



THE FIELD TRIP

Mystery





Chapter 1

Drake was at school. He was in the hall. He was on his way to his science class. His friend, Jack, was with him.

Drake said, “I didn’t have time to do my science homework. So I hope Mr. Zane doesn’t give us a surprise test today.”

“I hope the same. That’s for sure,” Jack said.

Both boys had Mr. Zane for science. But not at the same time.

“But Mr. Zane might give us a surprise test. He hasn’t given us one in a while. And it’s about time for him to do that,” Drake said.

Drake got to Mr. Zane’s room.

He said, "See you later, Jack."

"Bye," Jack said.

Jack went on down the hall. And Drake went into his classroom.

The bell rang to start class.

Mr. Zane called the roll.

Then Mr. Zane said, "Now we'll talk about our field trip."

"What field trip?" Noah asked. Noah sat next to Drake.

"You should raise your hand when you wish to speak," Mr. Zane said.

Noah raised his hand.

"What field trip?" Noah asked again.

Drake hoped it was to somewhere he wanted to go. But he had a feeling it wouldn't be.

"We'll go on a trip to Bartow Gardens," Mr. Zane said.

"When are we going?" Drake asked.

Drake was on the football team. He

hoped the trip wasn't on a day when he had a game.

Mr. Zane said, "We'll go next Friday. Tomorrow I'll give you a permission slip to take home. You must have a parent sign it. And you must return it to me by this Friday."

"What if we don't want to go?" Noah asked.

Drake had a game that night. And he didn't want to go on the trip. But he would never tell Mr. Zane that.

Mr. Zane didn't seem pleased.

"All students will go on the field trip," Mr. Zane said.

"But what if a student isn't here that day?" Noah asked.

"Then the student must bring a note from a doctor," Mr. Zane said.

Noah said, "My parents don't have a lot of money. I guess I can't go."

That surprised Drake. Noah always had a lot of money. Drake was sure Noah could pay to go on the field trip. So why did Noah say that?

Mr. Zane said, “Students don’t need to worry about money. The school will pay for the field trip. Students won’t have to pay anything.”

Noah didn’t seem happy to hear that. But Drake was glad to hear it.

Drake was sure Noah wanted to miss the trip. And Drake didn’t want to go on the day of a game.

But Drake knew that didn’t matter. Mr. Zane wanted them to go. So they would have to go.

Mr. Zane didn’t give them a surprise test. But Drake was still glad when his science class was over.

Drake hurried out into the hall. Jack came over to him. So did their friend,

Logan. All three boys lived at Grayson Apartments.

Jack asked, "What did you do in science class today? Did you have a surprise test?"

"Yeah. Did you have a surprise test?" Logan asked.

Jack and Logan had Mr. Zane for science, too.

"No. Mr. Zane said all of his classes are going on a field trip. And he talked a lot about the field trip," Drake said.

"Where are we going?" Logan asked.

"We're going to Bartow Gardens. Some people will talk to us about the flowers," Drake said.

"That doesn't sound like much fun. Do we all have to go?" Logan asked.

"Yeah, Mr. Zane said all students have to go. Or we need a doctor's note," Drake said.

Logan said, "It had better be a note from a real doctor. Because Mr. Zane will call. And he'll find the truth."

"That's for sure," Jack said.

Drake was sure Mr. Zane would do that, too.

"Maybe the trip won't be so bad," Logan said.

Drake said, "But I have a game that night. And I don't want to go on a field trip that day."

Jack said, "I need to go to class. I'll see you at lunch. But I'll be late. I have to stop by the library."

Jack hurried down the hall.

The first bell rang.

Logan said, "I need to get to class. I have Mr. Zane next. And you know I can't be late to his class."

"Yeah. See you at lunch," Drake said.

“I won’t see you at lunch. I’m eating with a new kid,” Logan said.

Then Logan hurried into his classroom.



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Where Is Mr. Zane?

Drake and Noah don't want to go on Mr. Zane's field trip to the gardens. At first, they seem to be in luck because the permission slips go missing. Then someone calls the bus company on Mr. Zane's behalf—twice. Is the field trip canceled? Did Drake take the permission slips and make the calls, or did someone else?



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