

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM NEWS

Welcome Everyone!

The Summer Learning Program had a tremendous start this week. It took no time for the students to reacquaint themselves with old friends and quickly make new ones. By wearing a smile on their face, having a positive attitude and being open to new experiences, a warm and welcoming community has started to form.

Mornings

Our days begin with a community circle in the front foyer and, as we await the arrival of the campers, a sing-along takes place introducing camp songs old and new! Our eager counsellors lead the singing of 'O Canada' as an enthusiastic crowd chimes in. Mrs. Garel's learning adventures have involved activities in reading aloud for meaning, writing a camp journal and dramatizing their stories not to mention minds-on math activities. The counsellors have enjoyed helping and learning along the way as well!

Afternoons

Brianna, from the recreation department of the township of Georgina has led the participants in a variety of fun activities both indoors and out. The campers have played Octopus, In and Out of the Water, Snakes and Ladders as well as floor hockey, soccer and a variety of artistic creations.

Safety reminder –

Kindly remember to send your child to the camp with sunscreen applied, and a hat as we do spend portions of our day outside.



The week began with a SPLASH!

Record breaking temperatures brought out the creativity in all our participants - campers and counsellors alike as they participated in wet and wacky activities in the school yard that involved team-building and cooperative games.





Robotic kits

The campers have had an opportunity to work with different robotics kits. These robotics kits enable the campers to explore:

- simple machines
- cause and effect
- structure and function
- energy and motion
- enhance campers understanding of science, technology, engineering and mathematics

The kits contain parts and instructions for building wind turbines and beam balances, helicopters, cranes and 36 other models!

You'll be able to see these models on **August 14th at our Celebration of Learning** afternoon.

Final Reminder: CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

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Please mark your calendar **Friday, August 14th, 2 p.m.** as we welcome you to see what your child has worked on over the 3 weeks of summer camp! See you there!

The Metis Nation of Ontario Workshop!

This afternoon, we had the privilege of learning about the Metis people in Canada. Alicia, Joanne and Samantha visited the summer camp to tell us about their cultural traditions, dance and music associated with the Metis people. Two of the girls participated in the opening ceremonies of the Pan Am Games! What an opportunity indeed!

Guess what's happening this Friday, July 31st?

We are excited about visiting the ROC complex where the campers will enjoy the Splash Pad and Beach Volleyball facility. Please send your child with their one-piece bathing suits and/or swimming shorts. Of course, sunscreen and sun hats should also be sent with your child as we will be enjoying the outdoors for the afternoon!

What's coming up next week?

Next week holds many wonderful activities for your child. On Wednesday, we will be visiting the Georgina Military Museum to learn about the contributions of the military to Canada as well as see some of their machines up close and personal.

On Friday, we will be going to Black Creek Pioneer Village beside York University and will learn about the challenges faced by the pioneers when they first immigrated to Canada. Please remember to send along sunscreen and hats as we will be outside for an extended period of time.

We continue to reinforce developing new friendships, cooperation, teamwork and sharing their experiences with one another. It is evident that the campers are developing in their confidence as they volunteer to assist in various ways and demonstrate their willingness to participate.

Thank you for your continued support!

