

Troy Builder's Club – Patrick Walsh, Facilitator

September, 2013

Dear Students (& Parents),

I'm glad you have expressed an interest in Builder's Club. Builders Club, sponsored by The Kiwanis, is the largest service organization for middle school and junior high students, with more than 40,000 members worldwide. Troy Builder's Club activities include:

Town Center Community Campus/Mainstreet Care Center - We visit the residents each month for one hour. Small groups walk around and visit the residents (10-15 minutes per room). The whole club cannot go each month due to our large size but everyone has the opportunity to visit 3-4 times. See the attached form for details, dates, and parent permission. Please return by the end of September.

Community Garden Tidy. Looking at end of Oct. - date tbd(weather permitting). Bring some work gloves and get ready to tidy up the garden. We pull out the dead plants and tidy up the garden. Last year we filled 14 bags. Garden clean-up from 2:30-3:40. Adult volunteers welcome.

Beach Clean-Up. In an effort to create awareness of the importance of our great lake (Erie) we will be doing at least two beach-cleanups this year. As of this letter they are scheduled for Tuesday 10/22 and Wednesday 10/30. Adults are welcome to join us.

Pint Size Hero Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17th . Builder's Club hosts a blood drive through the American Red Cross. Troy students invite parents to donate from 2:45 – 7:45. Our goal this year is 30 donations. Adults can register at www.givelife.org and enter our zip code 44012. Our fall drive is usually a big success!

Paper Recycling. This is a whole school event. However as BC members, we must regularly encourage our class to dispose paper in each classroom bin. Is your class bin in a prime location? Also encourage our parents to bring up old newspapers, magazines, and junk mail (no boxes, chipboard - cereal boxes). This brings in a little money for our club but more importantly it helps our environment. Visit paperretriever.com for more details.

Individual service. This is where you do service on your own. Help a neighbor with their yard, carry in their groceries, or walk the dog. Do an extra chore at home for your parents. Visit the neighborhood park with a friend and pick up trash. Volunteer with your family on the weekend (i.e benefit walks, food drives, etc.) Afterwards, fill out a service card and turn it in for points. All service cards get posted and announced over the PA. Service cards are to be signed by an adult and returned to Mr. Walsh for service points (three service cards will earn you a ROAR card). There is always a stack of service cards in my office. The more service cards you turn in, the more points you earn. People with earned points also get invited to our end of the year car wash. Your first card is on the back.

Staff car wash - Students who have earned service points over the year are invited at the end of the year to wash the teacher's cars. It is exhausting but fun!

If you're interested in joining, complete the back side and return it to Mr. Walsh, Guidance Counselor. **Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17th from 2:30 – 3:15 (same day as blood drive).** Our first meeting will include basic Builder's Club information and a "get to know you" activity. Look for further information at www.troyguidance.blogspot.com

Parent - If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely - Patrick Walsh

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Print Student's Name: _____

Print Teacher's Name: _____

I have discussed the responsibilities of Troy Builder's Club with my parents and am interested in participating.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____

Please perform an extra chore around your house, yard, or neighborhood. Complete the service card and have an adult sign off on your first service card. Return to Mr. Walsh for points.

Troy Builder's Club - Service Card

**This service card documents the “good works”
provided by this student.**

Student's name: _____

Adult signature: _____

Task completed: _____

Time involved: _____

Dear Parents of Builder's Club Members,

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In continuing the spirit of community service, we will be visiting Town Center Community Campus. This is a senior citizen facility located behind the old Tops on Walker Rd. We will be spending a good hour visiting with the senior citizens each month. These visits are quite rewarding to our students. Whether it's an appreciation of good health or the needs of our senior population, they certainly develop a greater sense of empathy. Our visits in the past to other facilities have been wonderful!

Here is an itinerary of our afternoon:

- 2:30 – Bus picks up students at Troy Intermediate School
- 2:40 – Bus arrives at Town Center Community Campus/Mainstreet Care Center
- 2:45 – Students are broken into small groups and visit several rooms
- 4:00 – Bus departs from Town Center Community Campus/Mainstreet Care Center
- 4:10 – Bus arrives back at Troy Intermediate School

Because of the high numbers of Troy Service Club Members, I am only able to accommodate 25 students per visit. I have arranged 9 visits. Most students will be entitled to 3-4 visits if they are interested. **Please indicate by checking off all the dates your child is able to attend.** Students will be notified of their scheduled dates. Leave blank any date you are unable to attend.

The following dates are:

_____ Tuesday 9/24
_____ Thursday 10/17
_____ Wednesday 11/20
_____ Tuesday 12/17
_____ Thursday 1/16
_____ Wednesday 2/19
_____ Tuesday 3/11
_____ Thursday 4/24
_____ Thursday 5/8

Members do not have to attend these outings. However, they are encouraged. I'm also in need of any parents who can help by walking with a small group at the center. Indicate below if you are available. Teacher: _____

My child, _____, is allowed to attend the field trip to Town Center Community Campus/Mainstreet Care Center. I understand he/she will leave Troy Intermediate School by bus at 2:30 and arrive back at school by 4:10.

Parent Signature: _____

I am also able to attend Town Center
on: _____ (we'll call you a few days in
advance to remind you.)

How will your child be getting home? (Please check off)
_____ Walking/riding bike _____ Getting a ride from
