

# ***6th Grade Service Project 2019***

**1 Peter 4:10** – *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

Dear Parents of Sixth Graders,

We are excited for our service project on **September 26 and 27, 2019**. Here is a little background information that we'd like to share with you.

## **Why do we do a service project?**

Jesus calls us to serve others. We also believe that our students need to learn *how* to serve others. A great way for them to do this is to get out into the community. Our middle school has done a service project for many years and the students have had great experiences. During the service project, the 6th graders will spend time working downtown and at other area agencies. We hope that through this experience the 6th graders will find joy in serving others, respect the poor and homeless, and appreciate the many blessings they have.

## **What does the 6th grade Service Project look like?**

On the mornings of September 26 & 27 we will go to the Heartside District and other areas around Grand Rapids to work with a number of organizations that help provide for a variety of needs in the community. The students may serve by sorting food at pantries, distributing clothes, or playing some games with adults who have special needs. Friday afternoon we will spend time here at school decorating soup bowls for a God's Kitchen fundraiser called "[Soup's On For All](#)."

## **What can you do to help?**

We need volunteers to help chaperone the students Thursday morning, Thursday afternoon, and Friday morning. As a chaperone, you will lead a group of 4-6 students to one of the many agencies we work with. You will encourage and support our students as they both work hard and share the love of Christ. Many of you who volunteer may be asked to drive your group to your agency. There are links in this email to chaperone sign-up form. If you have time and are willing to help us serve, please fill out the forms by **Wednesday, September 18**. We will contact you after receiving the form to confirm. We will let you know about your placements a few days before you are scheduled to volunteer.

## **Final thoughts...**

Please help us by praying for this project. Please ask God to give all of us compassionate hearts and a true attitude of service. Pray that your child will have a positive experience and that the work we do will honor God. Thanks for your support in making this possible.

## **In Summary...**

- Complete permission/parent volunteer form (due Wednesday, September 18)
- Pray that this will be an eye-opening and life-changing experience for your 6th grader

Thank you,  
Lindsey Bosma, Bethany Koetje and Heather Westrate

# Parent Volunteer Form

Please fill this in and return to school if you are able to help us with the service project. We would like to have this form in by **Wednesday, Sept. 18.**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

I can volunteer to help on the following times (Please circle the times you want to help. You may certainly circle more than one timeslot.)

**Thursday AM (9/26)**  
8:00-12:00

**Thursday PM (9/26)**  
11:45 - 3:00

**Friday AM (9/27)**  
8:00-12:00

If you would be willing to drive a group of students to a service location using your vehicle, please write below how many students you can take. (This does not necessarily mean you will drive, just that you are open to it if asked—thanks!)

I can take \_\_\_\_\_ students in my car and am willing to drive.

If you are able to drive, please provide the cell phone number of the phone you will be carrying with you. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Permission Form for 6th Grade Service Project

I give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to participate in the 6th grade service project on September 26 & 27, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

Please return this form to your child's homeroom teacher by **Wednesday, September 18.**  
Thank you.