Dear Parents,

The Grade 4, 5 & 6 classes are going on an Educational Overnight Retreat trip to the Hatta Fort Hotel on **Wed. Feb. 20 to Thurs. Feb. 21, 2013.** The children will participate in sessions on leadership, teamwork, positive attitudes and outdoor science. There will also be an opportunity for swimming at the outdoor pool, a campfire, and wide games.

This will be the fifth year the gr. 4/5/6’s have gone to Hatta. It has been a HUGE success each year! Please find attached a past schedule of events. Of course it will not be exactly the same this year, but the outline is very similar.

The school has arranged a large Bedouin style tent for accommodations. The sleeping area will be divided for boys and girls. The grade 4/5/6 teachers and other school staff will be acting as chaperones. The teachers sleep in the same room as the students. The hotel provides us with breakfast, lunch and supper and it is a HUGE buffet that the children look forward to each year. Any special dietary needs can be accommodated and the staff there are excellent with our students!

The cost this year is **550dhs per student.** In past years, we had many students drop out at the last minute, for different reasons. Once I have given our numbers to the hotel, I am required to pay that amount of money. The school was left paying the extra money of the students who dropped out. Due to that, we now require a **NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of 275 dhs**. (If you wish to pay the whole price all at once, that is fine. Only 275dhs will be non-refundable.) **WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT CASH; NO CHEQUES.**  This money and the form below are due by **Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013.** The rest of the money and a more in depth permission form will be handed out after this and it will be due by Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact myself or your child’s teacher**. Please return these slips and the 275dhs in cash, by Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013.** Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Miss Erin Harder (eharder@cisabudhabi.com)

Gr. 6E Teacher/Hatta Trip Co-ordinator

Yes, my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Gr. \_\_\_\_\_\_ will be attending, and I have enclosed the **NON-REFUNDABLE down payment, in cash, of 275dhs**.

No, my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Gr. \_\_\_\_\_ will **NOT** be attending, and will be spending Feb. 20 and 21 at school.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_