October 29, 2013

Dear Third Grade Parents,

In conjunction with our Science unit on Rocks and Minerals, we are having the Elachee Nature Center come to Starling Elementary School. Students will participate in the “Elachee Rock” presentation by the Elachee staff. We will also participate in a non-stop, hands-on investigation of the rocks and minerals of Georgia including panning for gems.We will cover the **GPS: S3E1 & 2 AKS: 3SC\_B-8 & 9.** The field trip date is divided into two dates due to the size of our third grade class. Your child will attend one of the following dates which are November 21st and November 22nd. Class assignments will be determined at a later date. Students will be able to eat lunch at school by purchasing or bringing their lunch as normal. Please have your child at school on time for the field trip because we plan to start promptly at 8:30 A.M. This will be a wonderful learning experience for your child. The cost of the field trip is $9.50 per student. Please submit your payment by Wednesday, November 6, 2013.

***We now*** ***accept payment on MealpayPlus if you would like to pay online***; simply sign on to your child’s MealpayPlus account. Create your Account via [www.MealpayPlus.com](http://www.MealpayPlus.com) If you do not know your student’s ID, please contact Starling ES office. You may also send in cash, or a check made out to Starling Elementary.

No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in a GCPS field trip due to inability to pay; however, if enough funds are not collected to cover costs, the trip may be cancelled.

*\*Gwinnett County Public Schools wishes to meet the needs of all of its students and families.*

Thank you,

Third grade teachers

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Child’s name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 I give my child permission to attend the in-school field trip

\_\_\_\_\_ I have submitted payment through MealpayPlus

\_\_\_\_\_ I have sent in a check with my child

\_\_\_\_\_ I have sent in cash with my child

Parent’s signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_