

October 29, 2019

Dear Parents,

We have received word from the ESC that due to the Eastern Equine Encephalitis advisory still being active in Michigan, we will not be able to take our fifth graders to Camp Friedenswald next week as planned. The weather has simply not been cooperative this fall, as a hard freeze must occur over several hours for the mosquitoes to be killed. If you were able to enjoy the beautiful weather over the weekend, you know that this hasn't been the case.

The students are understandably disappointed, as this is the trip that they look forward to as a Prairie Vista fifth grader. The committee of parents who have helped with the planning of this trip have already put in numerous hours as well. Many adults who have attended in previous years were also looking forward to a return trip, as well as we had a large number of first timers who were excited to go. It's unfortunate, but ultimately student safety is our primary concern.

In the next several weeks, we will be brainstorming some options for providing the students with a memorable event as fifth graders. At this time, we have nothing definite in mind. Please know that we are working towards that end, and will let you know as soon as possible what the alternative plan will be.

Once we have a plan in place, we will contact you regarding refunding the money that you paid already for camp. This will be a process, so please allow us some time to work through the best way to handle the refund situation.

If you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,  
PV 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers

