

Dear Parents,

October 2, 2017 1st notice

The students will be making trips to Friendship Circle/Life Town during the 2017 - 2018 school year. **Our trips are scheduled October 17, 2017; November 28, 2017, December 19, 2017, January 23, 2018, February 13, 2018, March 13, 2018, April 17, 2018, and May 22, 2018.** This one signed slip will cover all of the scheduled trips.

The Elks Club of Detroit is very generously covering \$1200.00 of the cost of the trips for us this year. Mrs. Kliebert, the Director of Special Education, is covering the remaining \$62.00 cost that we would have been forwarded to the families. We are working on securing the remaining costs for our transportation needs.

We will be participating in year two of the study conducted by the Psychological Assets. It was so nice to have them present to us at Open House last week.

What is Friendship Circle? The following information is taken from the friendship circle website www.friendshipcircle.org. The information is located under the tab "Get Involved" then click on the link "Schools".

"At the heart of LifeTown is the Weinberg Village. Stepping through its doors, you enter a magical place. In this incredibly realistic, 5,000 square-foot indoor city, children with special needs are able to "learn by doing" and prepare to eventually integrate into society. Through role-play, they practice important life skills, such as waiting in a doctor's office, shopping in a drug store, and doing the laundry. They also learn important safety rules, discover the rewards of teamwork and socialization. Best of all, they have a great time.

Pedestrian Safety Program: A working traffic light and realistic intersections enable children to practice crossing the street in a controlled environment.

The Park/Ice Cream Cart/Bike Rental - Designated in memory of Paulette Abraham

Located in its center, Life Village's realistic park will be a cheerful place where families can relax, play, and interact. Children can purchase a snack from a real ice cream stand.

Huntington Bank

Students interact with a bank teller to withdraw real money and keep it in their Friendship Circle wallet. They then collect receipts as they shop and return to deposit any unused money at the end of their day.

West Bloomfield Library

Students have the opportunity to browse the library, read a story, check out age-appropriate books and research topics on the Internet.

Henry Ford Medical Offices - Designated by Henry Ford Medical Center

A staffed waiting room and real medical supplies for role-playing fun help children become comfortable with the experience of going to the doctor or dentist.

Sav-On-Drugs - Designated by Sav-On-Drugs

Stocked with conventional drug store items including snacks and beverages, Sav-On offers students the opportunity to practice money management skills.

Pet Shop

Lessons in responsibility are taught as students look at, pet and feed animals. Rabbits, fish, snakes and lizards are just a few of the animals housed in the fully functioning pet store.

Friendship Theater

Students practice waiting in line, purchasing movie tickets, buying freshly popped popcorn and choosing a seat to take in a short, age-appropriate show.

Fringe Too Beauty Salon

Plenty of mirrors and supplies make practicing daily grooming skills a lot of fun. Nail styling; hair washing and styling.

Friendship Cafe

A cafe where students can learn skills such as waiting on line, ordering food and beverages, money management and more.

Students will need to bring a bag lunch from home for each of these trips. There is no equipment for heating a meal so sandwiches would be the best lunch choice. Please make sure that your student has a drink as well and any needed utensils. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Mrs. Karle-Sloan

**Please sign and return the permission slip by Friday October 13, 2017.
It will cover all trips for the 2017 - 2018 school year.**

_____ Yes, I understand my young adult will be attending the curriculum based instructional trip on the Lake Shore Public Schools bus on **October 17, 2017; November 28, 2017, December 19, 2017, January 23, 2018, February 13, 2018, March 13, 2018, April 17, 2018, and May 22, 2018.**

There is NO cost to students at this point for the 2017 - 2018 school year only.

I understand that my student will need a lunch from home on trip days.

Student's Name

Parent's Signature