School Year 2026-27

Hello Walter T. Bergen Families,

We are thrilled to share that this year's **TREP$ Program** is gearing up to launch in the new year! The Bloomingdale PTA is proud to once again offer this award-winning entrepreneurship program to all Walter T. Bergen students, empowering them with the skills and confidence to become young enTREPreneurs.

TREPS has become a beloved tradition among both students and parents. Over the past few years, more than 100 WTB students have proudly showcased their creativity, innovation, and business savvy. Students love the independence the program offers, while parents appreciate the responsibility, professionalism, and positive character traits it reinforces. TREP$ gives students the unique opportunity to take an idea and transform it into a real business in a real-world setting.

Today all 5th, 6th, and *new* 7th and 8th grade students attended a kickoff meeting to learn more about the TREP$ program.

Attendance Requirements: Attached is a copy of the program schedule.

- Students must attend **at least 3 of the 5 workshops** prior to the Marketplace to be eligible to sell at the Marketplace. (Those who are involved in Basketball, will be excused on Game Days but are asked to attend in place of practice.)
- Workshops are from 3:15 - 4:45 PM, Students are welcome to bring a snack to enjoy beforehand

Program Costs:

- There is a $35 registration fee for all 5th and 6th students. This fee covers the cost of a workbook they will use during each workshop and the teacher stipend.
- There is also a "rental fee" that is due at Workshop #4. The rent cost is $3 if the student is able to bring their own table to the Marketplace event or $8 if a table needs to be supplied for them.

All registration forms and payments are due by December 11, 2026. This is a firm deadline, and late registrations cannot be accepted.

- Checks should be made payable to **"Bloomingdale PTA."**
- Online forms are available at www.bloomingdalepta.org/treps

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at **bloomingdaletreps@gmail.com**. You may also visit our website for additional information. We encourage families to explore **www.TREPSed.com** to learn more about this incredible program and read testimonials from students, parents, and educators.

We cannot wait to see what our young entrepreneurs will create this year!

TREPS PROGRAM TIMELINE -2026- 27

November 18th - KICK-OFF Presentation for 5th, 6th and first time 7th and 8th grades

December 11th - Registration and Payment Due - FIRM DATE

January 6th - Workshop #1 - 3:15-4:45 pm

January 13th - Workshop #2 - 3:15-4:45 pm

January 20th - Workshop #3 - 3:15-4:45 pm

January 27th - Workshop #4 - 3:15-4:45 pm

February 3rd - Workshop #5 - 3:15-4:45 pm

MARCH 5th - TREPS MARKETPLACE EVENT

March 17th - Workshop #6 - 3:15-4:30 pm (Note time change)

TREPS Advisors:

Mrs. Harvey-Henderson (5th grade teacher)

Dana Diamond - PTA Committee Chairperson

Melissa Bressette - PTA Treasurer and Board Liaison

TREPS Registration Form - School Year 2026-27

Return by December 11th, 2026, with payment; NO exceptions for late registrations.

Student's Full Name: _____

Student's Homeroom Teacher:_____

Parent/Guardian's Full Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone#: _____

Parent/Guardian's Email: _____

Check One:

☐ 5th or 6th grader - must attend the workshops - Fee $35

☐ 7th or 8th grader - Already completed workshops - Fee $15

☐ 7th or 8th grader - First-time, needs to take workshops - Fee $35

All students taking the workshops must attend 3 of the 5 workshop sessions prior to the event to be eligible to take part in the Marketplace on Friday, March 5th. There is a 7th "wrap-up" workshop session the week after the Marketplace.

All checks must be made out to *Bloomingdale PTA*

My student will get home by: ☐ Walking Home ☐ Will be picked up by parent/guardian

- Please list any other adult that has permission to pick up your child: _____

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- Photos of my child may be taken and used in promotional materials on the PTA and District website/social media ☐ YES ☐ NO

<u>Volunteer Opportunities - Check all that Apply</u>

☐ Marketplace Set-up day of event. ☐ Marketplace Clean-Up day of event

☐ Mentor - Attend our 3rd workshop scheduled for Jan 20th - help provide students with consumer/business feedback. If someone else in your family (Aunt, Uncle, Grandparent) would like to volunteer please provide their name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____