

School News & Notes

Safety Tips For School Trips

(NAPSA)—Field trips always get good grades with students because they're lots of fun and give them a chance to bond with friends outside the classroom. Parents and teachers like them, too, because they usually involve learning something interesting while getting everyone outdoors.

But with field trips, like everything else, safety is no accident. Here are some field trip safety tips that parents, students and teachers should keep in mind:

- Children should be instructed never to leave their buddy or the group, even when making a trip to the bathroom. The rule to follow is safety in numbers.

- If a child is very young, parents should put his or her name and phone number in the child's pocket so that in case of an emergency, he or she has the information.

- Parents should also ask teachers if they will give their child a special meeting place in case he or she gets separated from the group.

- School uniforms or spirit wear should be worn on the field trips so that anyone separated from the group is easier to spot. Schools that have no uniform policy might have the children all wear the same-color shirts.



When school uniforms are worn on field trips, anyone separated from the group is easier to spot.

Interestingly, uniforms are not only helpful on school field trips. Studies show that dress codes in school build confidence and self-esteem and help behavior, while they create a sense of equality and unity among students regardless of their economic status.

Fortunately, school wear for uniforms, dress codes or spirit days can be stylish, easy to care for and comfortable. For example, there's a large selection of IZOD school uniforms at JCPenney in both regular and special sizes. The line is available in many stores and online, 24-7, at www.jcpenney.com/uniforms.