



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

**Sharon Public Schools**

# Message from our Camp Director

Dear STAR Camp families,

With four weeks down and two weeks of camp left, I can honestly say that the time is flying this summer. The Campers have come in and shown us so many amazing things. I couldn't be more proud of them as the days go by. Just a few reminders, if you know that your child will be out please send in a note to your child's counselor either the day before or call the desk at 781-793-9999. Please be sure to leave your child's name, grade, and group name with the person at the front desk.

Erin McCabe  
STAR Camp Director

## Important Schedule information for next week!

- **Next week's theme: Medieval Times**
- **Monday:** Shield of Armor; Lake PM
- **Tuesday:** Build a Castle; Cook Out, and Water Activities
- **Wednesday:** Costume Contest; Lake PM
- **Thursday:** Field Trips: PreK-1 Barn Babies; Everyone else Paw Sox Game
- **Friday:** Scavenger Hunt; 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)



This week the Celtics had a very exciting week at camp. It was competitive sports week. We played in a soccer tournament and placed first in a basketball hot shots tournament. We had specials like Gym where we played soccer, basketball, and jump rope, which was **Ryan's** favorite part of the week. In Computers we made basketball pictures, which was **Ekka's** favorite part of the week.

We also went on a field trip to the Boston Children's Museum, which was a very popular trip. The Celtics got to play with bubbles, climb a huge structure that was three floors tall, dance on a disco floor, and watch a performance of The Three Little Pigs where our counselor Drew got to play the part of the house of sticks. The Children's Museum was **Morgan, Nidi, Mihir, Praneeth, Bella, and Lilah's** favorite part of the week. We also went to the lake where we swam, dug holes on the beach, and played on the field, which was **Yulin's** favorite part of the week.

When we found free time we would go back to the classroom to rest before more activities. The Celtics spent this time painting, playing with toys, and watching movies, which was **Aaron, Nathan, and Kingsley's** favorite time of the week.

The Celtics are having more and more fun as the weeks keep passing and we are excited for the remaining two weeks of camp left, but sad because we only have two weeks left.

Sincerely

Camp Counselors Drew and Julie



# Breakers (K)



Another great week in the books for the Breakers! This week was our fourth week at S.T.A.R camp and the theme was "Live Games". Throughout the week we had sports tournaments in soccer, basketball and a home run derby. The Breakers did a great job during the sporting games cheering each other on and trying their best. They walked away with a first place ribbon in the basketball tournament AND home run derby along with our other teammates the Cannons and Celtics! We attended Boston Children's Museum on Tuesday and all had a blast exploring all the different exhibits they had to offer! Lia, Briar, Eden, Jayla and Kenny all really enjoyed the "New Balance Climb" that was in the middle of the museum; while **Ethan** and **Hannah** liked the water play areas and **Hanson** enjoyed the airplane in the Arthur exhibit. **Stefi** was unable to attend to field trip with us but her favorite part of camp this week was Dance!

We attended Dance a few times this week where they worked on perfecting the "Cotton Eye Joe" dance! They have had a great time with Ms. Rachel at dance doing all their favorite Go Noodle dances. They also have been doing GoNoodle dances at the start of Computers with Mrs. S! They love their GoNoodle dances as well as creating pictures and playing new computer games. In Drama they continued playing some of their favorite games with Mrs. Grossman such as the Wonderball. They have all been doing so well with acting out different actions and participating more! In Art this week we made clay snails with Mallory that came out great! We have so many fun activities and so much to look forward to next week :)

## MEDIEVAL WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lake Day	Cookout	Lake Day	In house Field Trip (barn babies)	Lake Day
Design team shield	Ice Cream Social	Costume Contest	Special Activities	Scavenger Hunt
	Design a castle			







BOSTON  
CHILDREN'S  
MUSEUM

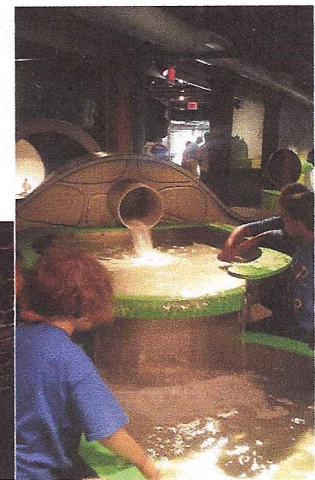
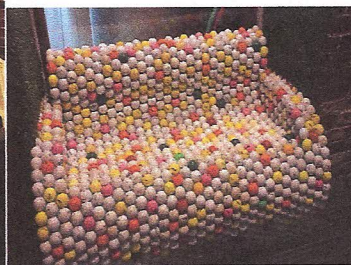
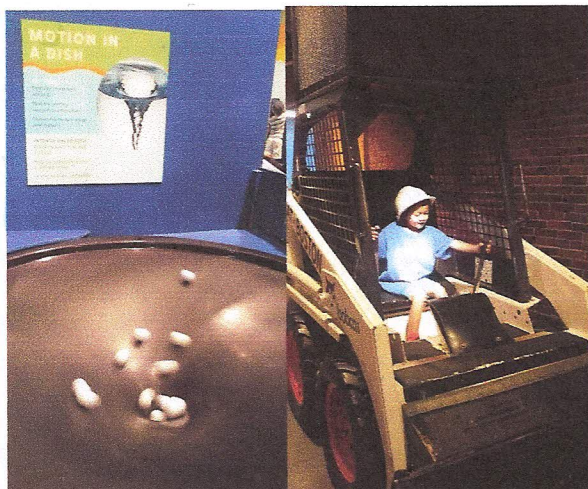


The Kindergarten Cannons can't believe that four weeks have gone by, with only two more fun weeks to go. This week was sports week and on Monday we all started the day with a soccer tournament outside. On Wednesday we all had a Basketball tournament and the Cannons, Breakers, and Celtics all won first place! They all had great sportsmanship too. We even had a baseball tournament as well this week. As usual we all liked our cookout on Thursday.

On Tuesday we all enjoyed our field trip to the Boston Children's Museum. **Suyash**, **Iris**, and **Isabella** all were intrigued by the golf ball station. Where they got to put balls in and watch them spin around till they fell through the hole. **Camilla** and **Gillian** both loved dancing and trying to copy the different lights on the floor. While **Michael** and **Deion** liked dressing up as a construction worker and sitting on the bobcat. Another fun station involved making bubbles in all different kinds of ways. **Devorah**, **Kayla**, and **Mira** loved this activity the most.

Next week we will not have a field trip on Tuesday but instead get to enjoy "Barn Yard Babies" which will be here at the school on Thursday.

- Samantha Vieira and Kaitlyn Reardon





# Red Sox (Grade 1)



Another week is complete here at STAR Camp and The Red Sox and our activities keep getting better and better! This week, pre-k through third grade traveled to the Boston Children's Museum. With SO many rooms and places to explore, it was a great time had by all of the campers. Returning from the field trip we heard plenty of opinions on the museum, all of which were filled with positivity and awesome impressions!

**Eli, Sean, Zaal, and Esha** all said their favorite part was the construction room because they were able to create awesome buildings as well as climb on the structure. They also loved the "gravity" room, where we raced golf balls down multiple different tracks and trails.

**Neil, Juliana, and Alex** all enjoyed the Arthur themed room, where we were able to make our very own music video! **Alex** also added that he liked everything on the whole second floor of the museum!

**Terron and Sophia's** favorite part was the 3 story tall structure that looked like a spider web! To go along with the theme of climbing, there was also a Rockwall that was **Mira's** favorite! We also saw a play right before lunch that was **Sampreetha's** favorite part. The play was "The 3 Little Pigs".

**Timothy and Juliana** loved the water tables and the bubble room where we created bubbles bigger than our bodies!

And last but not least was the mini city in the museum, which was **Esme and Grace's** favorite part. The City included a hair salon, a supermarket, and much more great stuff to explore.

On Wednesday we returned to our normal schedule, and the Red Sox performed a song that we had been practicing, "Take me out to the Ball Game". The team performed GREAT and had everyone singing along! We also had our basketball tournament, where the Red Sox scored 35 points for our group! Thursday is our cookout day, and finally we will return to the lake to end our fourth week!

The Red Sox are looking forward to our Trip to Water Wiz in a couple of weeks. Many of our Campers take Swim Lessons with Ms. Jill at the Lake. The Red Sox swimmers are **Neil, Esha, Esme, Mira, Eli, Juliana, Grace and Sampreetha**. These children are doing very well, and are all strong Swimmers! The Red Sox will have a great time going down the Slides and playing in the Wave pool!!!

Have an awesome weekend!

Miss Emily and Miss Jill





# Bruins (Grade 2)



It's hard to believe we are past the half way point of STAR Camp 2016. It's going by too quickly! The Bruins are getting a chance this week to have fun with different sports and winning ribbons for their efforts! They received first place ribbons in soccer and second place ribbons in hot shots, a basketball free throw contest! Good sportsmanship shows when we cheer on our fellow campers, both in our group and in others. Thursday we are having a home run derby in the afternoon while we also enjoy water play, which is always a great relief from the heat.

Tuesday's trip to the Boston Children's Museum was a big hit, particularly the construction zone, kid power, the Arthur exhibit and the climbing web. Our group picture this week was taken outside the museum (sorry about last week's picture not showing up clearly in the newsletter! If anyone would like us to send you copies of group pictures, just let us know!) Our field trip next week will be on Thursday, when we are head to a Paw Sox game.



In Dance, we have been practicing a routine we are learning and hope to perform it for the other campers next week! We finished our dance activity yesterday with some calming yoga practice, always good on a warm day! We created some very cool pictures in computer lab



We are truly enjoying our group this summer and we hope your campers are coming home happy (and probably tired!)

Betsy and Emily



# Patriots (Grade 3)



Favorite part of Children's Museum	Shout Outs from the Patriot Counselors to Our Campers
	
	<b>Charles</b> - He always has a positive attitude and is willing to try new activities with a smile on his face.
Jason - spider web	<b>Jason</b> - He is always making new friends with other groups and is the first to help any counselor in need!
Lily - bubble room	<b>Lily</b> - She steps up to take a leadership role in activities with her own original twist!
Sowmyasree - spider web	<b>Sowmyasree</b> - Amazing job at Drama this week. She has an actress inside her!
Inbar - Japanese house	<b>Inbar</b> - Always shares and includes everyone in our group with a positive attitude! Especially at Dance. She has Amazing dance moves!
Illana - Japanese house	<b>Illana</b> - She always picks up trash in the playground to keep it clean for the all the campers. Thank you!!!
Ushta - everything!	<b>Ushta</b> - She showed such creativity in Drama class this week,. She is always making us laugh with her creativity and acting.
Ankita - bubble room	<b>Ankita</b> - She showed amazing kindness to all the other campers by including all and making other smile. (especially on the playground and gym)
Avital - spider web	<b>Avital</b> - She has been very helpfull this week carrying our team's water bottles with Lily to keep us hydrated! This is very much appreciated!
	<b>Leah</b> -She scored our team goal in the soccer tournament! Wooo!
Ben - Bubble room	<b>Ben</b> - He used his creativity in Drama class! He loved making the other campers laugh.
Rinat - bubble room	<b>Rinat</b> - He was a team sport in soccer and helped his friend Ben!
Grant - spider web	<b>Grant</b> - He scored the most points in hot shots for his team! Go Grant Go!
	<b>Charles</b> - He always has a positive attitude and is willing to try new activities with a smile on his face.
	<b>Catherine</b> - She is always an amazing friend to everyone in the group and participates in all activities!
	<b>Alice</b> - She is so happy at the lake and a great part of our group on Fridays. We miss her when she isn't with us.
Bella - everything!	<b>Bella</b> - She has been working hard all week making beautiful gypm creations!





# Blazers (Grade 4)



This week was Sports Week at camp. The Blazers had a great time participating in all of the activities.

On Monday we played in a camp wide soccer tournament and placed 2nd for the older division thanks to some great team work. **Isaac** and **Jaden** did a great job in goal for both games.

Tuesday we took a tour of Fenway and then at lunch on Castle Island. We had a great time and loved learning all about Fenway and the Red Sox.

On Wednesday we played in a Hot Shot Basketball Tournament and scored 171 points as a group to place 3rd. **Apurva** showed great support for her team and sportsmanship by cheering on everyone during both activities until the very end.

The group played in a home run derby on Thursday where **Ethan** and **Jaden** led our team with 3 home runs each.

Great job Blazers!

The summer is flying by and with only two weeks left of camp, the Blazers are looking forward to many more good times, at camp, at the lake and on the road.

- Dan and Julianne



# Renegades (Grade 5)



This week the Renegades have an amazing week, competing in all of the sports themed activities and spending time at the lake. We have amazing campers and here is just a quick look at their accomplishments:

The Art Award goes to **Clara Armon** for her beautiful work and completed projects!

The Hot Shot Award goes to **Vincent Chen** for getting 29 points in a basketball shooting competition!

The Best Dancer Award goes to **Jackson Kaye** for his awesome moves on 70's day!

The Outstanding Participation Award goes to **Isabel Tobey** for giving 110% into every activity we do!

The Greatest Goalie Award goes to **David Belanger** for his awesome skills during our soccer tournament!

The Sportsmanship Award goes to **Evan Howe** for having fun and being kind during basketball and soccer games!

The Most Inquisitive Award goes to **Jeremy Wilbar** for being the most knowledgeable and paying the most attention during field trips!

The Best Effort Award goes to **Lili Taylor** for trying her hardest during all activities!

The Musical Award goes to **Olivia Germaine** for creating incredible trill beats during a Music activity!

The Good Friend Award goes to **William Stone Anderson** for supporting and working well with all of our group members!

The Friendliest Award goes to **Hassi Kasat** for being so kind to everyone at camp!

It is hard to believe that there are only two more weeks left. We can hardly wait to see what our campers will show us next.

# Revolution (Grade 6)



This week in camp, was sports themed. Each day of the week, we celebrated a different sport. We won the soccer tournament on Monday. Whoo hoo! Our campers are All Stars in Soccer!

Just like Big Papi, our field trip to Fenway was a home-run! We enjoyed a guided tour of the entire ballpark, and we saw Red Sox memorabilia dating back 100 years. We then went to Castle Island where we ate lunch, watched airplanes landing, and played on the playground.

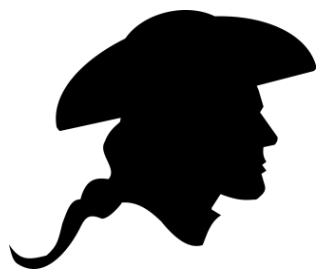
The rest of the week we had a basketball tournament, a home-run derby, and baseball games. On top of these fun activities we also went to the lake and had our Thursday cookout, delicious!

We can't believe how much fun we are having this summer, we never want it to end. We are looking forward to next week's Paw Sox game and celebrating Medieval Times.

Kari and Will







# Militia (CIT's)



Hello all!

This past week at STAR Camp we had the theme of "sports." Team Militia kicked their week off with a soccer tournament and then headed to the lake.

On Tuesday we took a trip to America's most beloved baseball field, Fenway Park. We took a tour of Fenway and got to sit in the Green Monster seats! We were able to take pictures as we learned the history of the park. After that we ventured over to South Boston to enjoy our lunches at Castle Island. It was an extremely fun trip that we all enjoyed!



Thursday we had our homerun derby with the Revolutions and hit it out of the park! After all of those homeruns we set up for the cookout and headed over to see a dress rehearsal of the middle school production of *Once On This Island*.

This week has been fabulous with multiple activities that promoted team bonding! Looking forward to another week with the fabulous Team Militia!

- Sam Doherty

On Wednesday we participated in a basketball tournament where **Telishya** earned the most points out of anyone in the camp! Unfortunately, we did not win but the team showed good sportsmanship with the loss.



# *What's Happening In...*

# **ART!**

With Mallory Frers



We had another awesome and busy week in the art room!  
Here are some things we have been working on:

- Celtics-** Clay handprints
- Breakers and Cannons-** Clay Snails
- Red Sox-** Scratch Art
- Bruins-** Clay Turtles and Scratch Art
- Patriots-** Clay Emojis
- Blazers-** Clay Whale Teeth etching (inspired by our trip to the New Bedford Whaling Museum)
- Renegades-** Handmade Sketchbooks
- Revolution-** Looms





# COMPUTERS

## With MRS. SHULMAN (Mrs. S)

The theme of the week was Live Games and in the Computer room it was no different. Our movement breaks took us to each and every sport. On Monday we did a Victory Dance from Go Noodle. During Basketball Day, we watched a short clip of the movie Like Mike to the theme song "Basketball". For Home Run Derby Day, we watched a little of Abbott and Costello doing "Who's on First" and Friday was Campers choice from the Go Noodle selections. The campers all love to pick which Go Noodle movement break they want to move to and then they all move.

On Monday, campers were allowed to play online soccer games from [www.soccer-gamesonline.com](http://www.soccer-gamesonline.com). The students all loved to play the different soccer games and challenge themselves.

On Wednesday, during Hot Shots, the younger campers were able to draw basketball related pictures in KidPix. Charles B from the Patriots created a great picture (see to the right ). The older campers used FunBrain to play Math Basketball (<http://www.funbrain.com/brain/MathBrain/Games/Title.html?GameName=MathBasketball>). It is always nice to see computer games and math come together.



*Basketball by Charles B of the Patriots.*

On Thursday, the campers were allowed to use KidPix to create a baseball theme inspired picture. The campers showed a lot of creativity. After they finished their drawings they could go to <http://www.roundgames.com/onlinegame/Baseball> and choose a baseball game to play, or go to [abcya.com](http://abcya.com) and choose a game in their grade level to play.

On Friday it was Campers Choice. The campers were able to have free time during computers, and choose games from the list of sites we have visited this summer or the After Care Safe Computer list (<https://sharoncommunityeducation.com/after-care-safe-computer-sites/>).

It is hard to believe that we only have two more weeks of camp left. Where has the time gone. I am looking forward to the next two weeks and introducing more great things to the campers.





# DRAMA

with Lisa Grossmann



Taking leadership, and knowing you have the full support of those whom you are leading, are so important-- -- relative to Drama, and almost every endeavor we undertake in life.

“Yes, Let’s!” is a game that offers experience in both. Students stand next to each other, and one student says, “Let’s \_\_\_\_\_!” If the student had said, ‘Let’s brush our teeth, the others respond with an enthusiastic, ‘Yes! Let’s!’ Then immediately all students pantomime brushing their teeth. They continue with this action until a second student suggests a different activity. Grades 2,( Bruins),3, (Patriots) and 4 (Blazers), were reintroduced to this game from last year.

Another reintroduction was “Hitchhiker” to grades 3-6. It is a game of observation, improvisation, and pantomime and was a clear favorite. It is quickly shaping up to be a favorite again this year.

New this summer, is the game called “What Are You Doing?” For grades 3-6, it is an exercise in quick thinking and focus.

The younger grades, PK, K, 1st and 2nd, have been enjoying Keeper of the Keys, a game of stealth, it requires control, and focus. PK has REALLY been enjoying the choral/pantomime of Sludge Pie!

The upper grades will be introduced this week to Fortunately, Unfortunately! This is an exercise in ensemble work and flexible thinking!

Till Next Time...

Lisa Grossmann



# DANCE

With RACHEL  
SCHIFF

It's so hard to believe another amazing week at camp flew by! Dance was once again awesome each and every day. The campers continue to put forth their best effort in every activity. I truly love how the kids are willing to try new games and dance moves even if it is something they are not used to.

The Bruins have continued to work on their dance, and hopefully they will be able to perform it soon! The Breakers are always eager to warm up and find new movement songs and activities on Go Noodle. The Revolutions played Four Corners, and we had so much fun. I love coming to star camp each morning, and I look forward to starting my day with an all camp Dance!

I hope everyone has a great weekend!

-Rachel



# MUSIC

With Emily Cox

This week the Blazers and Revolutions worked with the Auxe app to create a song and share it with the whole group. The Renegades also created music, learning the chord changes in a 12-bar blues progression. The Red Sox, Bruins and Patriots learned the basics of reading music with our music staff on the floor and practiced reading music on the xylophone. The Celtics, Breakers and Cannons explored the sounds of the instruments of the orchestra which we've been learning about by listening to Peter and the Wolf, a narrated orchestral piece by Russian composer Sergei Prokofiev.

Thanks,  
Emily







# Sports



Wow!! We cannot believe that another week has gone by! This week has been so much fun in sports! Between the soccer tournament, the basketball tournament, and the baseball tournament, every group worked as a team and showed so much camp spirit! Congrats to the Celtics for throwing that ball out of the park during the baseball game!!! We are so impressed by everyone's effort throughout this scorching hot week and cannot wait for Fun Friday!!!

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## ☆ GYM News ☆



Dear Parents,

This week in gym we have been extremely busy. The theme of this week was Live Games. If the campers were not competing in the gym, then they were on the field giving their best effort. Working with Colton and Hannah, our Sports counselors, we were able to see the campers show us their many talents.

The campers participated in a soccer tournament, where sportsmanship and working together as a team was very evident. During the basketball shooting contest, the campers shot hoops like the champion Boston Celtics. Finally, during the home run derby, the campers were hitting them out of the park, just like Big Papi. Everyone did an amazing job, whether participating in the event or cheering on their fellow campers. It was definitely a week to remember.

I am looking forward to our final two weeks of camp.

JBell





Pictures from camp for the week of July 18-25

