

EXPLORATORY DAY ACTIVITIES

WINTER 2017

FULL DAY ACTIVITIES

1 FD: All-Around Athlete

All-around athlete is for kids who want to test their skills and try new activities. The day will consist of competing in teams throughout the day in various athletic events and activities. You don't know what will be next so you need to be an ALL AROUND ATHLETE...well, not really, you just need to have the spirit to possibly try something new and work with others. This day will also be about giving back as we will spend our recess time with the students at Big Woods. We will organize and play games with them. The day will end by having a team pizza party after the "big game" while watching the movie *Mighty Ducks* (PG). You will also learn how to make some healthy snacks to help you refuel when you are being active.

Fee: \$4 – Money for the pizza party

Session: All day

Lunch: Pizza party

Meeting Location: Mr. Sartori's room – 307 – 6th grade pod

Limit: 40 students

Staff: Mr. Sartori and Mrs. Manthey



2 FD: BASECAMP THE ADVENTURE

Join us for a day of adventure and fun at Minnesota's newest field trip destination- Basecamp; located near Fort Snelling. 5th and 6th graders will have the opportunity to rock climb, learn archery, and complete team building games. 7th and 8th graders will have the experience of completing a high ropes course, becoming skilled at archery, and completing team building challenges. We hope you can join us on this trip of adventure, fun, and challenge!

Fee: \$20

Session: All day

Lunch: Students need to bring a bag lunch

Meeting Location: Mr. Payne's Room A105 (8th Grade POD)

Limit: 40 students

Staff: Mr. Payne & Mrs. Lichtenberg



3 FD: Can You Escape?

Students will be put into groups and assigned a “locked room” at Puzzles in Buffalo. They will have one hour to answer riddles and search for clues. If they can unlock the code they ESCAPE! Once we are done we will ride the bus back and eat lunch here at school. The afternoon will consist of watching the Baudelaire’s escape from their crazy uncle Count Olaf, a PG film.

Fee: \$20 for Puzzles Escape Room

Session: All day

Lunch: We will be ordering pizza or students can bring a cold lunch

Meeting Location Ms. Ross’ Room 207

Limit: 32

Staff: Mrs. Dolan & Ms. Ross



4 FD: Crayola Experience

Embark on a colorful adventure where color, chemistry and digital technology combine to create a one-of-a-kind family attraction. Imagination is your greatest tool at Crayola Experience, where 25 hands-on attractions create a day of colorful fun.

Fee: \$19.00

Session: All day

Lunch: Included

Meeting Location: Mrs. Pendill’s Room (C302)

Limit: 40 students

Staff: Mrs. Pendill and Mrs. Fischer



5 FD: Curling

Learn the sport of Curling! Join Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Bauer at Four Seasons Curling Club in Blaine for a look into this fun and unusual winter sport! This day will consist of a lesson introducing you to the sport. 2 hours of curling on the ice and a lesson introducing you to the sport. Parents will need to sign a waiver for students to participate. After we leave the curling club we will stop at Culvers or McDonald’s in Blaine for lunch, or student may bring a bag lunch. When we return to school we will watch a movie with a Winter Olympic theme such as Miracle on Ice.

Fee: \$20.00 per student for curling, lesson and bus.

Session: Full Day

Lunch: Students need to bring extra money for lunch (\$5.00-\$8.00) or bring a bag lunch.

Meeting location: Mr. Bauer’s room C300

Limit: 36

Staff: Mrs. Andrews and Mr. Bauer



6 FD: Feed My Starving Children..... Community Service

Come on a service learning adventure that will make an impact on you for a lifetime! Students will be able to help people less fortunate than themselves. From 8:45-10:45, students will participate in community building activities. After eating their sack lunch at school; students, staff, and adult volunteers will be transported to the Feed My Starving Children facility in Coon Rapids. We will work with this organization to package a nutritious, low-cost meal that will later be distributed to starving children in extremely poor countries such as Ethiopia, Haiti, and Rwanda.

Fee: \$5.00

Session: All Day

Lunch: Bring a bag lunch

Meeting Location: Mrs. Prell's FACS Room (C321)

Limit: 50 students

Staff: Mrs. Gehl, Mrs. Perkins, and Mrs. Prell



7 FD: Ferris-Mueller's Day Off -- Full Day

Join us for a fun filled, yet educational day loosely based on the events in the movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." We will travel to World Class Auto Body in Elk River where we will see how damaged cars are repaired and painted. Next stop is Grand Slam Sports & Entertainment in Coon Rapids where you can play laser tag and mini-golf, ride bumper cars, use batting cages, and play arcade games. We will finish the day at school preparing a brief video documenting your "day off." We may watch selected portions of the movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." Since the movie is rated PG-13, we will need parental permission for you to watch it.

Session: Full day.

Fee: \$18.00 for unlimited mini-golf, bumper cars, laser tag, and batting cage as well as four game tokens, a hot dog and a pop.

Lunch: The fee includes one hot dog and a pop. Bring a lunch or lunch money if you want more to eat. (The snack bar has pizza, hot dogs, nachos, pretzels, etc.)

Meeting Location: Mr. Mueller's room (Room B202)

Limit: 50 students

Staff: Mr. Mueller and Mrs. Ferris



8 FD: FlyOver America/Rock of Ages Mini Golf

FlyOver America is a unique experience at the MOA that gives you a chance to explore the United States in a new way in a truly unforgettable experience. Using the latest virtual flight ride technology and special effects such as wind, scents, and moving seats, you'll feel like you're really flying. You will be wowed as you soar over America's most iconic landscapes during the 10 minute flight. After flying over America, you will participate in blacklight Mini Golf at the new "Rock of Ages" Mini Golf course. "Rock of Ages" Blacklight Mini Golf will allow guests to putt, rock, & roll their way through different eras of music, starting in the '50s all the way up to present time. There are 18 holes of fun filled extreme golf, sure to challenge and delight guests of all ages. Finally, you will eat lunch at the MOA Food Court.

Fee: \$22

Lunch: bring money for food court

Session: All day

Meeting Location: Mr. Livers's Room (A100)

Limit: 30 students

Staff: Sra. Gessner & Mr. Livers



9 FD: Monticello Community Center

Get out and be active! You may go swimming or enjoy some gym time. This is a chance to hang out with your friends and relax!

Fee: \$10

Session: Morning until 12:30, Movie when we return

Lunch: Students will bring their own lunch

Meeting Location: Mrs. Haugen's Room 707

Limit: 40

Staff: Mrs. Haugen and Mrs. Paulson



10: FD Pizza Arte'

We will be heading down to the Northern Clay Center for a tour and talk then make a project with clay! After all of this awesomeness, we will walk two blocks down to Pizza Luce' for lunch! Yum! Afterward, we will come back to East and watch a movie about pizza or art or both!

Cost: \$30 (includes clay project and pizza)

Location: Northern Clay Center

Session: Full Day

Lunch: Pizza Luce' in Seward

Meeting Location: Grade 5 Art Room

Limit: 30 Students and 4 Chaperones

Staff: Mr. Jergenson and Ms. Poirier



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11: FD Science Fun At Nickelodeon Universe

Are you interested in science and physics? If so, you are invited to explore scientific concepts involving theme park rides that deliver white-knuckle thrills in a safe environment. We will visit Nickelodeon Universe to experience physics concepts in action. You will document your reaction to various rides so bring your pencil as well as your nerves of steel.

Fee: \$20

Session: Full Day

Lunch: Bag Lunch

Meeting Location: B204 (Mrs. Boisner's room)

Limit: 50

Teachers: Mrs. Boisner, Mrs. Budion, and Mr. Huggins



12 FD: Science Museum of Minnesota

Join us for a fun-filled day at the Science Museum of Minnesota! We will begin our day at the 90ft, state-of-the-art, Omnitheater for a showing of *A Beautiful Planet*. *A Beautiful Planet* is a breathtaking portrait of Earth from space, providing a unique perspective and increased understanding of our planet and galaxy as never seen before. Then, we will have lunch from Domino's Pizza. After lunch, students can choose to visit any of the exhibits that interest them including: sportsology, mythic creatures, weather, biology, astronomy earth science, electricity, human body, dinosaurs, and much more!

Fee: \$20 - (Includes: Omnitheater admission, special and regular exhibit admission, bus fee, and pizza for lunch)

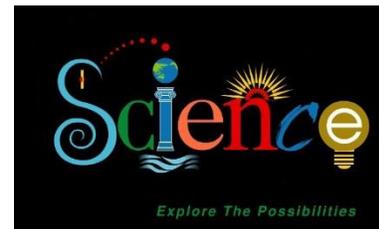
Session: All day

Lunch: Domino's Pizza (included in the price) and bring your own beverage

Meeting Location: Mrs. Barten's Room (E705)

Limit: 30 students

Staff: Mrs. Swanson & Mrs. Barten



13 FD: Team Building Challenge at Big Thrill Factory

Learn the importance of working as a team! We will start the day learning about the importance of teamwork. Then we will compete as teams as you work through the Ropes Course, Time Challenge, and Laser Tag Course. When those competitions are done you will have time to go to the Arcade, ride the X-Motion Theater Ride, or ride the Bump 'N' Spin Cars. When we get back to school, we will continue with some Team Building Challenges!

Fee: \$20.00

Session: Full Day

Lunch: Bring a lunch or lunch money if you want to buy snacks there.

We will eat our bag lunches when we return to the school.

Meeting Location: Mr. Cleveland's room (Room B215)

Limit: 50 students

Staff: Cleveland, Simpson, Stairs



14 FD: Vikings Stadium Tour

Students will have a chance to explore parts of US Bank Stadium not generally open to the public.

Fee: \$13.00

Session: Full Day

Lunch: Students may bring either a sack lunch or additional money for food. We will be stopping at a fast food restaurant on our way back to MSE.

Meeting Location: Band Room

Limit: 40

Staff: Mr. Jordheim & Mr. Olson



15 FD: Twins Territory-Full Day

Did you ever wonder what goes on at Target Field behind the scenes? We have the trip just for you. We will travel to Minneapolis for a day of touring the Twins new ballpark, Target Field. Some of the sites we will get to see include the press boxes, fan suites, underground areas where the players walk around, and the Twins two World Series trophies. Students will also attend a short class about the history of baseball in Minnesota. We will be eating lunch at the park, and students may also have the opportunity to visit the Twins Pro Shop.

Fee: \$15 including bus fee

Lunch: Bring a bag lunch. We will be eating at Target Field.

Meeting Location: Mr. Daniels' Room (E711)

Limit: 60 students

Staff: Ms. Schlangen, Mr. Koenig, Mr. Odegard, and Mr. Daniels



16 FD: Roller-skating

Jump back in time and come roller-skate at Cheapskate in Coon Rapids! Never been roller-skating before? No problem! This is the perfect time to learn! For lunch, you can order from the concession stand at the roller rink or bring your own from home. Cost includes the rental of roller-skates!

Fee: \$11.00 - \$6 for skating (price includes skate rental) + \$5 for bus fee

Session: Full day

Lunch: Concession stand (bring additional money with you that day) or pack your own

Meeting Location: Choir Room

Limit: 50 students

Staff: Mr. Sass, Mr. Pothen and Mr. VanDanacker



17 FD: Tutor Time (Community Service)

Want to help teachers? Do you want to help out elementary students? You will have the opportunity to go to either Big Woods Elementary or Albertville Primary and be a teacher's helper for the day. You will do fun activities with the elementary kids all day long. You will follow them in class and to their specials, lunch, recess and any other activities they may have planned for the day. What a great way to complete a community service activity, feel good about what you are doing and have fun doing it.

Fee: Free

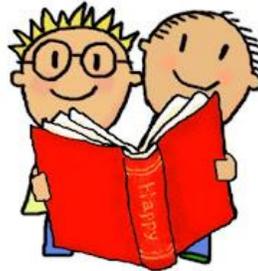
Session: All day

Lunch: At Elementary School

Meeting Location: Big Gym

Limit: 50 students

Staff: Mr. Hertwig and Mr. Mashuga



18: FD Winter Blast

Get outside and enjoy the winter weather! Spend the day outside in the snow with friends. We will travel to Elm Creek Park in Maple Grove where we'll learn to snowshoe and Nordic ski (or cross country ski) in the morning and snow-tube in the afternoon. No snow? No problem! Elm Creek Park MAKES snow for tubing and cross-country skiing.

Fee: \$31

Session: Full Day

Lunch: Bring a bag lunch (and money for concessions, if you'd like).

Meeting Location: Mrs. Kelm's room (B209)

Limit: 50 Students

Staff: Mrs. Kelm, Mrs. Lyke, and Mrs. Parsons



19: FD Wolves, Bear, and Foxes oh my!

We will drive towards the forests until we reach an area of woods that has been protected as a place where forest animals are cared for if injured or abandoned. The Wildlife Center is a care center for wolves, Lynx, bears, coyotes, and mountain lions. Prepare your voices because we will be howling with the wolves. We will stop by McDonalds on the way home for lunch.

Fee: \$15.00 (bus fee and cover fee for the center)

Session: All day

Lunch: BRING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR MCDONALD'S.

Meeting location: Mr. Jeffery's room B205

Limit: 50

Staff: Mr. Jeffery and Mrs. Autio



20 FD: JumP Up JuMp uP and get down!

Defy gravity at ZERO GRAVITY Trampoline Park. You'll be bouncing off the walls with fun! There are even dodgeball and basketball trampoline courts available. Spend 2 hours flying through the air! Afterwards, be ready to refuel with pizza at the Pizza Ranch in Elk River. Then you will be tired and full, so we will head back to school to watch a movie to finish off the day.

Fee: \$22

Session: Full day

Lunch: Bring money for lunch at Pizza Ranch

Meeting Location: Mrs. Fraley's room A109

Limit: 50

Staff: Mr. Ditlevson, Mrs. Fraley, & Ms. Burton



HALF DAY ACTIVITIES

Choose 2 Activities

Lunch as usual at school

1 AM/ 1 PM Graffiti Art with Bee Artsy...Be Crafty

Express your creative side and discover how to enjoy art through instruction from the owner of Bee Artsy...Bee Crafty. Erica Bachmeier will be coming in to do a 3-hour graffiti art session!

Fee: \$20

Session: 2 Sessions Am & PM

Meeting Location: 6th Grade Art Room A112

Limit: 28 students

Staff: Mrs. Buskey, Mrs. Knudson, and Mrs. Mesna



2 AM/ 2 PM Miracle and Olympic Fun Facts

The Olympics are coming this winter! Join us as we get in the spirit! We will be watching the inspiring story of the team that transcended its sport and united a nation with a new feeling of hope. Based on the true story of one of the greatest moments in sports history, the tale captures a time and place where differences could be settled by games and a cold war could be put on ice. In 1980, the United States Ice Hockey team's coach, Herb Brooks, took a ragtag squad of college kids up against the legendary juggernaut from the Soviet Union at the Olympic Games. Let's see how it all turned out!

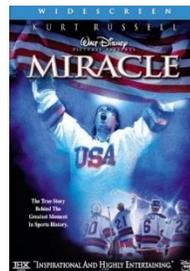
Fee: Free – but bring a snack/beverage and maybe a pillow/blanket if you want to setting in!

Session: One AM session, one PM session

Meeting Location: The Health Room D400

Limit: 32 students

Staff: Ms. Anderson & Mrs. Pilney



3 AM/ 3 PM Read and Feed

Enjoy several hours of reading a book by your favorite author. Put your feet up and snuggle in for some uninterrupted reading time while enjoying a snack.

Fee: Free – bring a snack, pillow, and blanket if you wish

Session: One AM session, one PM session

Meeting Location: Mrs. Middleton's Room 309

Limit: 16 students

Staff: Mrs. Middleton



4 AM/ 4 PM The Great Escape-- Half Day

You are going to have a fantastic time solving the puzzles to open the locked box and escape the room. Throughout the hour you have to solve the mystery, you will get clues to guide you in your adventure. You will have to work together with teammates to solve the puzzles quickly and accurately. We'll do 2 mysteries in our time together. Materials that are a part of our puzzles include invisible ink and 4 different locks! We're looking forward to you joining us!

Fee: Free

Session: one AM session/ one PM session

Meeting Location: Room A108 (Mrs. Pack's Room)

Limit: 32

Staff: Mrs. Pack and Mrs. Tveitbakk



5 AM/ 5 PM WATER WONDERLAND

If you are looking to have a **WONDERFUL** time look no further! Come join **WATER WONDERLAND!** We will have a **WONDROUS** variety of **WATER WHIMSICAL** games galore at the STMA Pool!

Fee: Free!

Session: One AM session / one PM session

Meeting Location: In hallway by the pool

How Many: 30

Staff: Ms. Syverson and Mrs. Laage



6AM & 6PM: KNEX Building Challenges

The morning session will build the best KNEX bridge. Bridges will be stress tested and the best design will receive a prize. The afternoon session will have two options: 1) Follow instructions to build Wind Powered KNEX models the Slider, the Cam Operated Pump, the Crank Man, or the Double Pump, or Option 2) Choose to design your own Rube Goldberg Machine using KNEX.

Fee: Free

Meeting Location: C304 and C305 Science Rooms (Some outside work required if weather permits)

Limit: 32

Staff: Mrs. Lindquist & Mr. Jensen

