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PARK Afterschool Program

Positive Afterschool Recreation for Kids

PARK Afterschool Program Basic Information for Fall 2020

1. MRMS students and Chatham residents in **grades 5 – 7** and Chatham Elementary School students in **grade 4** are eligible to register for this program. Only participants who are in person learners are eligible for this program.
2. The PARK Afterschool Program will run on all school days including the Parent Conference half days of school in October.
3. The PARK Program will start at 2:15 P.M. for 4th grade students at the end of their school day, and 40 minutes earlier on early release Wednesdays. PARK staff will meet the students at Chatham Elementary School and walk them across the street to the Chatham Community Center.
4. A bus will meet students at MRMS at the end of their school day and bring them to the Chatham Community Center usually by 3:30 P.M. This is also the case on early release Wednesdays.
5. The PARK Program ends at 5:30 P.M., and staff would appreciate parents arriving between 5 – 5:30 P.M. for pick-up.
6. The cost of the program is \$15 per day for 4th grade students and \$10 per day for students in grades 5 – 7. There will be an additional cost of \$5 for all students on the two half days of school.
7. Because of Coronavirus Disease (COVID 19), students will be enrolling for the Fall semester from September 14 – December 22 in order to maintain static groups of children in the program.
8. Program capacity is 39 students, and is being offered on a first come, first served basis.
9. The PARK Afterschool Program Enrollment Form, Registration Form, basic program information, Fall 2020 COVID 19 Guidelines for the PARK Program and the Fall 2020 COVID 19 Parental Sign-off Agreement will be sent out via our ReCPro data base, through the schools and will be available for download on our website.

Fall 2020 COVID 19 Guidelines for the PARK Afterschool Program

1. Because of Coronavirus Disease (COVID 19), the PARK Afterschool Program will be following Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care, our licensing authority, Guidelines for Massachusetts Child and Youth Serving Programs Reopen Approach Minimum Requirements for Health and Safety.
2. Only PARK Afterschool Program participants and Staff will be allowed inside the Community Center.

3. Program participants will arrive wearing masks and will receive a health check each day before they enter the building.
4. Participants will be signed in by program staff as they enter the building and will proceed to their designated classroom where they will be greeted by program staff.
5. The PARK Afterschool Program will be following all recommended guidelines for social distancing, wearing masks when social distancing cannot be maintained, hand washing, safe group sizes and cleaning and disinfecting.
6. Students will be placed into static groups of children by age and/or interest. No more than ten children will be grouped with two staff members.
7. We ask that **children bring their own clean, clearly marked WATER BOTTLES** each day. We will have gallons of jug water on-site to refill your child's water bottles as needed. Children may not use the drinking fountains nor sink spigots in our building for drinking purposes.
8. Children will be given a healthy snack each day in individually wrapped packaging.
9. All classrooms in the lower level will have five tables with two end chairs ensuring students sit six feet apart from each other and other tables of children.
10. Each child will be given a storage bin with their own personal supplies such as pencils, erasers, markers, rulers, scissors, glue sticks and paper supplies. They will always be given their own supplies and will not be sharing supplies with other children in the program.
11. Hand sanitizer will always be available in each room as well as in common areas.
12. Each group of children will have snack, time to work on homework and time for passive and active recreation.
13. We will be taking the children outside as much as the weather allows this Fall for safe, outside activities and games. Please make sure your child has a sweatshirt or coat to wear as the weather cools down.
14. Any items such as balls that are shared for games will be wiped down with disinfecting wipes immediately after use, and children will use hand sanitizer before and after these games.
15. Parents may not enter the building for child pick-up this year. Instead, we ask that you enter the driveway, take the first right hand turn and circle around the parking lot to the front door for pick-up. Please stay in your car and we will have a staff person there to meet you, take your name and the name of the child you are picking up and use a radio to call to your child's group for this purpose.
16. We will have an isolation room should your child not be feeling well, and we will be asking you to provide several emergency cell phone numbers and the ability to provide prompt child pick-up within 30 – 45 minutes.
17. We will be in contact with the school department to keep up to date with any COVID 19 breakouts, or instances where a child may have been exposed to the Coronavirus with other potentially infected people.
18. Please be vigilant and keep us up to date with necessary information that will help to keep other program participants safe and healthy.
19. If the PARK Afterschool Program has knowledge of a child showing symptoms of COVID 19 or being directly exposed to someone with COVID 19, the PARK Afterschool

Program will follow the required protocols including closing the program for 14 days if necessary, contacting the school department and the local Board of Health.