

## Choice Day Program

The goal of Choice Day is to provide a parent-developed, enriching learning experience with a community focus for students. All choices are at no cost to the children. Choice Day may be field trips, craft projects, guest speakers, sports and many other activities chosen with learning as the guiding focus.

Here are a few other guidelines that will help us make Choice Day a positive experience for all of the children and adults alike!

**Forms:** Forms will be available to print and complete on the website.

**Content:** Program proposals MUST be submitted one (1) month in advance of presentation date. The reason for this is for the administrative approval portion. Once the proposal is reviewed, you will be notified that you may proceed with the chosen topic. If the proposal is not educational in nature or not enough details are given, the proposal will be returned and alternative content will need to be secured. **Do not assume that your choice of activity is guaranteed until you get the approval.** There is a parent signature line that must be signed or the proposal will be returned. **Please sign up only your child that this activity is assigned commitment for, not other siblings (this child's name will be on the top of the Choice Day form). Do not sign up other children. If you do not sign up your child, they will not be assigned to you.**

**What should I present?** Consider your workplace, personal interests, simple cooking topics (1 allowed each month), physical activity (gym will be available), community resources, etc. Each month there are national themes and lots of ideas on the internet!

**Expectations:** You can expect children from Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in your group, up to 13 children. Please make sure that all of the children know each other and work together as a group throughout the activity. It is important that all children feel included. Please be sure to introduce yourself at the beginning of your session, as some of the younger or newer students may not be acquainted with you. It is also helpful before you begin to tell all the students your expectations of them during the activity. This helps set the stage for the productive and enjoyable activity that you have planned. Parents are expected to lead the groups.

**Assistance:** Parent helpers will be assigned to assist however there are not enough teachers to cover all of the groups and they will not lead the group. Teachers that stay at school will rotate around to the various groups and are available to assist with any student behavior issues, as needed.

**Off site activities:** If you prefer an off-site activity, you must arrange it with Stephanie Hanson. Your form must be received for you to be assigned off-site. Do not assume you will be off-site until your form has been received, and approved by Stephanie. Preferred contact is e-mail ([shanson@sio.midco.net](mailto:shanson@sio.midco.net)). You may also leave it in the folder in first grade, or hand it to her on a Friday, when she is in the classroom. First Come-First Served each month. Only 4 are allowed per month. You will need to arrange transportation in advance. **You are responsible to find your own drivers-they or you are not allowed to bring small children on the trip. Teachers/Parent Helpers are not expected to be drivers.** A teacher will be assigned to each off site group to assist with any student supervisory issues that may arise. Please remember that all drivers must sign the required form and follow the school guidelines for transporting passengers. (If you need one, please see Ellen in the office).

**Room assignments:** Room assignments will be made after all forms are turned in 1 month in advance of the choice day date by faculty and staff. All requests will be considered but we will need to look at all 12 choice day forms before the final decision will be reached. Special requests (rooms with sinks, art room, gym, kitchen) will be granted in first come, first served order as well.

**Event day:** Please bring along your choice day form that lists all students assigned to your activity. If you are doing an in school activity, the students will meet you in the assigned room. If you are doing an outside activity, please meet at the location indicated on your form. Please be in the building at 1:30 p.m. The students will be dismissed for their Choice Day activity at 1:45 p.m. Students cannot return to their classrooms until 3:00 p.m.