

## Excursion Time! Fall Hike! October 18<sup>th</sup>!

*It's time for our annual Whole-Academy Fall Hike. This year we are going from the "River to the Sea" via Rincon Park, up the U-conn Trail, through Wilder Ranch, and ending at Four-Mile Beach on the coast.*

On Thursday, October 18, all Nature Academy students will hike from the "River to the Sea". We will leave the classroom at 8:00 AM, and drive to the Rincon parking lot (on Hwy 9 approx. 3 miles south of the Henry Cowell Park Entrance). At 8:30 AM, student and parent hikers will hike from Rincon, up the U-conn (University Connection) trail, toward UCSC and up to Empire Grade. At the ridge we will enter Grey Whale Ranch which is the upper portion of Wilder Ranch State Park, and from there we will hike through various meadows and tree groves toward our destination at Four Mile Beach (one mile north of Dimeo Lane on Hwy 1, or about four miles north of Santa Cruz). Hikers will be picked up at Four-Mile Beach at approx. 2:30 PM, **(hiker speed dependent)** and will return to SLVMS around 3:00 – 4:00 PM.

- ✚ The total hike is 6-8 miles, depending on which route we take, which in turn depends on our progress as the day unfolds.
- ✚ Plenty of water (1.5 – 2 liters per hiker), snacks, lunch, walking shoes, hat, sunscreen and layered clothing are all critical for an enjoyable hike.
- ✚ The hike is dependent upon parent participation
- ✚ We will need plenty of drivers; some to pick up hikers (students & chaperones) from SLVMS to Rincon at 8:00 AM, some to pick up hikers at Four-Mile beach at 2:30 PM, and some to shuttle chaperones' vehicles from Rincon to Four-Mile Beach.
- ✚ Please remember that it is the cooperative effort of all parents that make these trips possible, and that times and situations can change.... We greatly appreciate everyone's flexibility.

-----Please cut here, fill out, and return to the "Forms Box" by Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup>-----

### Fall Hike 2012

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature, student "Okay to go" on hike: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I have seatbelts for \_\_\_ Passengers and I can drive from SLVMS to Rincon at 8:00AM

\_\_\_ I have seatbelts for \_\_\_ Passengers and I can drive from Four-Mile Beach to SLVMS@ 2:30PM

\_\_\_ I have seatbelts for \_\_\_ passengers & would like to hike/chaperone as well as drive both directions

\_\_\_ I won't be hiking, but I can shuttle chaperone vehicles from Rincon to Four-Mile Beach.

\_\_\_ I won't be hiking, but can drive both directions. I have seatbelts for \_\_\_ Passengers.

**\*\*\*PLEASE RETURN FORM BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>\*\*\***