

Grade 6 – The Underground Railroad at the Oakville Museum (Program includes free busing)

Dear Teachers,

Thank you for your interest in booking a **FREE** Community Classroom program. This is a partnership between many corporate partners, private Donors and The Oakville Community Foundation. The program is free to all Grade 6 students in Oakville's publicly funded elementary school system.

The Underground Railroad at the Oakville Museum can accommodate up to 60 students who are then divided into three groups and rotated through different stations and activities. The session is two hours in length and may involve an outdoor walking tour, dependant on the weather.

Only **one session per student** in Oakville will be funded by The Foundation to ensure every student gets the chance to participate.

All teachers must do the following when booking and taking part in a Community Classroom program. Please print and bring the protocol to the session.

1. Use online booking system at www.theocf.org/booking to request grade specific program.
2. From there, submit the booking request.
3. For booking, you will need to provide the following:
 - Teacher contact, school name, grade, and number of students.
 - Grade Code – must have as Museum will require when they contact you
 - Program and bus booking should be organized as soon as possible.
4. If two or more classes from the same school are participating in the program, it is preferred that those sessions be on the same day.
5. Send home the program information letter with each participating student (letter found below, please photocopy).
6. Schedule your program between September 4, 2018 and June 14, 2019.
7. Recognize the role of the Oakville Community Foundation and its sponsors when introducing the program. Suggested script as follows.
"It is my pleasure to introduce **"Name of Oakville Museum staff."** The Underground Railroad program at the Oakville Museum is part of the Oakville Community Foundation's "Community Classroom" program which has a goal of providing an Arts, Culture and Heritage experience for all Oakville K-8 students. This session has been made possible by the Oakville Community Foundation and its Connecting Sponsor Toronto Pearson International Airport. And if you really enjoyed it make sure your parents know!"
8. You must book busing directly through Attridge Transportation at 905-333-4047.
9. Indicate that the booking is for a Community Classroom program otherwise your school



will be invoiced.

10. Provide the following details for bus bookings:

- **BUS CODE: CC6**
- Teacher contact
- School name and grade
- Class code
- Number of students

11. Make the best effort to utilize the full school bus capacity and ensure that the number of classes to fill a bus is maximized.

12. Book buses between the hours of 9:15am-1:30pm.

13. Follow the cancellation protocols of Attridge Transportation. Community Classroom funding will not be provided to cover the cost of cancellation fees.

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Dear Family,

As part of the 2018-2019 school year, your child has the opportunity to participate in a **FREE** educational program called Community Classroom, offered by The Oakville Community Foundation along with title-connecting sponsor Toronto Pearson International Airport.

Community Classroom provides arts, culture and heritage programs help students better understand their community. The programs are developed in partnership with Oakville's two school boards and support student learning with curriculum-based activities.

The Foundation's long term goal is to provide a local arts, culture and heritage experience to all 22,000 students in all of Oakville's publicly funded elementary schools

Your child's teacher has signed their class up for the **Grade 6 Underground Railroad experience at the Oakville Museum**. Your child will be bused to the Oakville Museum where they will experience the following:

- Students will make their way through the exhibition *Freedom, Opportunity and Family: Oakville's Black History*
- Students will experience the multimedia presentation *The Underground Railroad: Next Stop Freedom*
- Students will learn about key figures and how the Oakville Harbour played a significant role in the journey to Canada

All costs associated with this experience are covered under Community Classroom.

All Community Classroom programs are provided in partnership with local arts, culture and heritage organizations. For more information on the local organizations or the program your child is attending, please visit our website at www.theocf.org/expertise/community-classroom

While visiting the website, **if you are able, please consider "paying it forward" by donating to Community Classroom** to ensure this program can be offered annually.

Thank you,

The Oakville Community Foundation