

October 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your child has expressed an interest in the **Adopt-a-Grandparent Club** at VMS for the 2023-2024 school year. I would like to describe our program, which is in **our 43rd year**. I was actually a member of the club when I went to VMS, and I remember our visits to the assisted living facility.

We will be visiting Brookdale at Echelon Lake, an assisted living facility, located behind the Camden County Library in Voorhees once a month.

Club members visit Brookdale to provide companionship and friendship to the elderly residents. Students are encouraged to “adopt” one or more “grandparents.” Those who do not “adopt” someone usually spend their visits speaking to many residents and participating in our activities on the floors on which we visit. Students can also *earn community service* hours by attending our visits.

I have exciting news for the club this year! We will have bus transportation to visit the assisted living facility. We will be returning to VMS by 4:05 p.m. for the students to ride the 4:10 p.m. late bus. If you are planning on picking your child up at VMS, please arrive at VMS no later than 4:05 p.m.

If you have any questions about the Adopt-a-Grandparent program, please call VMS at 795-2025, ext. 75158 for Mrs. Johnson, and leave a message. I will return your call as soon as possible. You can also e-mail me at johnson@voorhees.k12.nj.us

Please fill out the permission form and have your child return it to me, in room D-8 by October 20th, so that your child can attend our visit to Brookdale.

*****Our FIRST visit to Brookdale will be on Wednesday, October 25th.*****

Thank you for your attention and cooperation,

Mrs. Tara Johnson

Advisor of the Adopt-a-Grandparent Program
6th grade Reading Teacher

Adopt-a-Grandparent Club

Permission Form for 2023-2024 school year

My child, _____, (print name)
has my permission to participate in the Adopt-a-Grandparent Club for the
2023-2024 school year. I give my child permission to ride the bus to and
from Brookdale at Echelon Lake assisted living facility in Voorhees.

Parent Name (please print) _____

Parent Signature _____

If I need to be reached during the trip, I may be reached at the following
telephone number: _____.

Date _____

I will make every effort to attend each visit to Brookdale at Echelon
Lake. If I cannot attend, I will notify Mrs. Johnson in person, or by e-mail,
or by writing a note and bringing it to Room D-8.

Student Signature _____

Homeroom Teacher's Name

_____ Grade _____

School e-mail address: 22 _____@voorhees.k12.nj.us