

June 22, 2016

Dear Middle School Students and Parents,

Over the past year, teachers, administrators, and school board members have been working together on a plan to promote community service activities for all students in our middle school. This community service coincides with Epsom Central School's theme, "Epsom Cares." We understand that numerous students already engage in service work with their families and our goal is to expand this to reach a larger percentage of the community.

The intent of this **5-hour** community service expectation for **grade five students** is to demonstrate the civic responsibility as a member of the Epsom community. New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks in Social Studies states, "Students will demonstrate an understanding of the responsibilities of citizenship and apply their knowledge through citizen involvement." This program continues in the **sixth grade with 10 hours, seventh grade with 20 hours, and 30 hours in eighth grade.**

All students in the middle school will receive blank copies of the "Community Service Record" form through homeroom. Once an activity is finished, these completed forms are to be returned back to the homeroom teacher. **Ms. Palermo** will keep track of all hours if any questions arise to the cumulative total.

Community service includes, but is not limited to, work in community organizations, school service clubs, such as PTO, church affiliated groups, and Student Council. If you have any questions, please call and speak with Patrick Connors, Principal, Jonathan Herod, Assistant Principal, or Steve Patterson, Middle School Team Leader. We thank you for your help and assistance in supporting this program. Please complete the attached form to help us ensure that all students and parents are properly informed about this program.

Sincerely,

Patrick Connors
Principal

Jonathan Herod
Assistant Principal

Steve Patterson
Middle School
Teacher

Tami Preve
Special Education
Coordinator