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Dear parents and guardians,

I have some very exciting news! I have spoken with an expert from the Fisheries Branch Offices of Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship. Laureen Janusz is with Fisheries Science and Fish Culture and she said that she would be willing to meet with us. She has an immense amount of knowledge and is working to protect Lake Winnipeg.

It is their mandate to ensure sustainable use of the fisheries resource. Management programs are developed to provide the greatest benefits to Manitobans, by maintaining or enhancing fish populations and habitat, monitoring harvest and habitat alterations, and allocating resources for the best return.

This fall they are collecting samples from a variety of beaches around Lake Winnipeg. They are collecting water samples and checking to see if veligers, the larval stage for zebra mussels can be found in Gimli, Winnipeg Beach, Matlock, Whytewold, Arnes, Hnasau, and Balsam Bay. They have agreed to let us watch them work on **Wednesday, October 8 at Winnipeg Beach! (Backup date: October 10)**

I am very excited about this opportunity! To be able to see how scientist research and come to their conclusions and recommendations will be incredibly valuable in our PBL project.

Laureen Janusz is incredibly busy and sometime has appointments at the Manitoba Legislative or elsewhere that come up out of nowhere. We are able to schedule a date to meet them, but there is a risk that they will have to cancel on us. We are hoping that with a back-up date, we can make this happen.

We will be driving into **Gimli for some adaptation and scavenger field games and lunch**. We will be eating at the Seagull's Restaurant. While their main menu is expensive, they offer a kid's menu with hot dogs, burgers, chicken dinosaurs, grilled cheese sandwich's, spaghetti, and pizza for \$6 each. They have also agreed to let those who wish to bring a lunch eat their lunch there.

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