September 2016

Dear Parents,

This school year your child will have the opportunity to participate in LITA’s *Bridging Generations*. LITA *(Love is the Answer)* is a nonprofit serving seniors

in Marin for over 40 years. The children in our 4th grade class will be visiting a nearby senior home, ­­­­Aegis throughout the 2016-17 school year.

The goal of this program is to encourage friendships between school age children and older adults, and to use this intergenerational experience in classroom activities, especially with our focus on community. Skills such as reading, writing, researching, interviewing, and art will be developed through these interactions. Students also will learn to relate historical information to real life experience reflected in the seniors’ lives.

Additionally, this project aims to link the past with the present and to build

mutual appreciation between generations. Students will be educated about

aging, dispelling some fears they may have about the elderly, and encouraging them to learn the benefits of growing older.

The children will be prepared for their interactions with the residents by participating in sensitivity training in our classroom. Dena Selix, the *Bridging Generations* Program Coordinator, will be visiting our classroom to present information about senior homes and the common physical and emotional traits of the elderly. She will also respond to student questions and concerns as they share their personal experiences about visiting with older adults.

*LITA’s Bridging Generations-Family Connections is a program for Bridging Generations students and parents. If you would like to visit a resident with whom your child has made a connection during school year visits, contact the LITA office*

*at (415)472-5482 to set up an orientation.*

Our first visit to *Aegis* is (day) Friday, September 23rd, 2016.

Please sign the attached permission slip and return it by Friday, September 15th.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Holst

*Please sign the back and the Media Permission Form*

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My child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has permission to attend the series

of field trips to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The first visit is September 23rd

at 11:00am.

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Signature Date

**Adults:**

\_\_\_\_ I would like to walk/assist in activities on this field trip.

If you would like to join us for the trip, please write your name here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN MEDIA PERMISSION for STUDENTS**

With your permission, your son’s/daughter’s photo or video may be used for promotional reasons by LITA, a local nonprofit organization that partners senior home residents with volunteer visitors. This authorization extends only to the use of the photograph or video for the specific purpose stated below.

**Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ My son/daughter may be included in photos**

**or videos that may be released to the news media, used in presentations, placed on LITA’s website, or in its print or digital newsletters for reasons to promote LITA.**

**Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ My son/daughter may be identified by first**

**and last name.**

**Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ My son/daughter may be identified by**

**first name only.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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