**River Valley Middle School**

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Dear Parent/Guardian;

We are very excited to be headed to Poley Mountain once again this year with our biggest group ever!

Included below are some important points to remember and I have also attached some helpful hints and instructions from Poley Mountain.

**Please note:**

1. The program runs for six weeks on Thursday evenings beginning Jan 11th, 2018 (**Jan 11, 18, 25 and Feb 1, 8 and 15)**.
2. If Poley Mountain is closed on one of these dates, they will add another Thursday evening (February 22). If schools are closed or if the school makes a decision not to travel due to weather and Poley Mountain is open we may lose our lesson for that week. We will make every effort to re-schedule but cannot guarantee this.
3. The bus will leave our school at approximately 2:45 and return at approximately 9:45.
4. The program includes a ski lesson. This lesson is geared to the skill level of the student and is **mandatory.** Students participating in this program cannot opt out of the lesson.
5. Students must wear a proper ski helmet (which are included in the rental package). Goggles are helpful but are not mandatory and are not included in the regular rental equipment.
6. Students may choose to ski or snowboard but snowblades are not allowed in this program.
7. It is very important that students dress for the weather, jackets are mandatory (no skiing in hoodies) and snow pants are suggested. As well we suggest that students have at least two pair of mittens or gloves and socks.
8. Students may store their gear in the large conference room upon arrival at school in the morning and leave their book bags there while we are at the hill.
9. Students may bring a bagged supper or purchase items at the hill. They will have time to eat before their lesson at 5:00 pm.
10. As this is a school sponsored event, school rules apply and school staff will be responsible for supervision of the students.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. McGrath at the school.

Thank you,

T. McGrath, Principal