

Rosa Parks Take Action Club Application

2018-
2019

Student Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____ Grade: _____

Previous teacher's name: _____

Will you be participating in any additional leadership activities during the school day? For example, Student Council, Recess Club. YES NO Not Sure

Parent email (print clearly): _____

T-shirt size: Youth Medium Youth Large Adult Small Adult Medium

On a separate sheet, please explain why you would like to be a member of TAC. What will you contribute? What do you hope to learn? What ideas do you have for the club? Would you like to have a leadership role within TAC?

Answers must be written by the student **without** help from parents.

Please attach responses to this form and return together with the WE Day form (page 2) to your teacher by **Friday, September 21**.

Students will be notified of their acceptance by September 26 via the parent email address (it is imperative you print the email address clearly). **Our first meeting will be September 28.**

Please see attached requirements and only apply if you can meet each of them.

Questions may be directed to RPTakeAction@outlook.com

WE Day

By now, many students at Rosa Parks have become familiar with WE Day. WE Day is an all-day event sponsored by Free the Children, an organization the Take Action Club partners with throughout the year.

Tickets to WE Day are awarded by WE Charity (formerly Free the Children) based on certain criteria. Organizations, like TAC, have no control over how many tickets are issued for any given year. Tickets can not be purchased and while we can request more, there is no guarantee they will be issued.

For the last many years, we have run into situations where at least initially not enough tickets are available to send each TAC member to WE Day. Sometimes we get lucky and get extra tickets, but that should not be assumed under any circumstance. Should the leaders and staff advisers decide to attend WE Day and request tickets in 2019, a set of pre-determined objective criteria will be used to award tickets in the case of a shortage. Criteria will be made transparent to all involved. In addition, there may be an additional fee incurred to cover the cost of transportation.

WE Day should not be perceived by students or parents as a prize or reward for service through TAC. In 2017, we visited Food Bank Farm instead of going to WE Day. In 2018 we went to the Gates Foundation's Discovery Center. We are looking for student members who are interested in developing leadership and citizenship skills regardless of the possibility of attending WE Day.

We ask that both parent and student sign and date below acknowledging that the above is understood and accepted. If you have any questions regarding WE Day, you may email RPTakeAction@outlook.com.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rosa Parks Take Action Club (TAC)

The Rosa Parks Take Action Club (TAC) is a student organization that promotes leadership through service in our local and global communities. Students participate in initiatives that expand their understanding of the challenges others face and work with each other and community members to address those challenges.

The club is run by fourth and fifth grade students who express interest by submitting the attached application. Approximately 20 students will be chosen to lead the club; those not chosen and younger students will have numerous opportunities throughout the year to be part of the change by participating in service events at school and within the community.

The Take Action Club partners with WE Charities, a non-profit organization, and is sponsored by the PTSA. It is overseen by two parent coordinators and a staff member.

Applicants should have a strong interest in learning about local and global issues, serving others, leading fellow students in meaningful projects, and of course, having fun! Those accepted must intend to attend all regularly scheduled meetings, which will be held two Fridays a month during the lunch/recess period. Additional optional opportunities will be available after school and on the weekends. IMPORTANT: Students with 2 or more unexcused absences during a term will be asked to leave the club. Examples of unexcused absences include: choosing to go to recess, forgetting the meeting, etc.

A complete application will include:

-Application form (2 sides) with attached answers

Applications are due on Friday, September 21 and should be submitted to the teacher or main office. Regretfully, we will not be able to consider late applications.

Students accepted will be asked to pay a \$15 club fee which will cover the cost of a TAC t-shirt and program/material costs, and complete an Emergency Form / Photo Release Form prior to the second meeting, October 12. Scholarships are available; please contact the school counselor.

2018-19 meeting dates: 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9, 11/30, 12/7, 12/21, 1/11, 1/25, 2/12, 2/22, 3/15, 3/29, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 5/31, 6/7