

November 2009

School's Out, Inc.

239 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054

From the Executive Director, Jayne Maloney

E-Mail News Alert

Do you want to receive our monthly newsletters, registration flyers and information, and up to date announcements?

Just go to our website, www.schoolsoutinc.org, and sign up for our *E-mail News Alert*.

The month of November is a busy time at School's Out, Inc. Included in this newsletter is the registration flyer for the three December early dismissal days. The registration deadline is Tuesday, November 17th. See page 2 for further information on these days.

During the holiday season, School's Out, Inc. supports an organization which gives back to children and the community. Once again, this year, we are supporting the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. More information on this worthwhile endeavor is included on page 2.

With winter approaching, parents should be aware of the School's Out, Inc. Snow Policy. The policy is on our website and we have put it on page 3 for you. Please make sure your child knows where he/she should go in the event of early dismissals. We will also announce any delays or dismissals via our *E-Mail News Alert*. You may sign up for this by going to our website and completing the *E-mail News Alert* form.

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Our Lights on Afterschool Celebrations on October 22nd were a huge success! The 4th and 5th grade children did an excellent job of planning the event at the sites. The children and staff had a wonderful time.

Thank you for your contributions of healthy goodies for the Harvest Parties.

On behalf of the School's Out, Inc.
Board of Directors and Staff,
we would like to wish all of our families
a very safe and
Happy Thanksgiving.



Vacation Care Program Half Days

There will be 3 vacation care program half days in December—Wednesday, December 2nd, Thursday, December 10th and Tuesday, December 15th. On these days there will be special themes and activities. They will be:

December 2nd—Special Event: Hawaiian Getaway

December 10th—Special Visitor: Sylvia Markson, Ventriloquist

December 15th—Special Event: So Long 2009, Hello 2010

The deadline for these dates is Tuesday, November 17, 2009, earlier if we reach capacity. Forms are attached to this newsletter, limited quantities are available at the sites, or it can be downloaded from our website, www.schoolsoutinc.org.

“Thanks for all your help with such great before and afterschool programs. It’s very reassuring to know that (my child) is in such a good place where he has so many positive experiences.”

Staff Appreciation Fund

The holiday season will soon be upon us. The School’s Out, Inc. Board of Directors established a Staff Appreciation Fund which is used for staff events such as holiday party, Staff Appreciation Week, motivational prizes, etc.

If you would like to contribute to the fund, please make a check out to School’s Out, Inc. Staff Appreciation Fund and send it to School’s Out Inc., 239 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054 or drop it in the office drop box. Thank you for your generosity.

Giving Project

Once again, this year, we will be conducting a Food Drive for the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. The Food Bank helps alleviate child hunger by providing children and families with nutritious and easy to prepare food in 23 counties.

The program provides kids with food that is child friendly and shelf stable. This year it has been requested that we collect new backpacks for the children as well as spaghetti, full size cans of soup and juice boxes.

A collection box will be placed at each site. The collection will run from Monday, November 2nd to Friday, November 20th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Snow Policy

When the **School District is closed**, all **School's Out, Inc. programs are closed**.

Delays:

- When there is a **one hour delay**, all School's Out, Inc. programs will run as usual.
- When there is a **two hour delay**, there will be no School's Out, Inc. morning program.

Dismissals:

- When the School District **dismisses one hour early** (2:00 pm), School's Out, Inc. programs will run **until 4:00 pm**
- When there is a **two hour dismissal** (1:00 pm), School's Out, Inc. will be **closed in the afternoon**.

In the event of delays or snow closings, School's Out, Inc. will be listed on all the major television and radio stations' school closings and delays.

“Thank you for the wonderful experience. It was an outstanding program. Keep up the great work. (My daughter) absolutely loved her time there.”

Lost & Found

Is your child missing a jacket, sweater, shoes, lunchbox, etc? Each of our sites has a Lost & Found. Please check periodically to see if any of your child's items has been turned in.

There is also a Lost & Found at the office from our Vacation Care Program days. If you are missing anything from any of the vacation program days, give us a call, 439-9300, and we'll check for you.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Fruity Cheerio Bars Water / Milk	3 Election Day Vacation Care Program Full Day AM—Strawberry Waffle Graham Crackers PM—Apples Water/Juice	4 Carrot Sticks w/Ranch Dressing Water/ Milk	5 Bananas Rolled in Wheat Germ Water / Milk	6 Cheese Popcorn Water / Juice
9 Sea Animals Water / Milk	10 Celery Sticks w/Cream Cheese Water / Juice	11 Veterans Day Vacation Care Program Full Day AM—Strawberry/Banana Yogurt PM—Fig Newton Water / Juice	12 Grapes Water / Juice	13 Cheese/Cracker Packets Water / Milk
16 Tortilla Chips w/Salsa Water / Juice	17 Vanilla Wafers w/Banana Pudding Water / Milk	18 Orchard Fruit Gummies w/Saltine Crackers Water / Juice	19 Cinnamon Bun Graham Snack Water / Milk	20 Cucumber Slices w/Ranch Dressing Water / Milk
23 Fruit Loop Cereal Water / Milk	24 Gobble Me Up Turkey Orange / Apple/ Pear Water / Juice	25 Snack Buffet Water / Milk	26 Happy Thanksgiving 	27 SOI Closed
30 Pretzel Goldfish Water / Milk				

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DECEMBER HALF DAYS VACATION CARE PROGRAM

**Wednesday, December 2nd , Thursday, December 10th
& Tuesday, December 15th, 2009**

Half Day Program Hours: 11:45 am to 6:00 pm

What & Where: The Vacation Care Program Half Day activities will be:
Wednesday, December 2 - Special Event: Hawaiian Getaway
Thursday, December 10 - Special Visitor: Sylvia Markson, Ventriloquist
Tuesday, December 15 - Special Event: So Long 2009, Hello 2010

Transportation is provided by the Bethlehem Central School District.

Place & Time: Confirmations will be handed out at your child's site the week before the first Vacation Care Program Half Day.

Cost: The cost for each half day is \$27.00 for the first child and \$24.00 for each additional child.

Deadline: The deadline for registering your child for the Vacation Care Program Days is **Tuesday, November 17th, 2009 or earlier if we reach capacity.** (Accounts must be current in order for your child to attend Vacation Care.) **No refunds will be given for cancellations after the deadline date.**

*** Families enrolled in the Vacation Care Package must complete the registration form and submit it to the School's Out office by the deadline date, or it will be assumed that your child will not be attending.**

Wear: Rubber soled shoes.

Please Bring: Lunch and a drink. School's Out will provide an afternoon snack.
Please label all of your child's items and clothing.

PLEASE NOTE THE MEDICATION POLICY BELOW:

School's Out, Inc. will not be responsible for administering medicine to the children enrolled in the School's Out Programs. Family members are welcome to administer medication at the site. Parents, guardians or designated representatives will notify the School's Out Site Manager in advance if they choose to come to their child's site to administer medications during the School's Out Program hours.

School's Out, Inc. is not responsible for the administration, transportation or storage of medication. Children cannot carry or bring in medication to the School's Out Program. All medications need to be stored at home.

Notwithstanding the above, **IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY medications** that are properly labeled and given to the Site Manager with a Doctor and parent note can be administered only by the School's Out Site Managers such as an Asthma Inhaler or EpiPen for a bee sting or food allergies. **If emergency meds are located at your child's daily site, parents are responsible for picking them up and bringing them to the Vacation Care Program Site, and then returning them to their daily site.**

Parents will be notified immediately if children are found with unauthorized medications.

SPECIAL NEEDS:

Some of the Special Needs children will need an aide to be with them 1:1. Parents need to arrange this in advance. School's Out cannot provide a 1:1 adult/child ratio.

Please note: If your child requires or has daily access to an aide in their classroom, parents must provide an aide during the Vacation Care Program Days.

Parents will be notified if their children have difficulty with their behavior during Vacation Care Program Days. Serious safety concerns will result in asking parents to find alternative care for future Vacation Care Program Days. The safety of the children is our priority. Thank you.

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Child's Name _____ Grade: ____ SOI Site: _____

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School your child(ren) attends: _____

Registering for:

___ December 2 Special Event: Hawaiian Getaway

___ December 10 Special Visitor: Sylvia Markson, Ventriloquist

___ December 15 Special Event: So Long 2009, Hello 2010

My child has permission to be bussed by the Bethlehem School District to their assigned site.

Parent's Signature _____ Daytime Phone # _____

Deadline – Tuesday, November 17th or Earlier If We Reach Capacity

___ Cash provided and receipt will be written

___ Check payable to School's Out, Inc. enclosed

___ Auto pay customer, charge my credit card on file/EFT (Electronic Funds transfer) account in the amount of \$_____.

(Daily Rate: \$27 first child/ \$24 each for 2nd and 3rd child)

___ Pre-paid Vacation Care Program Package

Parent Signature for Charge Card (Auto Pay)

Date