Dear Parents,

We are pleased to let you know that the School District of Clay County, as part of our Science/STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) curriculum, will be providing your child with the opportunity to participate in **Field-Based Lab Experiences** this year at Northfork Leadership Center, in Middleburg. We are providing this exciting opportunity through our new partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and North Fork.

This program will provide your child with the real-world lab experiences using 21st century equipment that is similar to that used by working scientists. In addition, the activities are cross curricular, incorporating elements of math and writing into the activities. Since your child’s school is included in the grant that the district received from the Department of Defense, there will be no cost to you for your child to participate in this program.

Your child’s class has been scheduled to attend on **Thursday, January 30th.** Your student should report to school at the regular time. Students will travel by school bus, leaving school at approximately 9:45 am and return to school at approximately 4:30 pm. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up from school.

For the day of the trip, your child will need to:

* Bring a sack lunch.
* A water bottle (refills available on-site).
* Bring bug spray and sun screen, if needed.
* Wear closed toe shoes, such as tennis shoes or sneakers.
* Long pants are encouraged but school appropriate shorts are allowed.
* Bring a hat.

Please return the attached permission slip so that your child may attend. Pictures may be taken during the field-lab. If you prefer your child not be photographed, please note it on the permission slip. We are so excited to be able to bring this program to your child. We hope to inspire a love for science and technology in your students. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us!

Sincerely,

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