



A message from Sue Fitzpatrick, 7th Grade Chair

Dear Copper Ridge School 7th Grade Parents,

We hope your Middle School year is off to a great start at Copper Ridge School! Your CRPTO is excited to introduce you to our **new Grade Chairs**. There will be a Grade Chair for each Middle School grade. **The purpose of the Grade Chair is to help Middle School parents be connected, involved and informed at Copper Ridge School.**

My name is **Sue Fitzpatrick** and I will be your **Grade Chair for the 7th grade**. I will be communicating to you on a monthly basis about school activities and events specific to the 7th grade. If you have any questions through the year please feel free to contact me directly at (917) 992-6002 or suefity@me.com

Our kiddos are leaving Tuesday evening for Catalina, following is some information and reminders for the trip.

CATALINA ISLAND TRIP: Tuesday, October 3 - Friday, October 6th

1) Chaperone groups (#1-8), campsite groups, and bus assignments were posted at school on Friday, 9/29. Make sure that your child knows their GROUP #, as well as who their chaperone(s) is (are) -- some groups have 2 chaperones.

2) Departure info: We will begin boarding buses in the bus lane at CRS at 10:30 pm on Tuesday, 10/3. Begin arriving by 10:20, find your child's chaperone (signs will be on the fence), and CHECK IN with the chaperone who will distribute yarn to be tied on luggage handles (not necessary to tie yarn to backpacks). Chaperones will then direct students to their assigned bus. Drivers will load luggage below the cabin. Students should then board the bus. **THE WHEELS ON THE BUS(es) MUST BE GOING ROUND AND ROUND by 11:00 pm - SHARP!**

3) Students must SLEEP on the bus! Wednesday is a reeeeeaaally l-o-n-g day!

4) Make sure that students have a day pack to carry with them at all times! In their backpack, they should have a water bottle, and a SACK LUNCH for the ferry on Wednesday.

5) Students must arrive in close-toed shoes, as they will not have an opportunity to change prior to getting to camp, and they will be hiking about 1 1/4 miles as soon as we de-board the ferry. They may not hike in sandals or flip-flops.

6) Students may bring snacks and phones for the bus ride to and from, but once ON the island, chaperones will collect phones, and food must be kept in plastic bins provided in the dining hall. Make sure that your child's name is on any packaged food that they will be bringing. They may NOT keep ANY food in their tents...as animals WILL enter tents to get an easy treat while we are away from camps participating in activities!

The teachers will be posting pics and info on social media throughout the trip. Ms. Waldron is one of the chaperones, and she is also the social media admin for Copper Ridge School, so she'll be keeping us well-informed of the Catalina goings-on! :) Grade Chairs will act like a room mom but will cover the entire grade not specific teachers.

For more information, please visit [Mr. Koziomor's Google Classroom](#) (via your student's Google Classroom account) and download or view the Catalina Island powerpoint presentation sent to all 7th Grade students on September 14th. Thank you! I hope your kiddo has a great trip.

Kindly,

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