

# Groveland Summer Explorers

## July 2019 Newsletter

### **A note for Juniors & Kinders from Brenda Broveleit**

"You betcha" our summer has started and we are already into July! We have had loads of fun getting to know each other, learning new games and participating in some riveting activities. The fieldtrips are beginning and we will slowly be making our way to touring lots of fun places around the Twin Cities. Please remember to check the weekly board for events that will be happening in the week and what you will need for each day. It is outside door KE. It wouldn't be Minnesota without a "scorcher" few days. We will be beginning water play days on Wednesdays to help cool us off in the dog days of summer.

### **A note for grades 1 & 2 from Susie Wolter**

Hello 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families! I hope to find that you are all having a wonderful summer and enjoying lots of time outside. Our weekly themes coming up include Minnesota Sports, The Mighty Mississippi, and The People of Minnesota. We have a lot of great projects planned around these themes and some exciting field trips coming up as well! Starting on July 10<sup>th</sup> we will begin doing our weekly beach days as well. Students will need to wear their blue Explorers shirt on field trip days and on beach days. We are excited for another great summer month! As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

### **A note for grades 3—5 from Cody Hallahan**

I hope to find everyone having a great summer so far. We have a lot of fun projects planned for the July and we hope the students enjoy the projects as much as we did planning them. I would like to send a friendly reminder that if your child is scheduled for a Beach or Field Trip day they must have their blue shirts on. Also for Beach days it is not a bad idea to have them bring along a change of clothes for after they are done swimming. I hope you all continue to have a fun summer with family and friends and we hope your child continues to look forward to joining us on days they are scheduled for Explorers.

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## Important Dates

Monday	July 1	Ice Cream Truck 3:15—4:15 p.m.	Monday	July 22	Ice Cream Truck 3:15—4:15 p.m.
Thursday	July 4	Closed—Happy 4th of July!	Wednesday	July 24	Beach/Water Play Day
Friday	July 5	All Grades Field Trip 12:15—3:45 p.m.	Thursday	July 25	Grade 1—5 Field Trip 12:15—3:45 p.m.
Friday	July 5	Take-a-Break Lunch order DUE by 6 p.m.	Friday	July 26	Jr/Kinder Field Trip 8:45—2:00 p.m.
Monday	July 8	Ice Cream Truck 3:15—4:15 p.m.	Monday	July 29	Ice Cream Truck 3:15—4:15 p.m.
Wednesday	July 10	First Beach/Water Play Day	Wednesday	July 31	Beach/Water Play Day
Thursday	July 11	Jr/K Field Trip 8:30—11:45 a.m.	Thursday	Aug 1	Carnival Food Orders DUE by 6 p.m.
Friday	July 12	Grade 1—5 Field Trip 8:30—12:15 p.m.	Friday	Aug 2	All Grades Field Trip 11:30—3:45 p.m.
Monday	July 15	Ice Cream Truck 3:15—4:15 p.m.			
Tuesday	July 16	Take A Break Lunch			
Wednesday	July 17	Beach/Water Play Day			
Thursday	July 18	All Grades Field Trip 8:15—12:30 p.m.			

### Dropping Off and Picking Up Your Child

<b>Junior &amp; Kinders</b>	<b>Room KE</b>
<b>Grades 1 - 2</b>	<b>Room 26</b>
<b>Grades 3 - 5</b>	<b>Room KG</b>

Every time you drop off and pick up your child, please remember to sign them out. This helps Explorers staff ensure that your child is safe and with the correct adult. If you are unable to pick your child up at the end of the day, we ask that you call Explorers at (952) 401 -5582 and let a staff member know the name of the adult that will be taking your child. We will ask all unfamiliar adults for a photo ID. If you do not call and we are unable to talk to a parent, your child will not be allowed to go with another adult.

### Beach Day (1—5) / Water Play (JK) Wednesday: July 10—August 7

On these Wednesdays, GRADE 1 - 5 will take a bus to Lake Ann Beach in Chanhassen to have some fun in the water! Students can choose to play on the playground or swim. On beach days, we ask that you bring a swimsuit, towel, blue Explorer shirt, and a change of dry clothes for your child. Students will change into their swim clothes at school.

Juniors & Kinders will also have some fun in the yard playing with water toys and sprinklers! Students can choose to play on the playground or get wet playing in the water. On water play days, we ask that you bring a swimsuit, towel, blue Explorer shirt, and a change of dry clothes for your child. Students will change into their swim clothes at school.

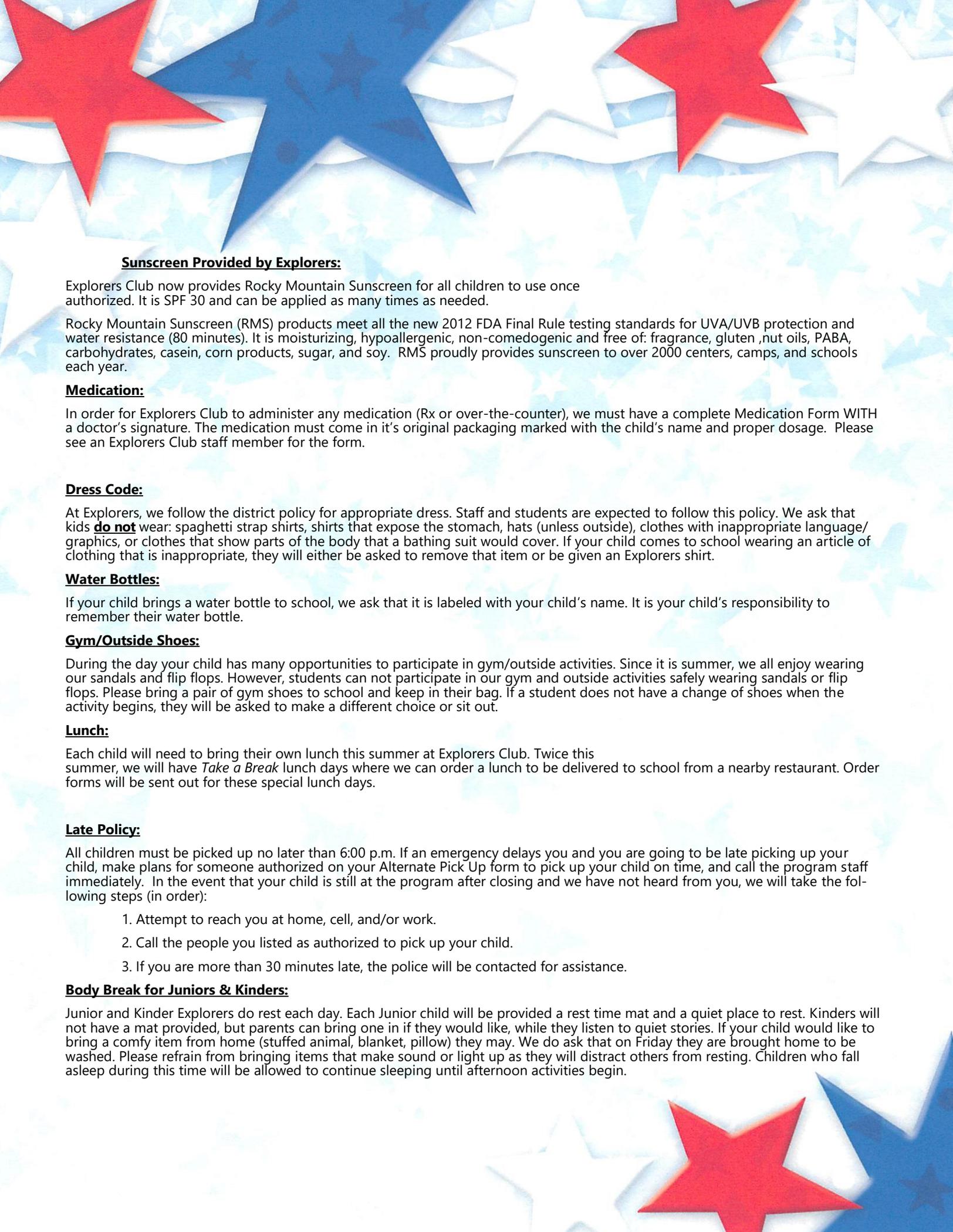
### Ice Cream Truck Mondays June 24—August 12

On Mondays, we will have an ice cream truck come to Groveland Elementary providing many delicious treats. Students are invited to bring their own money if they would like to have an ice cream treat after snack. Treats range between \$1.50 and \$3.00. At Explorers, we do not allow students to purchase a treat that is more than \$3.00. Staff will help students in selecting and paying for the ice cream treat.

### Field Trips:

During the summer, Explorers will go on many fieldtrips. You will need to sign the permission slips located in the main rooms. We ask that you sign them as soon as possible. If we do not have a signature on the day of the fieldtrip, a parent will be called and expected to pick up their child.

If the children are going on a walking field trip, you will need to sign the permission slip for that event as well. If we don't have your signature, your child will not be allowed to participate in that event.



### **Sunscreen Provided by Explorers:**

Explorers Club now provides Rocky Mountain Sunscreen for all children to use once authorized. It is SPF 30 and can be applied as many times as needed.

Rocky Mountain Sunscreen (RMS) products meet all the new 2012 FDA Final Rule testing standards for UVA/UVB protection and water resistance (80 minutes). It is moisturizing, hypoallergenic, non-comedogenic and free of: fragrance, gluten, nut oils, PABA, carbohydrates, casein, corn products, sugar, and soy. RMS proudly provides sunscreen to over 2000 centers, camps, and schools each year.

### **Medication:**

In order for Explorers Club to administer any medication (Rx or over-the-counter), we must have a complete Medication Form WITH a doctor's signature. The medication must come in its original packaging marked with the child's name and proper dosage. Please see an Explorers Club staff member for the form.

### **Dress Code:**

At Explorers, we follow the district policy for appropriate dress. Staff and students are expected to follow this policy. We ask that kids **do not** wear: spaghetti strap shirts, shirts that expose the stomach, hats (unless outside), clothes with inappropriate language/graphics, or clothes that show parts of the body that a bathing suit would cover. If your child comes to school wearing an article of clothing that is inappropriate, they will either be asked to remove that item or be given an Explorers shirt.

### **Water Bottles:**

If your child brings a water bottle to school, we ask that it is labeled with your child's name. It is your child's responsibility to remember their water bottle.

### **Gym/Outside Shoes:**

During the day your child has many opportunities to participate in gym/outside activities. Since it is summer, we all enjoy wearing our sandals and flip flops. However, students can not participate in our gym and outside activities safely wearing sandals or flip flops. Please bring a pair of gym shoes to school and keep in their bag. If a student does not have a change of shoes when the activity begins, they will be asked to make a different choice or sit out.

### **Lunch:**

Each child will need to bring their own lunch this summer at Explorers Club. Twice this summer, we will have *Take a Break* lunch days where we can order a lunch to be delivered to school from a nearby restaurant. Order forms will be sent out for these special lunch days.

### **Late Policy:**

All children must be picked up no later than 6:00 p.m. If an emergency delays you and you are going to be late picking up your child, make plans for someone authorized on your Alternate Pick Up form to pick up your child on time, and call the program staff immediately. In the event that your child is still at the program after closing and we have not heard from you, we will take the following steps (in order):

1. Attempt to reach you at home, cell, and/or work.
2. Call the people you listed as authorized to pick up your child.
3. If you are more than 30 minutes late, the police will be contacted for assistance.

### **Body Break for Juniors & Kinders:**

Junior and Kinder Explorers do rest each day. Each Junior child will be provided a rest time mat and a quiet place to rest. Kinders will not have a mat provided, but parents can bring one in if they would like, while they listen to quiet stories. If your child would like to bring a comfy item from home (stuffed animal, blanket, pillow) they may. We do ask that on Friday they are brought home to be washed. Please refrain from bringing items that make sound or light up as they will distract others from resting. Children who fall asleep during this time will be allowed to continue sleeping until afternoon activities begin.