

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Community Service Project

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This year your child will be asked to reflect and answer the 8<sup>th</sup> grade essential question: “What makes a good citizen of our community?” Students will be given an opportunity to volunteer a minimum of 12 hours to their community: nation, state, city, neighborhood, or school. This project is a school requirement in order for your child to participate in the end of the year promotion activities

We, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, hope you, the parents, will get involved with this valuable project. We feel that through volunteer community service, our students will become better “citizens of the community”; and through the experience, they will take a step toward becoming more generous, caring leaders of the community.

Students are being guided and encouraged to find a non-profit and/or human service agency that is a “good fit.” Please consider accessing volunteer options available in Santa Monica:

[https://www.smgov.net/uploadedFiles/Departments/CCS/About/Get\\_Involved/Volunteer-Directory.pdf](https://www.smgov.net/uploadedFiles/Departments/CCS/About/Get_Involved/Volunteer-Directory.pdf)

We ask that you carefully observe your child’s selection of a volunteer undertaking and that you ensure it is indeed a safe and appropriate activity. Please talk to the people who will supervise your child’s efforts, provide safe transportation, and carefully monitor all aspects of your child’s volunteer work.

CS TIMELINE	CS Contract	4 Hour Check In	8 Hour Check In	12 Hour Verification	CS Final Presentation	Additional Hours for Awards
Due Date	Thursday 11/2	Thursday 12/14	Thursday 2/8	Thursday 3/22	Thursday 4/19	Friday 4/20
Description	Turn in your signed contract to Home base teacher	Show your hours sheet to Home base teacher	Show your hours sheet to Home base teacher	Show your hours sheet to Home base teacher	Present your CS project to your Home base classes during periods 1-4	Show your final hours (50, 75, 100) to <b>Mr. Moe</b> to receive recognition!
*Reward or ^Consequence	^Phone call to parent	*Entered into a raffle for a special party	*Entered into a raffle for a special party	^Phone call to parent	^Phone call to parent and no walking at promotion	*National recognition for your outstanding services!

Sincerely,

The Eighth Grade Staff

Please sign below, acknowledging that you have read the letter with your child and are aware of all the expectations and responsibilities outlined on this paper. Cut on the line, and return the bottom portion to your Homebase Teacher, Community Service Advisor (CSA), on **10/19**.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homebase: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_