



March 2, 2007

Dear Parent,

Thank you for your interest in the School's Out, Inc programs. These programs are licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office for Child Care Services and serve local families with children ages 5 to 14. This letter provides information about the before and after school and vacation programs during the school year. Information about the Kindergarten Enrichment Program and our Summer Programs is available in the School's Out, Inc. office, or on our website at www.hwschoolsout.org. If you'd prefer, just stop by or phone us and we'll send you that information separately.

SCHOOL'S OUT, AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The after-school program operates Monday through Friday, from the time school closes until 6 pm. The program includes a variety of indoor and outdoor activities, arts and crafts, games and special interest groups. A time and a place for homework with staff supervision are also provided, as well as a quiet place to curl up with a good book and a friend. We maintain a low staff/student ratio to allow for creativity and a safe environment.

SCHOOL'S OUT, BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

Before-school care is available Monday through Friday starting at 7 am. Quiet games and art projects and an opportunity to read are offered until 8:15 am, when the children are escorted to school.

MILES RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

We offer a traditional after school program for middle school youth here at our site at the HW Community House. Students arrive daily and walk here from a nearby bus stop. Older youth may work on homework, go outdoors for some fresh air and basketball, play ping pong with friends, and relax with a healthy snack. On early-release Wednesdays, special activities will be planned, including the exciting WEMP, Wetlands Experience Program during the spring.

VACATION and TEACHER WORKSHOP DAY PROGRAMS

When school is closed, on-site activities and/or off-site field trips and programs are offered based upon parent response. They are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees are assessed by the day. Enrollment is limited to 26 children per day.

SNOW DAYS

When school is closed due to snow, School's Out will open by 8 am. Spots are available on a first-call, first-served basis. Parents must call the School's Out phone in advance at 978 468-1114, to allow for adequate staffing. Fees are assessed by the day. In the event that a state of emergency is declared, the program remains closed.

Even for families currently enrolled in School's Out programs, early registration is essential. Early-release day on Wednesday fills up quickly, so please return your registration forms and registration fee beginning March 31st. ALL SCHOOL'S OUT REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 1ST. Those received after that will be assessed a \$50 late fee.

If you have further questions about School's Out before and after-school programs, please call us at 978 468-1114 or come by the School's Out office for a copy of the Parent Handbook, or check our website at www.hwschoolsout.org.

We look forward to the coming school year and to working with you and your child!

Sincerely,

Joseph Perry
Program Director
School's Out, Inc.

Margo W. Druschel
Executive Director

ATTENTION: PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL'S OUT BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE DOES NOT BEGIN UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2007.