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## JOHN R. BEATTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“BLAZING A TRAIL OF EXCELLENCE!”

September 29, 2011

Dear 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade GATE Parents,

This year, we are exploring the concept of perception. As part of our study, we are planning a GATE field trip to Disney's California Adventure theme park. The purpose of our trip is to participate in Disney's Youth Education Series tour, California, Here I Come! One aspect of perception that we are studying is the perception of people and regions in the United States. This field trip offers a hands-on look at all things California, helping students change the stereotypes and images that are commonly perceived for the Golden State.

Here is a description of the California, Here I Come Tour from the Disney website:

*Led and taught by a Disney facilitator, this program is a two-and-a-half hour historical journey through Disney California Adventure® Park. Students uncover what they have learned in the classroom including the four regions of California, Native Americans, the Gold Rush and California Missions. They also look at important figures in California history such as Chuck Yeager, Howard Hughes, John Muir and Walt Disney. Throughout this journey students discover the Redwood Creek Challenge Trail, and explore the people, events, hopes and dreams that have shaped California. The students finish their journey by Soarin' Over California.*

Here are the details of our trip:

- The field trip is on **Saturday, February 18, 2012.**
- **Due to the size of the bus, this field trip is open to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who bring in a \$20 deposit and signed permission slip by October 7.** All checks should be made payable to Beatty Elementary School.
- After October 7, the field trip will be open to 4<sup>th</sup> grade GATE students, on a first come, first serve basis while seating is available.
- The trip costs **\$140** and includes a tour ticket, a Disneyland Hopper Pass, charter bus transportation, and food. If students want to purchase souvenirs, they should bring additional money.
- Beatty teachers will be chaperones, with a ratio of 1 teacher for every 5 students.
- The charter bus will leave Beatty Saturday morning, February 18, at 4:00 a.m. and will leave Disneyland after the fireworks to return to Beatty about 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 19.
- Students will call home when we get back to Las Vegas so you can meet us at school when the bus arrives.
- The entire trip can be paid for at one time or you can use a payment plan. **All checks should be made payable to Beatty Elementary School.** If funding is an issue, please let me know. There is a limited amount of scholarship money available.

| <b>Option #1 – Seven Payments</b> | <b>Option #2 – Four Payments</b> | <b>Option #3 – One Payment</b> |
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| October 7 - \$20                  | October 7 - \$20                 | October 7 - \$140              |
| October 21 - \$20                 | October 21 - \$40                |                                |
| November 4 - \$20                 | November 18 - \$40               |                                |
| November 18 - \$20                | December 16 - \$40               |                                |
| December 2 - \$20                 |                                  |                                |
| December 9 - \$20                 |                                  |                                |
| December 16 - \$20                |                                  |                                |

If you need additional information or have questions about our field trip, please call me at school, 799-5700, or email me at [kpowell@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:kpowell@interact.ccsd.net).

Sincerely,

Karen Powell  
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