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S.T.A.R. Camp News Summer of 2016

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Message from our Camp Director

Dear STAR Camp Families,

Welcome to our second week of STAR Camp! We had so much fun last week and we are looking forward to another great week! This week's theme was Imagination Station. On Wednesday, campers worked with their groups to create amazing robots using only recyclable materials. Each group displayed great use of teamwork, flexibility and cooperation to help bring their robots to life. Thursday, each team molded their very own volcano, which they got to erupt. The campers really got a charge out of setting off the volcanoes. Finally, we finished out our week with a "Bake Off." Each team was provided a recipe and all of the ingredients. The final product was then presented to a panel of judges. This is definitely going to be a sweet summer!

Erin McCabe
Camp Director

Important Schedule information for next week!

Monday: The 40's; Lake PM

Tuesday: Roger Williams Zoo PreK-2, Whaling Museum 3-8

Wednesday: Back to the 50's; Lake PM (White T-shirts due today!)

Thursday: Tie Dye Day; Cookout

Friday: The 70's Disco; Lake PM

- Things to remember:
Please always have your ID ready when picking up your child. Only individuals listed on the campers Emergency and Release Form are able to pick them up from camp.
- Your child should come to camp wearing:
 - Sunscreen/bug spray
 - Gym shoes and socks
 - Active wear/play clothes
 - Swim suit/wet gear (Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)

REMINDER!

Early drop off and late pick up are in the back of the school on playground unless there is inclement weather than it will be moved to gym by door #



Celtics (Pre-K)



The Celtics have had a great second week at STAR Camp! The theme at camp this week was “Imagination Station.” The Celtics had a blast working together to build their own team robot. They used recycled materials, such as boxes, tubes, and paper, to create an awesome robot! The Celtics also made an awesome clay volcano decorated with glitter and beads. They had fun watching it erupt in front of their friends at STAR Camp!

This week was also our very first fieldtrip of the summer! The Celtics had fun exploring Legoland and playing with their friends at the different activities. They had the opportunity to watch a short 4D movie, go on rides, explore the Ninja Academy, and even race their own Lego cars.

The Celtics have enjoyed the activities at camp this week! Yulin and Kingsley both had a great time swimming together in the lake. Bella and Mihir’s favorite part of the week was playing games on the field at the lake. Lilah, Nathan, Ryan, and Ekaa really enjoyed the field trip to Legoland. Morgan and Nidhi’s favorite activity of the week was building their robot.





Breakers (K)



Innovation Week

"Innovation Week" was the theme of S.T.A.R Camp for this week where we had a field trip or created something new each day. The Breakers had a great and fun-filled innovation week! Tuesday started our week with a field trip to Legoland. Everyone had a blast! A few highlights of our time at Legoland were the 4D-movie experience, the Lego ride and the indoor playground. On Wednesday, the Breakers and the Cannons teamed up together to create a robot to put into the robot competition for the entire camp. Between the two groups they were able to take the title of "Most Eye-Catching"! Thursday consisted of building a volcano and having them erupt as well as going to the lake. We ended the week with a bake-off on Friday in the morning and going to the Lake in the afternoon. It was a very fun and exciting week for all The Breakers; Eden, Hannah, Lia, Briar, Stefi, Hanson, Kenny and Ethan. They are always having so much fun together with whatever it is we are doing at the time.

What to look forward to next week.....

Theme of the Week: BLAST FROM THE PAST

| Monday 11th | Tuesday 12th | Wednesday 13th | | Thursday 14th | Friday 15th |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|---|---|
| Lake Day! | | Lake Day! | | Cookout! | Lake Day! |
| | Field Trip to Roger Williams Zoo | Bubble Gum Blowing Competition And Lip Sync Contest | | Tie Dye Shirts and Beach Blanket Bingo | Tie Dye Shirts And Disco Bingo |
| <i>Roaring 20's</i> | | <i>Back to the 50's</i> | | <i>Groovy 60's</i> | <i>Disco 70's</i> |

About the Counselor:

Kim Walsh: My name is Kim and I am the counselor for the Kindergarten group the Breakers. I work at Heights Elementary School during the school year as an Instructional Assistant in the TBL program as well as the Aftercare program at Heights. It is my first year working S.T.A.R. Camp and I am thrilled to be a part of this wonderful program and working with kindergarten.

- Kim Walsh



Cannons (K)



The Kindergarten Cannons are having a lot of fun during the second week of STAR Camp. **We all get excited about going to the**



Lake. Especially **Mira**, who loves playing on the beach in the sand and creating pieces of art at the Art Table. Everyone likes going swimming at the Lake and then drying off at the Field.

On Tuesday, we went on our first field trip of the summer to LegoLand. All the campers enjoyed the many activities that were available. **Camilla** and **Gillian** loved the short movie film that was in 4D. While **Michael** and **Deion** enjoyed most of their time playing and climbing on the play structure. There was plenty of stations for the campers to build and play with Legos, which was **Suyash's** and **Devorah's** favorite activity of the week. Finally, **Kayla** loved going through the laser game. Some of our friends even liked going on the little ride.

This week was all about teamwork and working together to do many activities. On Wednesday every group had to create a robot for our Theme Robot Zone. We worked with the other Kindergarten group, the Breakers for this activity. **Iris** and **Isabella** loved this activity the most. Our robot received the title "Most Eye-Catching" and the whole kindergarten group named it Natalie. On Thursday every group created a volcano and then erupted them one at a time. We also enjoyed our second cookout of the summer. We finished up the week on Friday with a Bake-off and a trip to the lake. Each team had to bake something by following the recipe directions and working as a team.

Just a couple of reminders:

- Tuesday, July 12, 2016 we will be going on our second field trip to Roger Williams Zoo. Please remember to wear your camp shirts.
- It has been extremely hot this week and we need to remember to bring water bottles to camp. We will be refilling them frequently and keeping them in the cooler overnight. The campers will take them home on Fridays to be cleaned and brought back for the next week.

-Samantha Vieira and Kaitlyn Reardon-



Red Sox (Grade 1)



Hello Campers and Families of Star Camp.

We are in our second week of Camp and all of the Red Sox are having a BLAST!!!! The children are so busy going to all of their activities, the Lake and Field Trips.

Following the 4th of July, we started our week at Star Camp with a field trip to LegoLand! A rainy day turned beautiful as we got off the bus to enter the building that all of the campers were eager to explore.

We first walked into a Lego recreation of the Boston skyline, which the children thought was so impressive! We even got to see Fenway Park (the home of our group). **Sean** named the skyline his favorite part of Lego Land, and Ms. Emily agrees! It was amazing!

We moved on to the play area, where each student was able to make their own Lego car, to enter in a race against their peers and other STAR Camp groups. This was many of our student's favorite part and the creativity was unbelievable! **Alex** and **Eli** as well as **Kevin** and **Timothy** worked hard the majority of the day to make the fastest cars to compete with. Next we got on a small ride, which **Ian** described was "the most fun because we were spinning around and around and around". All the students went on the ride, and a few even went on a second turn!

Next was the 4D movie, which was **Ian**, **Esme**, **Neil**, **Chloe**, **Esha**, and **Juliana's** favorite part of the day. The 4th dimension was very fun for our group and many of our campers had never experienced this type of movie before. The wind was blowing and the theater was raining, making us feel like we were really in the movie!

To wind down the field trip we played in the playhouse and with the buckets of Lego's surrounding the entire place. The playhouse was our camper **Abby's** favorite part! The day ended with a sleepy bus ride home of children exhausted from a day full of fun.

We have many good swimmers in the Red Sox group. They are in Miss Jill's Swim Class at the Lake. They are learning the prone glide, back floats, swimming under water and bobbing. All our other campers are enjoying Free Swim and the Field activities. The Lake always has a nice breeze to keep us cool.

During Robotics Day, the Red Sox constructed an amazing 12-foot Giraffe robot using a large amount of teamwork. We won the "Most Creative" award. It was very tall and we were happy that it stood for as long as it did. Great job Campers!

Of course, the Red Sox always enjoy spending time in our classroom, just relaxing and drawing or reading stories. It is turning out to be a great summer!

Next week we are looking forward to going to the Roger Williams Park Zoo. It is a terrific zoo. During Week 4 of camp we will be going to the Children's Museum.

Until next time...Miss Jill and Miss Emily



Bruins (Grade 2)



Our second week at camp has been action packed for the Bruins. We are proud to be the biggest group in camp with 20 fabulous campers! The Bruins include many who are previous STAR campers. We welcome **Taylor W.** who just moved to Sharon and will be at Heights Elementary, as well as **Jason**, who came to Sharon and to East Elementary during the year. It is great to see the kids mixing together and getting along so well - and being flexible!

We came in on Tuesday after the holiday ready for a trip to Legoland which was fun for all. Some highlights included creating Lego racers for zooming down the track, a fun flying Lego ride and the amazing Lego creations of Boston favorite sites (like Fenway Park and Gillette Stadium).

The robot building on Wednesday showed us the great teamwork of the Bruins. They contributed their creativity and building skills to make a hockey playing, watermelon eating, weight lifting robot (including a hockey stick and puck!), made entirely with recyclable odds and ends! The lake in the afternoon was a welcome cooling down for all of us.

On Thursday we built volcanoes and looked forward to the eruptions! After our cookout lunch it was off to the lake again, where we have lots of swimming Bruins, as well as campers playing on the field, going to book club and creating with gimp.

Our camp activities include drama, art, dance, gym, computers, dance, sports and music. We also have time on the playground and playing ga-ga (lots of ga-ga enthusiasts in our group). During our occasional group time we relax in our room playing games, doing puzzles and drawing.

On Friday morning we are demonstrating our baking skills for a bake-off, as well as our scheduled activities and heading to the lake in the afternoon.

So far we are having a great time at camp - which we are happy to share with your kids! Please look for pictures later in this newsletter.




Betsy and Emily



Patriots (Grade 3)



This week at Star Camp the Patriots went to Legoland, built a robot out of recycled items and made a volcano out of clay as a team! This group has shown outstanding spirit, teamwork, and friendship throughout all the activities the campers participated in.

| Favorite part of Legoland   | Favorite part so far!  |
|---|---|
| Charles - 4D Movie | Charles - Lake |
| Jason - 4D Movie | Jason - Lake |
| Lily - 4D Movie | Lily - Snack |
| Sowmyasree - Merlin's Apprentice Ride | Sowmyasree - Lake |
| Inbar - Merlin's Apprentice Ride | Inbar - All Activities (building robot and volcano) |
| Illana - Merlin's Apprentice Ride | Illana - Playground |
| Ushta - Coast Guard Obstacle Course | Ushta - Lake |
| Ankita - Everything | Ankita - Lake |
| Avital - Merlin's Apprentice Ride | Avital - Field Trips |
| Heather - Merlin's Apprentice Ride | Heather - Lake |
| Ben - Merlin's Apprentice Ride | Ben - Field Trips |
| Rinat - Merlin's Apprentice Ride | Rinat - Lake |
| | Grant - Playground |
| | Bella - Lake |



Shout outs

"This group is always participating, whether dance is their favorite activity or not. They are willing to try anything with smiles on their faces! - Ms. Rachel (Dance)

"They are a hard working and team oriented group." Mr. Bell- (Gym)





Blazers (Grade 4)



The Blazers had another awesome week at camp even though we started a day late. On Tuesday we went to the Ecotarium in Worcester. All around the groups favorite parts of the field trip were the wind tunnel and giant bubbles.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday we went to the lake which was perfect for the heat. On Wednesday we had a robot build off in which we won "Most Realistic". The group named the robot "Rocket Blazer 2" which can be seen in the picture below.



-Dan and Julianne



Renegades (Grade 5)



The Renegades had a great week! They enjoyed their time at the Ecotarium building towers and playing with bubbles. They worked together as a team creating their robot, Mr. Renegade and even took home a prize for their efforts! The team worked really hard on their awesome volcano and cannot wait to erupt it on Friday!

They also enjoyed the many specialist areas - Art, Computers, Music, Drama, Gym, Dance and Sports. They also enjoy their time down at the Lake, swimming and playing in the Lake. They also enjoy the field activities.

It has been a great week for the Renegades.

About the Counselors:

Samantha Kendall is very excited to be here for her third summer at S.T.A.R. Camp! She has recently graduated from Westfield State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and two internships under her belt. She is looking forward to being a counselor for the Renegades and doing her best to make this an incredible summer for all her campers and swimmers!

Alex Narcotta is so happy for his first summer at Star Camp! He recently graduated from Marymount Manhattan College with a Bachelor's in Fine Arts Degree for Acting. He is excited to be a counselor for the Renegades and knows he will have a great summer!

Revolution (Grade 6)



Diana does everything that is asked of her.
Everyone loves **Ethan**.

Gavin goes out of his way to be kind.

Theresa is a delight to have join us.

Tim is talented and tenacious.

Rachel is roaringly funny.

Jordan is a joy to have around.

Amanda, always amazing.

Wow! We can't believe it is the end of the second week of camp. You know what they say, 'Time flies when you're having fun', and we are definitely having fun! Our group of campers are so amazing and everyone gets along so well.



Although this week was short, it was packed with many exciting activities. We went to the Ecotarium, where we had a blast making giant bubbles. We have been to the Lake every day this week, where we have enjoyed swimming, Arts and Crafts, and Club time. We made Edible Mud, so delicious and in our spare time we made a volcano. We have to say that our favorite activity of the week was making Robots out of recyclable materials. We made our robot come alive!

Camp is all about bonding, respect, and team building. This past week we were all about team building activities, and those activities have brought our group even closer together.

Go Revolutions!

Kari and Will



Militia (CIT's)



It is unbelievable that the second week of STAR Camp is coming to a close. This past week has been focused on team building and bonding, with activities such as robot building and creating a volcano.

We also took a trip to the Ecotarium in Worcester on Tuesday which was a blast. We did multiple interactive science activities and the team enjoyed themselves.

As we move forward into the third week it is clear that the group is getting more involved and bonding with one another as well as other campers and staff.

Team Militia is always willing to help out wherever they are needed. Their flexibility is greatly appreciated by both myself and the other staff no matter how sassy they can get!! I'm really proud of each and individual member of my team and as always I am looking forward to the weeks ahead!

What's Happening In...

ART!



With Mallory Frers

It has been a short week two in the Art Room this week because of our Monday holiday and field trip on Tuesday. It was great to visit the Ecotarium with the 4th-8th graders and we saw some great things. I think that the most popular exhibit there was the bubble painting area.

In the Art Room this week we have been continuing with our camp theme days and making robots, volcanoes and baking art.

The Celtics group used geometric shapes and built a robot collage on Wednesday after creating an awesome life size robot out of recyclable materials in the morning.

We experimented with a "straw" painting technique on Thursday making Erupting Volcano paintings.

For the baking day we will be using Model Magic to make delicious cake and cupcake sculptures.



Things got a little messy this week, but it is hard to stay clean when you are being creative!

Have a great weekend!





COMPUTERS

With MRS. SHULMAN (Mrs. S)

The campers love to come to computers. The room is cool in temperature, and they get to create something using the computer, along with some free time to play games from the After Care Safe Computer Sites list (<https://sharoncommunityeducation.com/after-care-safe-computer-sites/>).

This week the campers have stomped to DINOSTOMP, tried their hand at Mr. Catman activities and done some Pop SE KO from the Go Noodle site (<https://www.gonoodle.com/>). On Friday, they danced to No Crust.

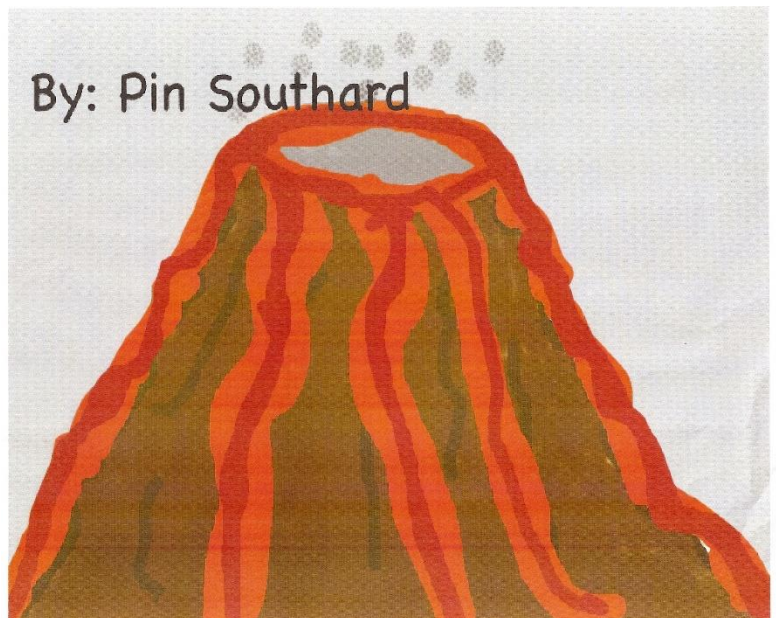
This week, to go along with the theme of Imagination Station, the campers have created their own Robots on the Nick Jr. website (<http://www.nickjr.com/yo-gabba-gabba/games/plex-robot-creation-station/>). Here they created a robot and then were able to test their robot's strength and make them move around the screen. Finally, they printed out their robots in various poses. Nice job!

For Thursday, Volcano day, the campers used either KidPix or Animation-ish, to create their own Volcano's. I must say that the creativity was amazing. See an example, created by Pin of the Blazers, below.

On Friday, the campers were allowed to play games where they could create cakes, pizzas, etc, from the safe computer site's list. It was great seeing what they created and I walked away hungry just looking at the food they created.

I would like to thank Marianna Melamud, my Star Assistant this week for helping in the lab. She helps the students log in, to print, and answers their questions. Great job!

It is hard to believe that two weeks of S.T.A.R. Camp have passed. The Time is going quickly, but there is still so much for us to do and I can't wait to see what the next four weeks have in store in the Computer Lab.





DRAMA

with Lisa Grossmann



This week in **Drama**, we have been primarily concentrating on the skills of **focus, ensemble building, observation** and **conveying different emotions** effectively.

The younger groups such as the **Cannons, Celtics, Breakers and Bruins**, continued their practice of flexible thinking, problem solving and ensemble work with the game, **People! Shelter! Storm!** I can already see an improvement from last time, in their ability to quickly shift from one grouping to another, and from one role to another.

The younger groups were also honing ensemble performance with the choral speaking activity called, **Sludge Pie**. **Ethan and Hanson** of the **Breakers**, did an especially nice job in leading everyone off. Speaking of **Hanson**, he also came up with a way to more easily remember lines and rhymes within our tongue twisters. By memorizing a line two words at a time, the group is more easily remembering the whole tongue twister. I've called this the "**Hanson Method**"!

The older groups have been more focused on **emotion** and the beginning elements of **improv**. Games like the **Emotion Party** (new this summer), were introduced to the **5th grade, (Renegades)**. Each camper successively pantomimes the actions of preparing for a party. These actions are to be performed in the context of an emotion, with the original players taking on the newer emotion. The older groups also took their hand at **improv**, with the game of **Slide Show**. **Jaden Segal**, of the (4th grade) **Blazers**, may just have a future with **Second City**, (an improv group in Chicago and Canada), or the **Groundlings**, (L.A.), or even **SNL**!

Sean Block and **Neil Dutta** of the (1st grade) **Red Sox** are pros with the **Mirror Activity**, which strengthens one's focus, self-control and powers of observation.

Give and Take, a new activity this summer, promotes ensemble work, self-control, and practice in 'giving' leadership, and 'taking' leadership. Some natural-born leaders in this area are **Ilana Wulf, Jason Anderson, Benjamin Wulf, Ankita Varigonda, and Heather Kelly** of the (3rd grade) **Patriots**. A big shout out to Most Improved Player, **Inbar Rabinovsky**!

Till next time...remember---'all the world's a stage'!

Lisa Grossmann



DANCE

With RACHEL
SCHIFF

This has been a busy, but definitely FUN week here at STAR camp! Although we didn't get to have Dance classes at the beginning of the week, we still started each morning with a dance to get our bodies moving and ready for the day! I love to see all of the campers participate and show how much energy and enthusiasm they have each day.

Wednesday was robot themed, so we changed up our morning dance a little bit and tried something new! We all tried to dance like robots. It was awesome! Thursday and Friday it was Dance class as usual, so campers continued to work on their basic moves and stretches.

I love how each camper puts forth their best effort, even if dance isn't their favorite special! I am so excited to continue this summer with these amazing kids, and I hope everyone has a great weekend!
-Rachel





With Emily Cox

We really got into the swing of making music this week!

The Celtics, Breakers and Cannons learned how to sing a few new songs, including one about the robots we built on Wednesday, and talked about the four families of instruments: strings, brass, woodwind and percussion.

The Red Sox, Bruins and Patriots played in the forest (a music and movement game) and learned how to tell the difference between the different string instruments.

The Blazers learned the basics of drum circles and the Renegades and Revolutions played in classroom instrument bands.

What a great time we are having, learning about what makes music, and then making music of our own or singing great new songs. Super job campers!



OUR TRIP TO LEGOLAND

