

Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

Grab your 2016 calendar and fLiP to the month of **June!** The sixth grade class has an incredible opportunity to learn first hand what it is like for a family in a developing country to grow a sustainable food source, prepare that food for consumption, and work communally while taking part in myriad cultural experiences rich in cultural traditions. You may be asking yourself, how are we going to accomplish all this? The answer: Heifer International!

Heifer International is a world-renowned organization committed to working with communities worldwide to end hunger and poverty, provide educational opportunities, while also caring for our planet. Heifer International has five farm programs (*Learning Centers*) throughout the U.S. and we are lucky enough to have one such farm/learning center right here in Massachusetts! **Your son or daughter will take part in Heifer International’s 4-hour Global Village program on June 17th, 2016, in Rutland, Mass.** We are quite lucky to have been able to secure a date before the end of school.

The Heifer Learning Center has generously offered us the option of a later start time – 10:00 a.m. The later start-time allows us the opportunity to get on a **7:00 a.m. boat** vs. a 6:00 a.m. boat. However, a later start time means a later end time – 2:00. We anticipate returning on the 5:45 boat. More Information along with a Field Trip Permission Waiver will follow, as we get closer to June.

Although we are taking part in Heifer’s program on June 17th (*6 full months from now*), **we must pay for the trip by the end of December to secure our spot.** The cost for the trip is **\$30.00 per student.** This includes pizza and drinks on the way home and admission to the farm.

Should you choose to pay by check, please make the check payable to the Edgartown School.

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This letter is a homework assignment. Please sign below to let 6th grade staff know that you have read the information above.

_____ Parent Name

_____ Date

_____ Child’s Name

_____ *I have included a check/cash in the amount of \$30.00*