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Dear Parents,

As this school year closes, I am pleased to report that plans are already underway to welcome and “kick-off” your child’s fifth grade year with a very unique experience. On **October 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>**, all Bridge Valley fifth grade students will participate in an exciting life skills program known as “*Adventures in Education*”. This program supports our goal to promote a culture of academic excellence and personal growth through citizenship, respect, responsibility, and collaboration. The adventure will take place at **Elbow Lane** in Warrington, PA.

*Adventures in Education* is an outdoor experience designed to build teamwork and cooperation among students. This exciting opportunity is two full school days. During this time, each fifth grade student will participate in a low ropes course and a high ropes course. The ropes courses use team building models and a series of structured problem solving activities to promote positive behavior, self-esteem and life skill development. All activities use the concepts of challenge and adventure to motivate and stimulate the participants’ willingness and enthusiasm for change. Trained staff members run ALL activities; caution and safety are of paramount importance during each activity. The life lessons learned during this adventure are then reinforced in the classroom throughout the school year to build both academic and social confidence.

This field trip is popular among many of our Central Bucks elementary schools. As your child begins their fifth grade year at Bridge Valley, we believe this program will set the stage to improve the qualities stressed by our Bridge Valley community...

- Teamwork and cooperation
- Trust and independence
- Decision-making skills
- Conflict resolution
- Problem-solving abilities
- Self-esteem and confidence
- Willingness to take risks
- Leadership skills

**A student’s cost for this two-day experience is approximately \$75.00 (final price to be determined in the fall). The Home and School may offset some of the cost. This fee covers the camp facilities, instructors, insurance, and the cost of transportation and will be requested in October.** At that time, you will receive additional information regarding how children should dress and what to pack for the experience.

Each school year is a time of new beginnings and this experience will set the foundation for a challenging, productive and positive school year.

Sincerely,  
Carrie Tyburski  
Physical Education Teacher