

Henry County Schools Partners Club
Wolfpack Partners Club
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To: Parents/Guardians of students Interested in Partners Club (7th & 8th)

Sponsors: Ms. Edwards, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Gordon, Mrs. Toney, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Skipwith, and Ms. Sanders, Mrs. Kanu

Re: Partner Club Membership Contract

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Membership Contract

Your student has expressed an interest in becoming a member of this club. The purpose of the Partners Club is to promote an understanding and acceptance of persons with disabilities and to build friendships. There are two different types of activities that Partners are involved in: school-wide and community activities.

1. School-wide activities: These activities include, but are not limited to, assisting students with disabilities in class, to and from class, participation in lessons with individual classes (art projects, reading to a buddy, etc.).
2. Community activities: These activities include, but are not limited to, accompanying and participating in Special Olympic Competitions, Community-Based Instruction trips and field trips. These activities will require that your student miss classes on some days, and that a signed permission slip must be returned in a timely manner. Make-up work must be completed for time missed, and teachers reserve the right to forbid a student to attend if grades, attendance, behavior, etc. are not up to par.

Because interest in the Partners club is so overwhelming, only a certain number of students will be allowed in the club.

Completions of the following are mandatory to be considered for membership:

1. Completion of Application
2. Two letter of reference: One must be from a teacher (past or present) and the other may be from a family member, clergy member, teacher (past or present), etc. Each letter of reference must state what attributes student possesses that will enable him/her to be an outstanding member of the Partners Club.
3. Signed Contract Acknowledgement (by student and parent/guardian)

Membership dues are **\$10** and are due at the first meeting. Cash, checks and money orders are acceptable forms of payment (checks made out to Woodland Middle School, Partners Club in memo section).

Expectations of Partners Club Members

The purpose of the Partners Club is to promote special relationships between students with and without disabilities providing a natural setting for discussion of concerns relating to lack of acceptance by peer groups because of students' disabilities, social choices, backgrounds, or beliefs. The club offers assistance in providing increased opportunities for students of all ability levels, assistance in facilitating meaningful inclusive opportunities within the school environment, practical opportunities to learn about diversity and tolerance, opportunities to foster positive character development, and opportunities for service learning.

The Partners Club normally serves as sponsor for the local Special Olympics, participates in various field trips relating to the club's goals and purposes, and conducts fund-raiser activities to support the mission and goals of the club.

Club Activities:

1. R-Word Campaign
2. Join Unified Sports team
3. Participate in other Special Olympics events, such as fundraising.
4. Attend select Community Based Instruction

Partners Club members are expected to maintain appropriate behavior in all of their classes and to maintain their grades. General education teachers reserve the right to forbid a student from participating in a Partners Club event based on behavior and/or grades in the general education classroom. Students receiving In School or Out of School Suspension are subject to being removed from the Partners Club immediately. Non-compliant behavior (or any action or behavior resulting in ISS or OSS) will not be tolerated – Partners are expected to set the example for our students with special needs.

Please remember to try to attend our meetings each month. :) We understand you are involved in lots of other activities and think that's awesome. However, if you have conflicts and can't make it to the meeting, remember, all you have to do is check in with us within 3 school days and we will give you the minutes from the meeting and mark you as having checked in. (It's the same as attending!)

The Wolfpack Partners will meet once a month at 8:30 am. I hope that you will permit your student to be a part of this valuable club. The meeting dates for the year are listed below:

October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th
January 9th
February 6th
March 6th
April 10th
May 1st

Please sign the "Acknowledgement of Partners Club Membership Contract" indicating your understanding and acceptance of the requirements of the Partners Club.

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Grade _____ Team _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Shirt Size: YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL other: _____

Class Schedule

| Period | Subject | Teacher | Room # |
|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | | | |
| 3 | | | |
| 4 | | | |
| 5 | | | |
| 6 | | | |

Acknowledgement of Partners Club Membership Contract

I have read the Partners Club Membership contract, and give my student _____ permission to join the Bulldog Partners Club.

Parent/Guardian Signature

I, _____ have read and understand and promise to uphold the responsibilities and requirements of belonging to the Partners Club.

Student Signature

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Please check **only ONE**:

_____ This is my first time applying for membership with the Partners Club.

_____ I have participated in the Partners club for _____ year(s).

