



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dr. Michele Spurgeon Hartzell, Superintendent
Mr. Brian Emick, Assist. To the Superintendent

Mr. Jeffrey Fox, Business Manager
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May 29, 2024

RE: Giving Back Day – June 4, 2024

Hello Grape Pickers!

All North East School District 9-11th grade high school students will be participating in a Giving Back/Service Day on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 (ECTS students will attend ECTS; however, may participate in Giving Back Day with parent permission). We have partnered with two community organizations: The Mellon Veterans Outreach Center and North East in Bloom. Events will take place on both the North East campus as well as MVOC (Mellon Veterans Outreach Center) (Old Mercyhurst). The North East School District mission is to Nurture and Empower lifelong learning and responsible citizenship. By our students giving back to our Veterans, community, and campus will help us to fulfill this mission.

Students will walk to MVOC and participate in painting, sanding, weeding, raking, picking up sticks and trash. Some students will be working with North East in Bloom to help with weeding and planting flowers at the North East Elementary Center.

We are asking students to wear a North East t-shirt or North East apparel on this day. Also, some students may be painting; therefore, please wear appropriate attire. All students in grades 9-11 will receive a bag lunch on this day. Students will select whether they are packing or eating a grab and go school provided lunch with their homeroom teacher.

Please have your child return the completed attached GIVING BACK DAY permission form by Friday, May 31st and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the district office at 814-725-8671, extension 3906.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent

cc: Mr. Brian Emick, Assistant to the Superintendent
Principals/Special Education Supervisor
Mellon Veterans Outreach Center
North East in Bloom

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North East School District GIVING BACK DAY Permission Slip

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As parent/legal guardian of _____, I grant permission for him/her to participate
(Print Student's Name Here)
in the GIVING BACK DAY described below.

Destination: Mellon Veterans Outreach Center (MVOC) (Old Mercyhurst) and/or North East Elementary Center

Nature or purpose of the trip: Students will be participating in a Giving Back/Community Service day. The purpose of the trip is to give back to our Veterans and school campus by sanding and painting benches, raking, pulling weeds, picking up sticks and trash, and planting flowers.

Date/time leaving/returning: Tuesday, June 4, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (students will be provided with a picnic lunch - sign up with their homeroom teacher or bring their own packed lunch)

Clothing: Please dress for cleaning up and painting. Please wear a North East T-shirt or some type of North East School District apparel.

Sponsors/Chaperones: Homeroom teachers, building and district administrators

Cost of Trip Per Child: Free

Please return the bottom portion of this permission slip with your child to your child's classroom teacher, by Friday, May 31st.

I give my child permission to participate in Giving Back/Community Service Day at the Mellon Veterans Outreach Center.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

I am aware that when I am on a school-sponsored trip, I am under the jurisdiction and supervision of the school-employed sponsors/chaperones and that my behavior must conform to the *Code of Student Conduct*, the school's Student Handbook, and reasonable instructions from chaperones. I understand I will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action for violations of these rules and regulations.

Signature of Student

Date

The above-signed parent/guardian acknowledges disclosure that the School District reserves all rights, immunities, and qualified defenses available to it under the law in connection with the permitted activities subject of this authorization.