

Dear Mosaic Families,

We are very excited to be planning our fall field study schedule and camping adventures. We have a day trip on Thursday, September 12, 8:15-1:30 to the Burlington Waterfront and voyage on the UVM research vessel, *Melosira*. In addition, we have the Ecology Camping Trip at Grand Isle State Park with visits to the Burlington Water and Wastewater Treatment facilities; Green Infrastructure stops; Grand Isle State Fish Hatchery; and Missisquoi Wildlife Refuge for Thursday, September 26 - Friday, September 27. We are realizing that this is the first time this group will do an overnight field trip together and we are really looking forward to the team building and learning opportunities that this will bring.

In order to make the camping trip work, we will need chaperones that are able to stay the evening (in a lean-to or tent) of the 26th at the Grand Isle State Park campground. Given the nature of this trip, our district requires fingerprinted background checks to be completed for each chaperone. With the timing of the trip, we wanted to give you some lead time to start the process. If you know you have not completed a background check for our district, the best way to get started is to contact Maire Radigan at the MMUUSD central office: [maire.radigan@mmuusd.org](mailto:maire.radigan@mmuusd.org) - 802-434-2928. If you have completed a background check in the past, Maire will also be able to let you know whether it is still up to date. If you have only filled out the online volunteer form, you will need to also complete the background check for the camping trip.

We will be providing more details about the trip in the coming weeks; however, we wanted to get this information out so that interested parents/guardians could have enough time to comfortably complete the background check process. It can take several weeks. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Thank you,  
Team Mosaic