



Medford Public Schools

489 Winthrop Street, Medford, Massachusetts 02155

Nicholas Tucci, Principal of the McGlynn Middle School

September 10, 2026

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

6th grade students at the McGlynn Middle School will be participating in an exciting educational opportunity titled *Wilderness Inquiry's Canoemobile* on Wednesday, September 30th during school hours. This program will take place both on the historic Mystic River located behind the school and at Riverbend Park.

Canoemobile is a “floating classroom” that brings students out on local waterways in 24-foot Voyageur 10-person canoes to learn about science, history, geography, and culture. [Please click this link to learn more about the program.](#) The centerpiece of the Canoemobile program is the integrated classroom and outdoor education experience that utilizes under-appreciated urban resources, especially urban waterways. Canoemobile programming and educational activities operate in collaboration with local, state, and federal partners.

Wilderness Inquiry's Canoemobile has both an “on the water” component and a “land” component to the program. Each student will have the opportunity to participate in the program during a two hour span of time (either in the morning or the afternoon). The land and water component of the program takes approximately one hour each. We will be launching the 24-foot Voyageur 10-person canoes from the boating dock at Riverbend Park located near our school. The land programming will take place at Riverbend Park as well.

In order to make this field trip as enjoyable as possible for all involved, the students are reminded of the following:

- Students should dress appropriately for being outside for a portion of the school day while engaging in these outdoor activities.
- Students should wear sunscreen and are advised to wear a hat.
- Students should bring a refillable water bottle.

Thanks to our partners with the Mystic River Watershed Association, there is no cost to participate. We are looking forward to a wonderful day with the 6th grade. Please fill out and sign the following permission slip on the back of this page AND the Acknowledgement of Risk Form (attached) and return it to your student’s homeroom teacher by **Thursday, September 24th.**

Thank you,

Nicholas Tucci
Principal

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PARENTAL/STUDENT CONSENT and RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

I, the undersigned parent/guardian/legal representative of _____ (“Student”)
Student’s Name (printed)

Do hereby consent to my Student’s participation in the McGlynn Middle School Special Activity titled:

**Wilderness Inquiry's Canoemobile
Wednesday, September 30, 2026**

In consideration of the Student being permitted to participate in the activity set forth above, I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, my agents, my representatives, and on behalf of the student do forever RELEASE, acquit, discharge, and covenant to hold harmless, The City of Medford, the Medford School Committee, and their employees, servants and agents, from any and all actions, rights of action, causes of action, charges, and/or claims, in any way related to, arising from and/or growing out of, directly or indirectly, all known or unknown personal injuries or property damages or death, which I may now or hereafter have as the parent/guardian/legal representative of the Student, as well as any actions, rights of action, causes of action, charges, and/or claims which the Student now has or may later acquire, either before or after the Student reaches the age of majority, resulting from, relating to, or in any way connected to, the Student’s participation in the extracurricular activity set forth above.

This release is not intended to apply to activities which are not specifically set forth above.

We value inclusion and access for all participants and are pleased to provide accommodations for this activity / event. Please contact your school’s Principal or Assistant Principal to make an accommodation request. Requests must be submitted at least 5 days prior to the event. This event is wheelchair accessible.

PLEASE RETURN BY: Thursday, September 24, 2026

Signature of Parent

Date

Signature of Student

Date