</i> <i>1795 Olive Street</i> <i>Capitol Heights, MD</i> <i>301-772-2323</i></p>
2:00 PM	<p><b>Depart for Home</b></p> <p>Atlantic Travel &amp; Tours, Inc. 917-754-0591</p>

May 11, 2009

Dear Fifth Grade Parent:

It's hard to believe, but the trip is finally upon us!

This packet includes important information for you to know as you get your child ready to go to Washington, DC. Please read everything. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher or call Marci Rosa at 917-922-2453.

The fifth grade trip to Washington, DC is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 20 through Friday, May 22, 2009.**

You must have your child in front of the school on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> by **6:30 AM**. We know this is early, but the bus trip is 5 hours and we want to spend as much time in Washington as we can! If your child is not there on time, the bus will leave without him/her.

**There will be absolutely no refunds for any child that misses the trip.**

Please pack healthy snacks and drinks for the bus.

We will be stopping for lunch on the way. This is included in the price.

It's a good idea to pack something to read or play with on the bus. As soon as we reach Washington, we will begin seeing the sights. Your child should be dressed in comfortable, light clothing and **good walking shoes**. (No flip-flops).

If your child brings a cell phone, game boy, or other valuable item, they will be responsible for keeping track of it. PS 261 and the PTA are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Each child will be sharing a room with 3 other children. The teachers carefully selected which children are together. We have hired our own security guard to monitor the hallways in the hotel when the children are in their rooms. The kids will have privacy to change in the bathroom. Please be sure that your child packs appropriate pajamas.

**Included in this packet is:**

- A suggested packing slip. Each child will be given 2 PS 261 Senior Tee Shirts.
- The planned schedules of activities for Washington DC.
- A medical form and permission slip for medical treatment in case of emergency.\*
- A consent form if you haven't already signed one.\*
- An invoice if you still owe money.\* *All outstanding payments must be made as soon as possible.*

Items with a \* must be returned to your child's teacher no later than Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Let's all work to make this the best trip possible!

The Fifth Grade Teachers



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## TRAVEL TIPS

Include medications, doctor's name and phone number and any other items you may need to make it for at least 24 hours in case your luggage is lost or delayed

Small supplies in original bottles are a good idea

Consider bringing some favorite munchies along on the trip

If you fear motion sickness, see if your doctor can provide something to help

### NO-NO's FOR LUGGAGE

Knives of any kind

Cutting instruments of any kind

Razors

Corkscrews

Fingernail files

Sharp object or instruments of any kind

Aerosol cans

### CLOTHING

Forget high fashion, you want to be able to enjoy all your days of your trip. Wear cool and comfortable clothing. Light colors will help to reflect the sun's rays. Natural fibers breathe the most and will dry the quickest. Since many of the Parks have water rides that are designed to get you wet and cool you off, you might want to also consider the "see through" factor of your clothing if it gets wet.

Wear cool, comfortable and supportive shoes. You are going to spend a lot of time on your feet, either walking or standing in lines.

### EXTRA ITEMS

Cover your body with a strong sunscreen. The sun can be very strong and you'll be exposed to it for much of the day.

Use some baby powder with cornstarch to help keep your feet and other body parts dry

Consider bringing a hat and sunglasses. You could also look into buying those little ropes to hold your glasses on while you ride

Avoid wearing jewelry or other loose items that could get caught or become uncomfortable on the rides

You might bring a collapsible plastic water cup to assist you at the drinking fountains

Consider bringing a fanny pack to do the work of carrying all the items you need

### LUGGAGE

Rollers on luggage will make it easier for you

Removable straps on your luggage make it easier to carry

A lock on your luggage that doesn't dangle

So your clothes aren't covered in spilled liquids, use plastic bottles in your packing. Only fill the bottles to the  $\frac{3}{4}$  mark in case they are crushed or the contents freeze and expand. You also might want to pack them in a plastic freezer bag just in case

To avoid damaging your film, it is recommended that you carry it on with you.

The walkthrough and hand wand security devices shouldn't effect your film

The safest best for film is to buy it after you arrive and develop it before you go. This may not be the cheapest route, but it is the best guarantee to keep your memories safe

### VALUABLES

Leave them at home in a safe place if you can

Do not carry valuables in your checked luggage; they will be safer in your carry-on bags

If you do place any valuables in your luggage, hide them in the lower sections of the bags so a quick look inside won't reveal them

### PACKING

Bring along a plastic trash bag to keep your dirty items separate from your other clothes

Pack your shoes in shoe bags or old socks to keep their dirty soles from touching your clean clothes

To avoid wrinkles – don't over pack

Roll up T-shirts and undergarments

Take the proper size luggage for your trip

Button the buttons on shirts so items will hang properly

Use plastic dry cleaner bags between items. Make sure the dry cleaner bags do not have any advertising printed on them. The ink can rub off and end up on your clothes

Unpack as soon as possible  
Don't pack valuable, perishable, and fragile items sensitive to the heat and cold in your checked baggage  
Pack light by coordinating your outfits around a central color  
Plan your outfits so you can layer instead of bringing lots of jackets  
Take small sample sizes of toiletries that will last just long enough instead of huge bottles

### AVOID LOSSES

Never leave your luggage unattended or take your eyes off your bags  
Avoid taking luggage with flashy brand names  
Use the locks on your luggage, but don't forget the keys at home  
Clearly label your luggage  
Remove any items that are hanging off your luggage  
Place a trip itinerary inside your luggage  
Place a unique bright marking on your luggage so you can easily identify it  
If an airline loses your items, make a claim before you leave the airport  
Carry a list of all your items in your carry-on and leave one at home

### THINGS TO CARRY ON YOUR PERSON

Wallet  
Insurance card  
Travelers' checks  
Itinerary  
Emergency phone number