

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM NEWS

UPDATE #2

Welcome back!

We are pleased to share that the Summer Learning Program has become one outstanding learning adventure! Each and every day is packed full of fun and exciting opportunities that continue to develop your child's love of learning! New friendships are blossoming, team work is evident on so many levels, creativity and laughter abound. We are thrilled with the level of participation among the campers and so grateful once again, for the assistance of our fine counselling staff, our teacher, Mrs. Garel, the YCDSB, and most especially for your support of our camp!

Singing, reading, writing, numbers and fun!

Our mornings begin with camp songs to welcome the campers as they enter the school! The songs have become quite popular among the campers so feel free to ask them to sing a line or two of The Moose Song, Boom Chicka Boom, or Down by the Bay, to name just a few! Mrs. Garel's engaging teaching strategies are focusing this week on making predictions, visualization and identifying topic sentences. Solving mental math problems, estimation and problem solving are the theme in the math department and rumour has it the campers even played math games on the computer! Learning has never been more fun! The counsellors continue to support and inspire the campers in elaborating on their ideas, providing positive feedback and offering their guiding hand as needed.

Activities galore through the Town of Georgina Recreation staff!

We have been so very fortunate to have not just one but TWO fantastic Town of Georgina recreational supervisors assisting us. Both Brianna and Savanna, continue to introduce new cooperative games to our campers, who have thoroughly enjoyed each and every minute! Some of their favourite activities include Badminton, Capture the Flag, Soccer Baseball, Huckle Buckle, Trunk Ball and a new game they can even play on the bus called Fortune Cookies. What great games to introduce to their friends at school!



A visit from the Metis: teaching us their ways



Last Thursday we were privileged to share in the culture and traditions of our Metis peoples through the generosity of Alicia and Joanne of the Metis community. Alicia, who studied Gerontology at the University of Waterloo, and Joanne, who is in her final year studying Opera at the Glen Gould School of Music, shared their love of music with us as they taught campers and counsellors alike, the Seven Step dance. It took them no time at all to teach us how to play the 'spoons' while they sang and played the fiddle inviting us to join them in their native dances. What an opportunity for our campers!



Robotic kits

Our special guest, Mr. Paul Keenan, came in today to add a spark to our robotics work by explaining how robotics have and are changing our world. We were convinced in no time! The campers cheered each other on as they worked in groups to create obstacle courses, command the robots to do “donuts” and other fantastic feats! They’ll continue to build models by follow design instructions and working as a team.

Mark Your Calendars!

Join us for our

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

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Reminders for Parents:

Thank you for sending your child to the camp with sunscreen applied, and a hat to make our outdoor play time worry free!

Please remember to contact the school to report your child’s absence!

Thank you for your continued support!



We ROC’ed on Friday!

Our travels last week took us to the ROC where the campers and counsellors enjoyed an afternoon of cooling off in the splash pad balanced by activities on the surrounding field like Badminton and Huckle Buckle, topped off with watermelon and freezies!

What’s up next week?

This afternoon we explored the Georgina Military Museum to learn about the contributions of the military to Canada – the highlight was exploring the machinery they used right up close!

This Friday, we will be going to Black Creek Pioneer Village. Please remember to send along sunscreen and hats as we will be outside for an extended period of time. Although we are scheduled to arrive back to school on time, please note that we may be caught in traffic and so may arrive a little later than anticipated. Thank you for your understanding!

And now a word from our Campers:

Ava says, “The counsellors are fun and funny!”

Lily says, “We make patterns when we make friendship bracelets! It’s math!”

Chelsea says, “When we make milk bag beds and chairs, we are changing the world!”

Austin spent the weekend Geocaching with his family!

Finally, Superstar Jonathan’s baseball career is skyrocketing!

He landed 3 home runs thanks to coaching from his cousin, Marshall! Congrats, Jonathan!

Special welcome to Owen!

