

WINTER 2019 EXPLORATORY DAY—FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH

FULL DAY ACTIVITIES

FD 1 Top Golf

Do you like having fun, competing with your friends, and trying something new? Then check out TopGolf! No golfing ability? No problem! TopGolf is a game that anyone can play - and win! Score points by hitting micro-chipped golf balls at giant dartboard-like targets on an outfield. The closer you get your ball to the center or "bullseye" and the further the distance, the more points earned! That's just one of the many golf-based games you'll get to play while enjoying the day at TopGolf. No need for golf clubs, outdoor clothing, or golfing experience. Everything will be provided for you!

FeePay: \$25.00 (Includes Bus) TO BE PAID USING FEEPAY

Session: Full Day

Lunch: Chicken strip and cheeseburger sliders with soda or water is included.

Meeting Location: Large Gym

Limit: 80 students

Staff: Buskey, Ditlevson, Holler, Knudson, Mesna



FD 2 Winter Blast

Get outside and enjoy the winter weather! Spend the day outside in the snow with friends. We will travel to Elm Creek Park in Maple Grove where we'll learn to snowshoe and Nordic ski (or cross-country ski) in the morning and snow-tube in the afternoon.

No snow? No problem! Elm Creek Park MAKES snow for tubing and cross-country skiing.

FeePay: \$31 ([paid using FeePay via ParentVUE](#))

Session: Full Day

Lunch: Bring a bag lunch (and money for concessions, if you'd like).

Meeting Location: Mrs. Kelm's room (B209)

Limit: 50 Students

Staff: Mrs. Kelm, Mrs. Lyke, and Ms. Walters



FD 3 Around the World in a Day

Have you ever wanted to tour the world, but don't want to sit on an airplane for all those hours? We've got just the thing for you! We will be experiencing different cultures around the world. "Visit" China, Mexico, Africa, and Native America through music, dance, art, games, language, and a whole lot of FOOD! We will be preparing and eating our Mexican lunch as well as experiencing snacks from other cultures.

FeePay: \$11.00 TO BE PAID USING FEEPAY

Session: Full Day

Lunch: We will be preparing and eating our Mexican lunch as part of our world tour.

Meeting Location: Mrs. Olson's and Mrs. Autio's rooms (C300/301)

Limit: 32 students

Staff: Olson/Autio



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FD 4 Curling at Fogerty Arena

Have you ever wanted to learn how to curl, sweep with the broom and throw the stone? Well this exploratory is for you! Curling is a fast-growing sport played on a sheet of ice. During this Exploratory you will learn a brief history of the sport, and be given a group lesson and then the opportunity to participate and practice your new skills. We will stop for lunch after curling at Culvers in Blaine. When we return to school we will have hot chocolate and a movie.

Fee: \$31.00 plus bring money for lunch (\$5-\$10) on Exploratory Day.

Session: Full day

Meeting location for November 21st (KORT): Mrs. Andrews room B219

Meeting location for December 20th: Mrs. Andrews room B219

Limit: Number of Students: 32

Staff: Andrews, Miller



FD 5 Games Galore

We got trench, we got floor hockey, we got line soccer, we got indoor games, we got outdoor games, we got chess, we got backgammon, we got card games, we got board games, we got hoosker-dos and whisker don'ts. If it involves playing a game and having fun with others, we got it!! This day will be full of games, laughter and fun. Hopefully you can even learn one or two new games that you have never played before! We will also play some recess games with students from Big Woods. You definitely won't get bored playing any of these games!



Fee: \$5.00 (Pay using FEEPAY)

Session: Full Day

Lunch: Pizza will be provided, but please bring snacks and beverages.

Meeting Location: Mr. Sartori's room 307 - 6th grade pod (Both Days)

Limit: 40 students

Staff: Sartori, Manthey



FD 6 FlyOver America

FlyOver America is a unique experience at the MOA that gives audience students a chance to explore the United States in a new way. FlyOver America is a truly unforgettable experience. Using the latest virtual flight ride technology and special effects such as wind, scents and moving seats, students will feel like they are really flying. Students will be wowed as they soar over America's most iconic landscapes during the 10-minute flight. After flying over America, students will participate in Mini Golf, and then eat at the MOA food court.

Fee: \$25.00 (Includes Bus) TO BE PAID USING FEEPAY

Session: Full Day

Lunch: We will be eating lunch at the MOA food court. Bring money to purchase a lunch.

Meeting Location: Mr. Livers' room (Room A100)

Limit: 45 students

Staff: Livers, Luehrs, Gessner, Pollworth



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FD 7 BASECAMP THE ADVENTURE

Join us for a day of adventure and fun at Minnesota's newest field trip destination- Basecamp; located near Fort Snelling. 5th and 6th graders will have the opportunity to rock climb, learn archery, and complete team building games. 7th and 8th graders will have the experience of completing a high ropes course, becoming skilled at archery, and completing team building challenges. We hope you can join us on this trip of adventure, fun, and challenge!

Fee: \$21

Session: All day

Lunch: Students need to bring a bag lunch

Meeting Location: Mr. Payne's Room A105 (8th Grade POD)

Limit: 40 students

Staff: Lichtenberg, Payne



FD 8 Tour of US Bank (Vikings) Stadium tour

This exploratory day event more than just a tour – it's a backstage pass to the home of NCAA Championships, the Summer X Games, and Super Bowl LII. Your ninety-minute guided adventure through U.S. Bank Stadium will give you behind-the-scenes access to the home of the Minnesota Vikings. Discover the inner workings of the Stadium including premium clubs and suites, stadium art collection, team locker room, and even the stadium turf as well. Students may even bring a small football to throw around when we are down on the field.

Students should wear comfortable shoes, as there will be a fair amount of walking. In addition, there will be a short walk from the bus to the stadium so dress appropriately. Put on your Vikings gear and join us for this fun event!

Fee: \$13.00 (extra money needed if you want to purchase lunch at a restaurant)

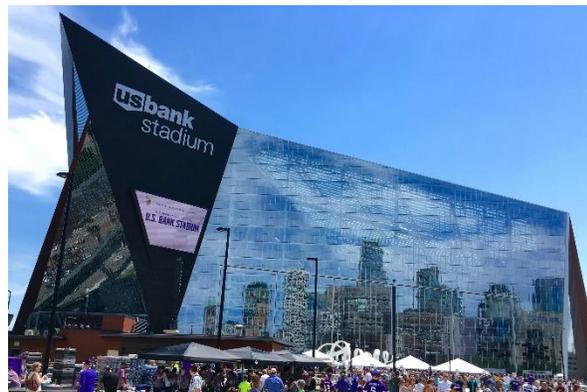
Session: Full Day

Lunch: We will be stopping at a fast-food restaurant after the tour. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch with if you do not want to eat fast food.

Meeting Location: Mr. Jordheim's room (Room A114 - band room)

Limit: 40 students

Staff: Jordheim, Olson



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FD 9 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fun!

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fun is a full day of Harry Potter themed activities, and this exploratory day will take place at Middle School East. The day is designed to give students a Harry Potter experience. Students will get a chance to figure out which house they “belong” in, bake some magical treats, conjure up some arts and crafts, compete in Harry Potter trivia, and watch the first film. We will provide all materials for all activities, so all you need to do is come ready to learn and create! Knowledge of the Harry Potter series is not necessary as students will be in groups for all activities.

Fee: \$11.00

Session: Full Day

Lunch: We will order lunch from Subway.

Meeting Location: Mrs. Gritti’s Room (Room C323)

Limit: 32 students

Staff: Mrs. Gritti and Mrs. Lindquist



FD 10 The Sheridan Story Food Packing

More than 200,000 children in Minnesota live with food insecurity! The Sheridan Story works with schools and surrounding communities to fight child hunger, right here in Minnesota, by providing a weekend’s supply of food to hungry children and families. Join us as we **help pack weekend bags** that will go home with students in Minnesota. From 8:45 - 10:30 students will be actively learning about how hunger affects children in Minnesota and the United States. We will eat our bag lunch at school and then hop on a bus to **The Sheridan Story** in Roseville. We will work with this organization to package a nutritious, low-cost meal that will later be distributed to hungry children in Minnesota.

Fee: \$3.00 (TO BE PAID USING FEEPAY)

Session: Full Day

Lunch: Bring a bag lunch or eat school lunch

Meeting Location: Mr. Huggins’ room (Room 3201)

Limit: 50 students

Staff: Mr. Huggins, Mrs. Prell, & Mrs. Bartels



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FD 11 Tutor Time (Community Service)

Want to help teachers? Do you want to help out elementary students? You will have the opportunity to go to either Big Woods Elementary or St. Michael Elementary and be a teacher's helper for the day. You will do fun activities with the elementary kids all day long. You will follow them in class and to their specials, lunch, recess and any other activities they may have planned for the day. What a great way to complete a community service activity, feel good about what you are doing and have fun doing it.

Fee: Free

Session: Full Day

Lunch: bag lunch or school lunch.

Meeting Location for Nov. 21: Small Gym

Meeting Location for Dec. 20: Your assigned school

Limit: 50 students

Staff: Mr. Hertwig, Mr. Mashuga, Mrs. Skogen



FD 12 Animal Humane Society Tour

Description: Do you like animals??? Come along as we tour the Animal Humane Society in Golden Valley, participate in their Pet University learning session and then make some toys and blankets to donate to a local rescue organization.

Fee: \$9.50 for the bus + material cost. We'll talk at the November meeting about buying material for blankets to make and donate!

Session: Full day

Lunch: Bring a bag lunch. We won't be able to eat school lunch

Meeting location for November 21st (KORT): Media Center

Meeting location for December 20th: Media Center

Limit: Number of Students: 16

Staff: Mrs. Lurie



FD 13 Pizza Arte

We will be going to the Minneapolis Institute of Art Museum and Pizza Luce' Downtown! Mr. Jergenson and Mrs. Iverson will be leading this annual trip to Minneapolis to view and experience one of the largest collections of Modern Art from all around the world and eat some of the best pizza you can find!

Fee: \$21.00 (Includes Bus) TO BE PAID USING FEEDPAY

Session: Full Day

Lunch: We will be eating lunch at Pizza Luce'. Lunch is included in the fee.

Meeting Location: Mr. Jergenson's Room (A111)

Limit: 30 students

Staff: Mr. Jergenson & Mrs. Iverson



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FD 14 Science Fun At Nickelodeon Universe

Are you interested in science and physics? If so, you are invited to explore scientific concepts involving theme park rides that deliver white-knuckle thrills in a safe environment. We will visit Nickelodeon Universe to experience physics concepts in action. You will document your reaction to various rides so bring your pencil as well as your nerves of steel.



Fee: \$21.00 (Includes Bus) TO BE PAID USING FEEPAY

Session: Full Day Activity

Lunch: Bring a bag lunch or bring money to purchase lunch at the food court

Meeting Location: B204 (Mrs. Boisner's room)

Limit: 50

Teachers: Boisner, Budion, & Pothen



FD 15 Wildlife Science Center:

Come and howl with the wolves, watch the bear, and get up close to mountain lions!!!

We will drive towards the forests until we reach an area of woods that has been protected as a place where forest animals are cared for if injured or abandoned. The Wildlife Center is a care center for wolves, Lynx, bears, coyotes, and mountain lions. Prepare your voices because we will be howling with the wolves. We will stop by McDonalds on the way home for lunch.

Fee: \$16.00 (bus fee and cover fee for the center)

Lunch: BRING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR MCDONALD'S.

Meeting location for exploratory day: Mr. Jeffery's room B205

Limit: 50

Staff: Mr. Jeffery and Mrs. Lewis



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FD 16 Science Museum of Minnesota

Join us for a fun-filled day at the Science Museum of Minnesota!

We will begin our day at the 90ft, state-of-the-art, Omni theater for a showing of “Superpower Dogs,” where we will follow the stories of six of the world’s boldest four-legged heroes. Then, we will have lunch from Papa John’s Pizza. After lunch, students can choose to visit any of the exhibits that interest them, including the new Body Worlds RX exhibit, Sportsology, and much more!

Fee: \$23 (includes admission to the museum, Omni theater show, bus fees, and pizza)

Session: All Day

Lunch: Papa John’s pizza (included in fee). Bring your own beverage.

Meeting Location: Mrs. Swanson’s room (E712)

Limit: 30 students

Staff: Mrs. Swanson and Mrs. Barten



FD 17 Crayola Experience at MOA

Embark on a colorful adventure where color, chemistry, and digital technology combine to create a one-of-a-kind family attraction. Imagination is your greatest tool at Crayola Experience, where 25 hands-on attractions create a day of colorful fun.

Fee: \$20.00 (includes lunch) TO BE PAID USING FEEDPAY

Session: Full Day

Meeting Location: Room C302 (Mrs. Pendill’s room)

Lunch: Choice of cheese or pepperoni pizza or hot do. Also includes an apple, chips, and a beverage.

Limit: 40 students

Staff: Mrs. Pendil and Mrs. Fischer



FD 18 Cupcake Wars

Students will come together to learn the art of cupcake decorating. Students will be able to learn how to make cupcakes as well as decorate them. They will work in teams to complete a task, as seen on *Cupcake Wars*, and they will be able to take their cupcakes home at the end of the day. This activity will focus on team building, problem solving and collaborating of ideas. Other activities will be provided for students while they are letting their cupcakes bake and letting them cool. It will be a fun time! Students will eat lunch at school.

FeePay: \$11

Session: Full Day

Lunch: Bring a bagged lunch

Meeting Location: Ms. Badger's room (C313)

Limit: 40 students

Staff: Badger, Trump, Martin



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Do you like a challenge? Do you like puzzles?

FD 19 Puzzles Escape Room

Join us for some challenging fun at Puzzles in Buffalo, MN. You will be put into groups and put in a “locked room” with different themes for one hour. You will discover clues, solve riddles, and accomplish tasks in order to ESCAPE! Once we are done we will ride the bus back and eat lunch here. Students can bring a lunch or bring money to buy pizza at Dominos that we will pick up on the way back. While we are eating we will watch the Baudelaire’s escape from their crazy Count Olaf in a Series of Unfortunate Events (04). After we will do another break the code activity.

Fee: \$21 (including bus)

Session: Full Day

Lunch: Bring a lunch or lunch money if you want to buy pizza. (\$4)

We will eat our bag lunches when we return to the school.

Meeting Location: Ms. Ross’s room

Limit: 48

Staff: Mrs. Dolan, Ms. Ross, Mr. Mueller, Mrs. Zachman

FD 20 Mini Golf At Can Can Wonderland

Can Can Wonderland is an 18-Hole Mini Golf Course created and designed by architects, visual artists, fabricators, and electrical engineers. Learn about how the course was created and how they support Minnesota Arts. Can Can Wonderland is proud to be the first arts-based public benefit corporation in Minnesota. After finishing up the mini golf course, enjoy some time in the pinball arcade and grab a snack from the concession stand.

Fee: \$27.00

Session: Full Day

Lunch: Bring a lunch or lunch money if you want to buy snacks there.

We will eat our bag lunches when we return to the school.

Meeting Location: Mr. Cleveland’s room (Room B215)

Limit: 40 students

Staff: Cleveland, Simpson



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HALF DAY ACTIVITIES

Students who choose half day activities must have both an AM activity and a PM activity.

HD 1 Star Wars/Frozen 2-Half Day A.M.

Do you want to see the new Star Wars movie before anyone else? How about seeing Frozen 2? Students will travel to St. Michael Cinema and will choose which movie they would like to view. A light lunch will be provided as part of the experience.

Fee: \$18 (Popcorn, candy, and soda is included)

Lunch: A lunch of a hot dog and chips is provided with the cost of the trip.

Meeting Location: Mr. Daniels' Room (E711)

Limit: 50 students

Staff: Mr. Hegland, Mr. Hilden, Mr. Odegard, and Mr. Daniels



Frozen 2-Half Day P.M.

Students will travel to St. Michael Cinema and will view the movie Frozen 2. A light lunch will be provided as part of the experience.

Fee: \$18 (Popcorn, candy, and soda is included)

Lunch: A lunch of a hot dog and chips is provided with the cost of the trip.

Meeting Location: Mr. Daniels' Room (E711)

Limit: 50 students

Staff: Mr. Hegland, Mr. Hilden, Mr. Odegard, and Mr. Daniels



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HD 2 WATER WONDERLAND

If you are looking to have a **WONDERFUL** time look no further! Come join **WATER WONDERLAND!** We will have a **WONDERIOUS** variety of **WATER WHIMSICAL** games galore!

Price: Free! ☺

Where: STMA Pool

Who: Ms. Syverson and Mrs. Laage

Limit: 30 A.M., 30 P.M.



HD 3 The Great Escape-- Half Day

You are going to have a fantastic time solving the puzzles to open the locked box and escape the room. Throughout the hour you have to solve the mystery, you will get clues to guide you in your adventure. You will have to work together with teammates to solve the puzzles quickly and accurately. We'll do 2 mysteries in our time together. Materials that are a part of our puzzles include invisible ink and 4 different locks! We're looking forward to you joining us!

Fee: Free

Session: one AM session/ one PM session

Meeting Location: Room A108 (Mrs. Pack's Room)

Limit: 32

Staff: Mrs. Pack and Mrs. Tveitbakk



HD 4 KNEX Bridge Building

In a small group design a plan and build a bridge in the time given out of KNEX materials that spans over a meter. We will test the bridges strength and stability by adding mass to the center until it tips or breaks. You are welcome to bring your own snack and beverage. The winning design will be given a small prize!

Fee: None

Session: Half day AM and PM

Lunch: At school.

Meeting Location: Mr. Jensen's room (Room C304)

Limit: 20 students

Staff: Jensen



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HD 5 Gingerbread houses

Come and join the holiday fun! Create and personalize your own gingerbread house. Enjoy hanging with your friends, listening to holiday music, and designing your gingerbread house with a variety of sweet treats. Snacks will be provided. Bring a drink if you would like. Students will eat lunch at school.

Fee: \$11.00

Session: ½ day – morning or afternoon

Lunch: School lunch on this day unless you bring a cold lunch

Meeting Location for November 21: Mrs. Haugen's room (707)

Meeting Location for December 20: Mrs. Swanson's room (712)

Limit: 30 kids

Staff: Mrs. Haugen, Mrs. Paulson



HD 6 Miracle Movie

It's hockey season! Get in the spirit! We will be watching the inspiring story of the team that transcended its sport and united a nation with a new feeling of home. Based on the true story of Minnesota's own Herb Brooks and his squad of college kids. They take on the legendary Soviet hockey team in the 1980 Olympics! Let's see how it all turns out!

Fee: Free! Bring a snack/ beverage and maybe a pillow or blanket!

Session: One AM session and one PM session.

Meeting Location: Mrs. Pilney's room: A107

Limit: 20 students per session

Staff: Mrs. Pilney

