

January 2, 2015

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As a part of our Short Story Unit in American Lit, students will be required to complete character sketches in preparation for writing a short story. After reading a few character sketches and studying short stories with a lens on character development, we will head to the **16th St Mall and Union Station** where students will be required to write inspired by “characters” they see.

**This excursion will take place during class. Students will not miss any other classes**, but they will miss half of lunch.

We will take RTD to the 16th St Mall Ride downtown. Depending on weather, we will either be outside on the 16th St Mall writing and watching for characters or inside at Union Station. Please remind students that layers are key in Colorado!

**Students will need to pay for their own bus fare, which is $1.10 each way ($2.20 total)**. If your son/daughter already has a bus pass, there will be no cost for this field trip.

That being said, students will have the opportunity to purchase lunch somewhere downtown. **Students can either bring money to purchase lunch or plan to eat on the DCIS campus**.

Excursion dates are as follows:

**Tuesday, January 20th= Per 5**

**Wednesday, January 21st= Per 10**

**Thursday, January 22nd= per 3**

**Friday, January 23rd= per 8**

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Sara Finnegan-Doyon

**PERMISSION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY WED, JAN 14TH**

**(worth 10pts in Participation)**

**Please check one of the following:**

1. I **DO NOT** give my son/daughter\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend the excursion.

2. I give my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend the Character Sketch excursion on **16th Street Mall and at Union Station** on:

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I understand that s/he will be out of the building for half of lunch and the entirety of American Lit.

**Please check one of the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_My daughter/son HAS a bus pass and will not need to pay bus fare.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Enclosed is $2.20 to cover the cost of bus fare.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Due to financial hardship, we will not be able to cover the cost. Please provide a scholarship.

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