[Date]

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This spring 2016 our class is participating in a project called Our Project In Hawaii’s Intertidal, or “OPIHI”. The intertidal is the area along the beach between high and low tides.

As part of our participation in this project, our class will learn about the intertidal and how to use scientific tools to study this area. We will also go on a field trip to an intertidal area.

This project involves a research study. Participation in the research study is optional. To participate in the research study, both students and a parent or guardian have to sign a form. I have talked about the project and the research study in class. We have read the student side of the attached form together and talked about what it means.

**Please read and return the attached forms.** **Please return the form by [date]. Both you *and* your child have to sign the forms in order for them to participate in the research portion of the OPIHI project.**

Our field trip is scheduled for [date/time] to [location]. On this field trip students will survey the intertidal on low tide. They will not get wet above their knees. We will discuss how to be safe in class before the field trip. *The field trip will be canceled if conditions are not safe.* You will have to sign additional forms for your child to participate in this field trip.

On the date of the field trip, please send your child to school with:

1. Closed-toed shoes that can get wet
2. Clothes that can get wet
3. A water bottle
4. A hat
5. Sunscreen
6. A snack (optional)

Please contact me with any questions about the OPIHI project.

Sincerely,

[Teacher’s Name/Signature]