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Dear Fifth Grade Teacher:

In the 2016-17 school year, fifth grade students will visit the Fair Hill Nature Center to participate in a hands-on outdoor science experience designed to expand and enhance your unit on Ecosystems.

During their visit, students will investigate methods of water quality assessment through the collection of biological, physical and chemical data. This data will be entered into the online, citizen-science database of National Geographic called FieldScope. Teachers are encouraged to explore this online resource, and look for the data that the fifth graders collected since 2014.

This visit will be 4 hours in length, 3 ½ hours dedicated to lessons and ½ hour for lunch. Lunch will be eaten outside unless weather does not permit it.

A bus schedule will be sent to your school by the CCPS transportation office. See your principal about transportation costs. **Enclosed in the Teacher Packet is: 2015 FHNC Curriculum, Weather Policy, Field Trip Checklist and Sample Letter to Parents.**

Please call us weekdays 8:30 am – 2:30 pm with any questions or email us at info@fairhillnature.org.

Sincerely,

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