

Board Policy #C500 - FIELD AND OTHER CORPORATION-SPONSORED TRIPS OUT OF STATE/OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST



CHECKLIST

WHO: MVMS Peer Buddies

WHAT: Volunteer Trip to [Give Kids the World](http://www.gktw.org) www.gktw.org

WHERE: Orlando, Florida - Give Kids the World Village and Walt Disney World

WHEN: Fall Break (Monday, October 14th - Friday, October 18th)

CHAPERONES:

- Staff: Michelle Shepherd (Counselor), Michelle Dunahee (Teacher), and Yesenia Avila-Gentry (Teacher)
- Students: Approximately 12 students
- Parents: Up to 8 parent chaperones.

* (All parents will have a background check on file with MVCSC to be permitted on the trip.)

TRANSPORTATION: Southwest Flights and Mears Motor Coach in FL.

LODGING: Disney's All Star Movies Resort

1901 W Buena Vista Dr,
Kissimmee, FL 34747

COST:

*Costs will be reduced based on fundraiser earnings.

Quad Room	1,408
Tripple	1,470
Double	1,594
Single	1,966

Student Payment Schedule

April 1st	\$200	Transportation and Hotel Deposits
May 22nd	\$400	Flight Balance, Tickets, Food Deposits
July 15th	\$400	Ticket and Food Balance and Shirts
Sept 1st	\$408	Hotel and Transportation Balance

WHY: To provide Peer Buddies an opportunity to use the skills they have learned in the classroom in a real-world environment. Students will use their skills to help make a wish come true for critically ill children. They will grow their leadership, communication, cooperation, and empathy skills.

MEDICAL RELEASES/PARENT PERMISSION ON FILE: All students will have a medical release and permission slip on file to attend the trip.

SAFETY AND SUPERVISION PROVISIONS: Students will be with an adult chaperone at all times in every location except their hotel room. Student to chaperone ratio is at max 1:4. Safety checks at each hotel room will occur each evening and morning to ensure all students are where they are supposed to be. Rooms will also be taped. Staff chaperones will be “on-call” throughout the night in the event of a student emergency. Students will also be provided with shirts each day of their trip so that chaperones can recognize them easily in a crowd.

Why Give Kids the World?

Give Kids The World Village is an 89-acre, whimsical nonprofit resort in Central Florida that provides critically ill children and their families from around the world with magical week-long wish vacations at no cost.

More than 30,000 children in the U.S. are diagnosed with a critical illness each year, and half of those who are eligible for a wish choose to visit Orlando. *Give Kids The World* is the nonprofit that fulfills all of these wishes. From life's simple pleasures to the stuff that dreams are made of, every wish family is treated to an all-inclusive experience including transportation, accommodations, all meals and snacks, nightly entertainment, donated theme park tickets, daily gifts, and nonstop fun at the Village, a storybook destination all its own – featuring an array of accessible rides and attractions.



Twelve children from the Fortville area have been granted wishes to *Give Kids the World* including one of our very own MV graduates! Over 78 children from the two surrounding zip codes have also had stays at GKTW.

Students in our Peer Buddies program spend a semester building relationships and creating an environment for our students in Essential Skills to feel included. They ensure our students in essential skills have the opportunities to join their peers at lunch and in the GenEd setting. At the end of the semester, many of our peers cry and beg to take the class again because of the impact the students have on them. Taking our students to GKTW will allow them to use the skills they have learned in class to make a Wish come true for critically ill children.

BENEFITS FOR MVMS STUDENTS

In this program, students will have the opportunity to acquire and enhance valuable skills in the following areas:

- 1. Communication:** Students will develop effective communication skills, allowing them to express themselves clearly and confidently in various settings.
- 2. Leadership:** Through engaging activities and projects, students will cultivate leadership abilities, empowering them to guide and inspire others.
- 3. Collaboration:** Students will learn the importance of teamwork and collaboration, honing their ability to work harmoniously with diverse groups of individuals.

In addition, this experience will foster personal growth, empathy, community-mindedness, self-confidence, and the establishment of an inclusive environment where all students can thrive and build self-esteem.

Itinerary

October 14th -18th 2025 (during fall break)

Monday

7:15 Arrive at School

8:00 Depart for Airport

Flight 11:10-1:30

Lunch on Plane

3:00 Arrive Hotel

4:00 Lesson

Explore hotel/dinner, swim, 6-7 Campfire, 8/9 movie under the stars

Tuesday

Breakfast All Star Resort

Scavenger Hunt

Lunch Whispering Canyon

Free Time at Hotel

2:00 Inclusion Lesson

3:00 Leave for Give Kids the World

Dinner at Give Kids the World

Give Kids the World Party Night

Wednesday

7:00 Breakfast All Star Resort

7:45 Leave for Park

Lunch in Park

Dinner in Park

9:00 Hotel

Thursday

7:00 Breakfast All Star Resort

7:45 Leave for Park

Lunch in Park

Dinner in Park

9:00 Hotel

Friday

6:45 Leave for Give Kids the World

Breakfast on the go

Lunch/Debrief Give Kids the World

11:45 Head to airport

2:20-4:30 Flight

6:00 Pick Up at School