

MVMS BEE CLUB 2019

My name is Mrs. Herrmann and I am excited to be advising MVMS Bee Club for the 2019 year. I have been a beekeeper for 6 years. In the past, I was the Treasurer of NH Beekeepers Association and was a member of Capitol Area Beekeepers Association. I am a past advisor of Loudon Elementary School Bee Club. The club will also be advised by Mr. Boucher. He is a long time club adviser and continues to be a great asset to the club. The MVMS Bee Club operates all year long starting in January and continuing through December. Club members can participate at three levels:

Level I. New members are recruited in January. Our goal is to start 8 to 12 new members each year. A new recruit will attend classes, which will begin on Monday, January 14th and run each Monday until Feb.18th. Classes start at 2:35 and last until late bus. At these meetings club members will use computers to learn about bees and beekeeping. New members will also participate in activities that will familiarize them with bee behavior and products derived from a beehive.

Level II. Bee Club members will assist in hive assembly, hive restoration, honey sales and other club duties. They will continue working with experienced beekeepers managing club hives throughout the spring, summer and fall. All protective clothing and tools will be available at each hive visit.

Level III. After attending these classes, club meetings and participating in hive management the club members may decide to own their own hive starting the following spring. Those that decide not to have a hive may continue to participate in all club activities at no cost. A beginning BEEKEEPER'S cost for a first time hive is the current value of a queen and a 3-pound package of bees (2019 is \$ 115.00). New beekeepers will be provided, on loan, the following equipment: A Bee Club duffle bag containing a bee suit, gloves, helmet, and hive tools. They will receive a complete hive and a choice of locations to place their hive.

All equipment will be signed out. If a student decides not to continue with bee club the equipment must be returned to the club.

Meetings for parents and members are held from time to time as needed. Meetings are held in the evenings so that parents may be active with their son or daughter. During meetings many topics of beekeeping and club issues are discussed, such as fund raising and other business that is necessary to maintain the club. Activities conducted might include candle making, lip balm production and honey extraction.

Please complete the following permission slip to sign up! Any questions please email me at rherrmann@mvsdpride.org. Thank you!

TEAR AND RETURN THIS FORM TO MVMS OFFICE.

STUDENT NAME: _____

TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Parent or guardian _____(PRINT)

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY SON OR DAUGHTER COULD BE HURT WHILE BUILDING THE HIVES AND THAT BEES STING FROM TIME TO TIME. MY CHILD HAS NO ALLERGY TO BEE STINGS. I GIVE MY CHILD PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN BEE CLUB AND I WILL NOT HOLD THE STAFF OR CLUB RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ACCIDENTS.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Emergency contact numbers: _____ (work or cell)