

Dear Parents,

As part of their Unit of Inquiry that explores *How We Express Ourselves*, Form 4 students will have the opportunity to visit the [digiPlaySpace](#) and watch an age-appropriate international film at the TIFF Bell Lightbox on Friday, April 21st, 2017.

The digiPlaySpace includes 23 interactive installations by artists from 8 different countries. According to their website, “this engaging and educational digital playground invites kids and families to learn through play with a diverse range of the latest interactive installations, including multi-player video games, virtual reality, Olympic-sized stop-motion sports, green screen escapades, robotic and circuit building activities in a DIY maker space, and more from acclaimed Canadian and international artists.” As they explore the installations students will examine the different communication methods and reasons they might be used.

The international film is entitled, “The Day My Father Became a Bush.” According to their website, “Director Nicole van Kilsdonk brings to life award-winning Dutch novelist Joke van Leeuwen’s story of war as seen through the eyes of Toda, a 10-year-old girl. When conflict breaks out between the “Ones” and “the Others,” her father is conscripted to go off to fight, leaving Toda in the care of her grandmother. Set in the present day, this film imbues its complex issues — on-the-ground realities of national borders, language barriers, and the politics of refugee status — with a childlike sensibility. And by omitting Toda’s nationality, it makes a powerful, universal statement about fear and displacement.” The film explores the struggle of communicating in a new country with a totally different language. As they view the film, students will have to read sub-titles and decode the message of the film through various forms of communication because the dialog is in Dutch.

Both classes will depart UCC at 9:15 and return in time for dismissal. Students should wear Number 1 Dress on this day. The cost of transport and the visit is approximately \$27 per student and will be charged to your son’s account.

If your son can attend, please sign the permission form below and return it to your son’s Form Teacher as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to your Form Teacher.

Lara Jensen
K-5 Technology Integrator

**Form 4 Visit to TIFF digiPlaySpace
Permission Form**

Name of student: _____ Form: _____

I hereby give permission for my son to participate in the excursion to the TIFF Bell Lightbox on Friday, April 21st, 2017 with his Form Teacher and additional supervising adults.

I understand that a cost of approximately \$ 27 will be charged to his account to cover both the visit and transportation.

Parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____