

Grade 8 Ottawa Trip: June 12-14, 2018

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Dear Parents and Guardians of grade 8 Ottawa trippers,

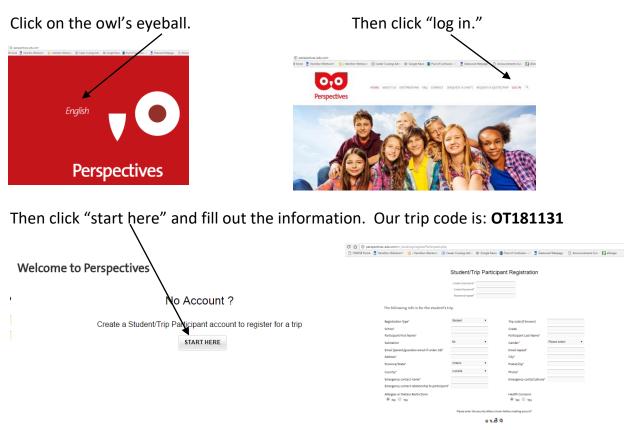
This year's Ottawa trip is an exciting opportunity for our Grade 8 students to extend their classroom experiences by visiting our nation's capital and a wonderful way for them to end off their elementary school years.

The trip will happen from June 12-14, 2018. Students will be staying in dorm rooms at the University of Ottawa. A draft itinerary is included with this letter from our tour company Perspectives. The itinerary may change slightly as bookings for venues may fill up; however we anticipate few if any changes. We have been working with Perspectives for many years and have consistently been pleased with their professionalism and service.

We anticipate the final cost of the trip to be less than \$500. The final number of participants will determine the final cost. Once we establish that amount, we will subtract the deposit and then split the remaining amount in half. The first installment will be due **February 26, 2018** and the second installment will be due **April 23, 2018**. We do have a subsidy for families who may need it at this time. Please contact our principal Mr. Grattan if a subsidy is required. We want to be sure that every student who wants to go to Ottawa has that opportunity.

To begin the registration process, you can then head to <u>https://hwdsb.schoolcashonline.com/</u> to pay the deposit for the trip which is \$100. If you prefer, you can send a cheque **payable to Dalewood Middle School** or cash to Mlle Brown.

Next, you need to register your son or daughter on the Perspective website. Use your interweb device and go to: perspectives-edu.com



We recommend buying travel insurance through Perspectives and you can do that after you register with them. If you choose to do this, you will pay Perspectives for that insurance. All other payments will come to Dalewood.

We will need some parent volunteer chaperones for the trip! If you are interested in spending 3 fun filled days with 80 fourteen year olds, please send a note to Mr. Martindale. We will know how many chaperones we will be needing after the number of participants is finalized. If there are more volunteers than we need, chaperones will be chosen by lottery overseen by our principal. Please note that a current police check is required for all school volunteers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call at the school. Thanks again for all your patience and support during this planning process. We and your kids greatly appreciate it.