

August 30, 2013

Dear parents,

Exploris values establishing connections in our local community that promote global awareness, an appreciation of nature, and healthy choices. With the help of two local vendors who offer seasonal share programs, we now have the opportunity to be more closely connected to our food. For each share purchased, vendors will give \$1 back to Exploris Middle School. The goal of this program is to help Exploris families and staff eat healthier and seasonally while giving back to our community and the school.

Locals Seafood is offering Exploris families fresh seafood with a weekly "Fisherman's Catch" from North Carolina's coast. Families can purchase one share of seasonal seafood for \$24/week plus 2% required sales tax. Your share will consist of two pounds of seafood (about one pound of two different species) each week. Due to the seasonal nature of the share program, customers do not choose which seafood they get, as it all depends on what was caught in the wild that week (exceptions will only be made for shellfish allergies).

Ronnie Moore's Fruits & Veggies is offers weekly selections of North Carolina's finest produce in a "Farmer's Choice" share. Families can purchase a share for \$20/week, which will feature seasonal fruits and veggies from Meadow, N.C.

Both share programs will run for 10 weeks from September 12 – November 14, with the payment deadline of September 10th. Families can commit to 5 weeks or 10 weeks from either vendor, and may choose the day of pickup from the North Carolina Farmers' Market.

If this first seasonal CSA is successful, we will be able to continue offering this opportunity to Exploris families throughout the year. If just half of Exploris families take advantage of these offers, that would mean an additional \$6,000 in revenue for Exploris each year!

If you know of friends, coworkers, or neighbors who might be interested, please spread the word!

By supporting local vendors willing to give back to Exploris, we have the opportunity to eat healthy, seasonal foods and become a little more connected this year at Exploris.

Please direct questions about this initiative to Eugene Wheeler at ewheeler@exploris.org.

Thanks in advance for your support,

Exploris Middle School

Participating families must commit to 5 or 10 weeks of the season with at least one vendor.

Participants commit to 5 weeks, your share will be available every other week.

Participants must pick up their share on the same day of the week each week.

Participants must prepay the entire amount of the program.

Send this entire order form, and checks **made out to the specific vendor** to Exploris Middle School by September 10th.

It is extremely important that families adhere to their chosen pick-up dates at the N.C. Farmers' Market between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. – your share will only be prepared and available on those specific dates

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Locals Seafood “Fisherman’s Catch” Share

Check your number of weeks: _____ 5 weeks = \$122.40, _____ 10 weeks = \$244.80

Shellfish allergies: _____ yes, _____ no

**If buying 5 shares, will you pick up your seafood every Thursday or Friday?
Please circle one.**

Thursday: 9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7

Friday: 9/13, 9/27/10/11, 10/25, 11/8

**If buying 10 shares, will you pick up your seafood every Thursday or Friday?
Please circle one.**

Thursday: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14

Friday: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15

***Any seafood share not picked up will be frozen and available at your next designated pickup date**

Ronnie Moore's Fruits & Veggies "Farmer's Choice" Share

Check your number of weeks: _____ 5 weeks = \$100.00, _____ 10 weeks = \$200.00

**If buying 5 shares, will you pick up your produce every Thursday or Friday?
Please circle one.**

Thursday: 9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7

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