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**S.T.A.R. Camp**  
**News**  
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**Sharon Public Schools**

# Message from our Camp Director

Greetings STAR Camp Families,

The STAR Camp is coming to an end and July has been filled with all sorts of fun learning opportunities. The STAR campers have continued to thrive and have fun! I would like to give a special thanks to our campers that submitted some highlights or shared their favorite activities from their camp experience. I would also like to recognize Team Militia. This group has gone above and beyond what is asked of them and I know that both the counselors and myself truly appreciate all their hard work and effort.

If you haven't heard by now, this summer the STAR Camp experience has gone to a whole new level and it sure show from all the smiles coming from all the campers and their counselors.

Just a reminder for our last week, we go to the lake on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please make sure that your child comes to camp with a bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, and water shoes.



The children have all been participating in water activities even on non-lake days, so it's always a good

idea to pack an extra set of dry clothes. It also helps that they have a bag to put their wet clothes in after so all their beautiful artwork does not get ruined. Please make sure that when you pick up your child at the end of the day that you check the unclaimed items in the white box by the desk. Any items remaining on the last day will be disposed of.

Here's to another great week!

Erin McCabe  
Camp Director

## Important Reminders about next week!

**Monday, August 1st: COLOR WARS Begins!- Track & Field; Lake Day PM**

**Tuesday, August 2nd: Field Trip to Water Wizz (we will be returning by 3:30pm)**

**Wednesday, August 3rd: Water Sports; Lake Day PM**

**Thursday, August 4th: Races; Cook Out**

**Friday, August 5th: Survivor Challenges; Lake Day Pm; Award Ceremony**



# Celtics (Pre-K)



The Celtics had a wonderful week 5 of camp. We tried our best to keep cool and beat the heat by going swimming at the lake on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We changed things up and had our cookout on Tuesday, and on Thursday we had our field trip come to us.

The theme of the week was Medieval Times and on Tuesday we built a castle out of recyclable materials. Our castle was voted most creative.

On Thursday we had an in house field trip of Barnyard Babies. We got to see tons of cute animals like baby goats, bunnies, dogs, cats, ducks, chickens, and a baby pig.

During the week we also had our normal specials like Gym where we had free choice, Art where we painted flower pots and picture frames, Music where we played xylophones and saw a video about a musical story, Sports where we played an intense game of musical chairs, Dance where we danced to Go Noodle videos and Drama where we played some of our favorite games like Giants, Wizards and Goblins and People, Shelter, Storm.

It is hard to believe that we are already going into our last week of camp this summer flew by and all of the Celtics are having a blast.

Sincerely

Camp Counselors Drew and Julie



# Breakers (K)



It's hard to believe that we have now completed week five of S.T.A.R camp and only have one week left! This week the Breakers got a new member of our group, Nathan. All the kids in the Breakers group did such a wonderful job welcoming Nathan and making him feel comfortable. Last week they worked very hard on making welcome signs for him when he came on Monday! We are so happy to have Nathan apart of our group!

This past week at camp we had the theme of "medieval times". This theme was incorporated in many different ways throughout the week. The Breakers attended Art where we made personal shields that represented who we are. In Drama this week we played games we have been going over in the past few weeks but with a medieval twist that the Breakers really enjoyed! They are always having such a great time with Mrs. Grossman and all the fun and exciting activities she has to offer. During group time the Breakers made crowns, torches and swords to wear around for medieval week as well.

Our field trip this week was different than past weeks. This field trip happened to fall on a Thursday and it was an in-house field trip with Barn Babies! It was a great time seeing all the different farm animals – pigs, baby goats, bunnies and so much more! It was a great experience having these animals come to the Heights. When we weren't with the Barn Babies we were watching a movie, eating popcorn and staying cool on that hot day!

Although it was a very hot week the Breakers had a wonderful and very exciting week! What to look forward to the final week of camp.....

## COLOR WARS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Track & Field Events		Water Sports	Races	Last Day
	Field Trip to Water Wizz		Cookout	Survivor Challenges
Lake Day		Lake Day	Water Activities	Lake Day





# Cannons (K)



This week the Cannons enjoyed Medieval Times Week! Some of the activities for Medieval Times Week included castle building and shield making.

Since it was a hot week, students also enjoyed the many movies that played in our classroom. Some of the movies included: Minions, Chicken Run, Home and Lilo and Stitch!

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of this week students continued to enjoy our afternoons at the lake.

This week we switched things up a bit and enjoyed our weekly cookout on Tuesday, as well as, our ice cream social.

The Cannons are eagerly awaiting our in house field trip this Thursday. Barnyard babies will be coming to the school for the students' enjoyment.

### Students' Favorites This Week:

*Lake Activities:* Iris and Suyash

*Computers:* Camilla and Gillian

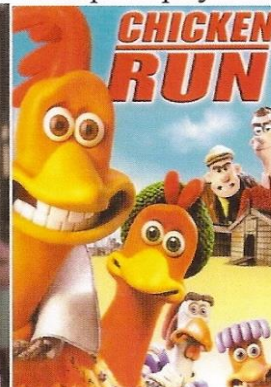
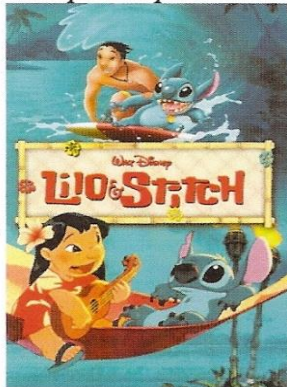
*Feature Presentations:* Michael and Mira

*Shield Making:* Deion and Kayla

*Castle Building:* Isabella and Devorah

### Reminders:

Tuesday, August 2, 2016 will be a field trip to Water Wizz. The entire camp will participate in this field trip. The bus will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. ☺



-Samantha Vieira and Kaitlyn Reardon-



# Red Sox (Grade 1)



Hello Star Camp family and friends! Another week down and more fun to be having here at camp! This week was a little different, because we had our cookout on Tuesday instead of Thursday. The cookout was another success and ended with an ice cream social enjoyed by all! It was a hot week, so the lake was a perfect place to cool down.

This week we also made castles out of recycled materials! Our castle won "most complex" which we couldn't argue with. Our castle was equipped with multiple levels and even a dungeon!



On Thursday we had the Barnyard Babies come to camp to visit. This trip was just as exciting for the counselors as it was for the campers! We all got the chance to be hands-on with the animals and learn all about them. On Friday we will go back to the lake and end our 5<sup>th</sup> week here at camp!

The Campers continue to enjoy Music with Ms. Emily! They sounded great when they played as a Band. The campers are learning notes and sounded like an A Cappella band! They also like Sports outside with Colton and Hannah. Our team really loves to play Dodge Ball and Messy Back Yard!

We will be going to Water Wiz next Tuesday. It is an awesome Water Park complete with a giant Wave pool!

Have a great weekend!

-Ms. Emily and Ms. Jill



# Bruins (Grade 2)

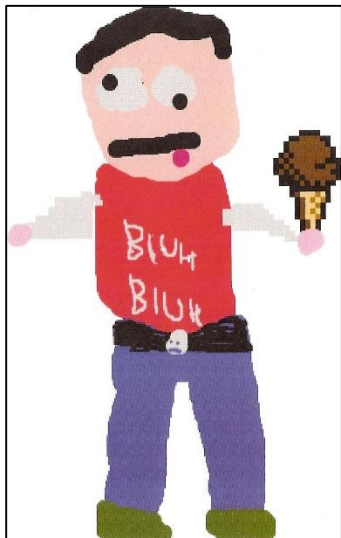


As we all know, the word of the week is heat! The Bruins are managing to continue having fun in spite of the crazy temps. We are drinking lots of water and staying out of the sun as much as possible. Lake days are a big help! When we are there, we stay in the water or in the shade.

This week our camp theme is medieval times. Our group picture this week shows off our fabulous castle that all the Bruins helped to create, along with our group shield that we also made. Once again the kids demonstrated wonderful teamwork with great results!



In drama we had a rousing game of Kings and Queens, Castles and Moats (a take-off on people, shelters and storms!) Drama has been a group favorite activity, playing a wide variety of dramatic games and pantomime activities. Ask your kids to teach you some!

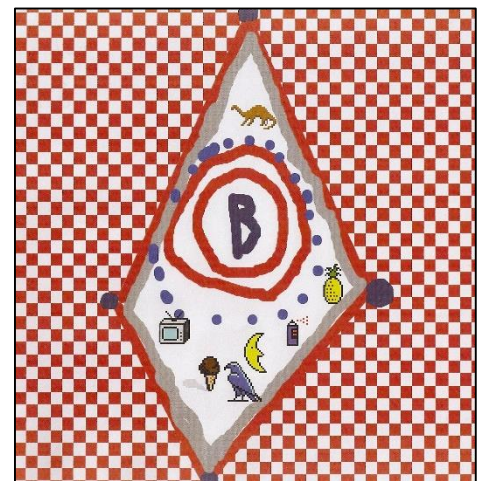


Crazy costume by Taylor W

Betsy and Emily

In computers (which everyone also loves) we designed creative pictures of all kinds of medieval characters, illustrations and costumes. On one of the very hot afternoons, we relaxed in the library and watched a fun movie about a summer camp.

Oh no, only one more week - the summer always goes by too quickly. It has been great getting to know your children!



Medieval Shield drawn by Eli K



# Patriots (Grade 3)



<b>Highlight of the Week</b>	<b>Favorite Specialty of the Week</b>
Charles - Everything	<b>Charles</b> - Computer
<b>Jason</b> - The Lake	<b>Jason</b> - Drama
<b>Lily</b> - Dodgeball	<b>Lily</b> - Drama
<b>Sowmyasree</b> - Making the Castle	<b>Sowmyasree</b> - Drama
<b>Inbar</b> - Everything	<b>Inbar</b> - Dance
<b>Illana</b> - Designing the Castle	<b>Illana</b> - Drama
<b>Ushta</b> - Building the Castle	<b>Ushta</b> - Drama
<b>Ankita</b> - Making the Castle	<b>Ankita</b> - Art
<b>Avital</b> - Ice Cream Social	<b>Avital</b> - Art
Leah - Everything	<b>Leah</b> -Everything
<b>Ben</b> - The Lake	<b>Ben</b> - Everything
<b>Rinat</b> - The Lake	<b>Rinat</b> - Drama
<b>Grant</b> - Dodgeball	<b>Grant</b> - Sports
	<b>Catherine</b> - Everything!
	<b>Alice</b> - Everything!
<b>Bella</b> - All activities	<b>Bella</b> - Dance

The Patriots have had a fun filled week! The Patriots have constructed a team castle out of recyclable materials, had an ice cream social, and went to the Pawsox! We have an exciting week coming up including our field trip to Water Wiz!!

Brenna and Kaylyn





# Blazers (Grade 4)



This week was Medieval week at camp. To go along with this theme, we did some amazing team work projects. On Monday the group made a shield out of recyclable materials. On Tuesday we made a castle, also out of recyclables, and put the shield on it to win Most Creative.

During the week, **Jacquelyn** and **Maddie** were given duckies for helping clean up the markers at Art. **Ethan**, **Jaden**, **Isaac**, and **Jake** were also given duckies for helping clean up the classroom after we completed the castle. In gym the Blazers loved playing handball where **Emily** and **Jaden** did an awesome job for their teams.

On Thursday all of the campers had a great time at the Pawtucket Red Sox game.

Overall it was a great week and we are looking forward to Color Wars and Water Wizz for the last week of camp!



- Dan and Julianne



# Renegades (Grade 5)



The weather this week has been hot but it did not stop the Renegades from having a great time, especially when we were down at the lake. This week we celebrated Medieval Times and the group worked together as a team to produce a great shield and castle made out of recyclable materials.

**Jeremy Wilbar** showed great effort during our game of handball!

**Evan Howe** showed great effort while taking charge of designing a shield for our group!

**Isabel Tobey** showed great effort while being the assistant to the swim instructor!

**David Belanger** showed great effort while building a flag for our group's castle!

**Jackson Kaye** showed great sportsmanship during a gym game!

**Will Anderson** showed off his huge imagination while helping build the castle on Tuesday!

**Lili Taylor** showed great teamwork and organizational skills helping get the buoys ready for swim!

**Hassi Kasat** showed great initiative while helping the younger kids during swim lessons!

**Vincent Chen** showed great effort designing a castle online during computers!

**Clara Armon** showed great effort by blocking her fellow male groupmates' goals during a game of handball!

**Olivia Germaine** showed great effort and leadership while building and designing our group's castle!

It is hard to believe that there is only one more week left. Our field trip on Tuesday is to Water Wizz, always a favorite of the campers and counselors. We are looking forward to our last week of camp and competing in Color Wars.

# Revolution (Grade 6)



Wow has this week flown by! Can't believe that there is only one week left of camp!

This week, we went back in time to the Medieval Period. We enjoyed making shields and building castles. The campers designed a working drawbridge on our castle. The campers worked so well as a team this week in all of our activities.

Thank goodness for the lake! With this heat wave, the lake is a lifesaver. We played many different games in gym, sports, and drama.

We ended our week by going to the Paw Sox Game, and an ice cream social.



**Jordan** is so happy at the lake, sitting under the bandstand with her friends;

**Theresa** always enjoys swimming in the lake;

**Gavin** is so enthusiastic during building activities;

**Tim** enjoys week-themed activities;

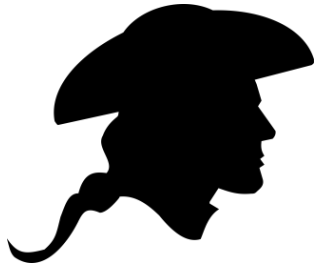
**Amanda** is wild about sports;

**Rachel** is always excited to go to drama;

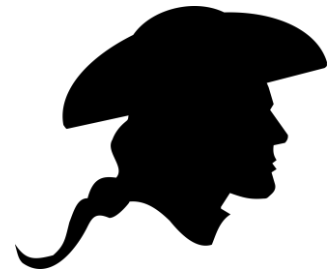
**Diana** loves playing Hitchhiker in drama using her many accents.

We are looking forward to surprises during the last week of camp!

Will and Kari



# Militia (CIT's)



Hello again!

I hope everyone is enjoying the hot weather and keeping hydrated! We certainly are here at STAR Camp! This week's theme was "medieval times."

On Monday we teamed up and made a shield for our group. We did spray paint and splatter paint and it came out awesome! Afterwards we headed over to the lake and enjoyed the sun and water.



On Tuesday we continued with the Medieval theme by constructing our own castles. Our group snuck away to the air conditioned room to make ours and it looked fabulous! Wednesday we had another lake day and relaxed a bit.



Thursday was a hot one at the Paw Sox game but we had a blast! As always I am looking forward to next week. I cannot believe it's the last one!

-Sam Doherty

*What's Happening In...*

# **ART!**

With Mallory Frers



What a creative week at camp! Even outside of the art room groups were busy creating and using their imaginations. This week groups used recyclable materials to make amazing medieval creations. Each group's medieval shield and castles were outstanding and really inventive. In the art room we tried to keep with the medieval theme and had some really great pieces of art.

### **Celtics**

Personal shields and painted frames

### **Cannons and Breakers**

Personal shields and "royal" self portraits

### **Red Sox**

"royal" self portraits

### **Bruins and Patriots**

Castle Prints

### **Blazers**

Doodle Cubes

### **Renegades and Revolution**

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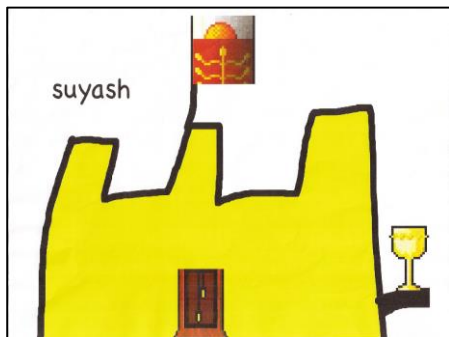
# COMPUTERS

## With MRS. SHULMAN (Mrs. S)



This week at STAR Camp, the theme was “Medieval Times,” and that’s exactly what our campers created this week in computers. The computer lab was a ‘cool’ place to be and the campers always were happy to come in and be creative.

On Monday, campers created their own coat of arms or shields using the program KidPix. I explained how coats of arms were created to represent the family or the person that they represented. The shields the students created were awesome. The students were allowed to print out their shields and in some cases, these designs appeared on the shield created by the whole group.



*Castle drawing by Suyash P of the Cannons*

On Tuesday, the campers worked together to create a castle and it was no different in the computer lab. The older campers created castles on the website <http://www.mindjolt.com/castlebuilder.html>. A special thanks to David B. of the Renegades for helping to print out these castles – great job! The younger campers used KidPix to create castles. They all did super jobs!

The theme of the day on Wednesday was costumes. In Computers, I made it Crazy



*Shield created by Madeline H of the Blazers*

Costumes. The older campers were allowed to use KidPix to create crazy costumes and they certainly did make crazy costumes. I am always so impressed with what they make. The younger campers got to dress up Daniel Tiger at <http://pbskids.org/daniel/games/dress-up/>. They all enjoyed dressing up the characters in funny ways.



*Shield created by Srishti S of the Blazers*

On Friday the campers went on computer scavenger hunts. The younger campers had to find different stamps in the Kid Pix program. The older campers went on a mystery hunt for different articles at <http://www.booksandgames.com/freegames/the-family-hitchcock-mystery-hunt>. They all had a great time.

It is hard to believe that there is only more week left of camp. I look forward to celebrating our last week of camp and having a great time in the computer lab.



# DRAMA

## with Lisa Grossmann



We've amped up the Improv in this fifth week of camp! The **Renegades** and the **Revolutions** were introduced to the game, **Super Heroes**, in which a camper, (as a Super Hero), must "save the day" from a "crisis" ...."if only [(s)he] had some help..." Then the 'Super Hero' states, "This sounds like a job for \_\_\_\_\_!", and improves a super hero name for another camper.

Improv skills are put to the test as the original camper/super hero must make up their own super hero name and a "crisis". If the original camper/super hero is having difficulty with this, suggestions can be taken from the other campers/audience. The original super hero then improves a super hero name for the first of three other campers, who are waiting in the wings to 'save the day'. Then each following super hero improves the name of the super hero who follows them. Both groups really enjoyed this activity, as the silliness factor can get pretty high! Another game enjoyed by these two groups was the "Twinterview". Two campers pair up as "identical twins" and respond to interview questions in unison! This activity is the verbal version of the earlier "Mirror Activity". **David** and **Evan** of the Renegades really ran with this one!

The **Bruins**, **Patriots** and **Blazers** had fun with the improv game, **Hitchhiker**. After a brief 'public service announcement' as to what hitchhiking is, and why it was at one time a more common practice---(fewer cars, American servicemen home on leave and needing transportation), they were firmly told that hitchhiking was something they were NEVER to do! After the 'PSA', they were introduced to this fun improv game, that many who were here last year had been requesting since the beginning of camp this year! It was a favorite last year and has remained so this year. I want to give a big 'shout out' to **Inbar** of the Patriots, who jumped right in to be a 'hitchhiker'. The 'hitchhiker' is the one who improves a silly mannerism or behavior that the 'driver' and the other two 'passengers' must mimic----- even if it means (for the driver), that the 'driver' is turned completely around and not looking at the 'road'!

Our youngest campers, **Celtics**, **Cannons** and **Breakers** enjoyed the choral speaking and pantomime of **Time for Tea**. In keeping with our Medieval theme this week, some old favorites, such as Alien, Tiger, Cow and People! Shelter! Storm! were 'repackaged' as '**Wizards, Giants, Goblins**' and '**Kings-n-Queens! Castles! Storm-the-Castle!**'

It's hard to believe we have only one more week of camp! Tune in again next week for my '**People's Choice Awards!**'

Till next time...



# DANCE

With RACHEL  
SCHIFF

This week was fabulous!!! The campers continue to amaze me with their hard work in dance class. I truly appreciate the effort every camper puts forth each day even if they do not like the activity or game we are playing.

The Bruins continued to practice their dance that they will hopefully perform next week! It is looking awesome! I can't wait for the whole camp to see. The Patriots started the morning with me on Wednesday and we tried some new workouts that got everyone moving!! Then we played a great round of Freeze Dance. The Breakers started their class with the Cotton-eye-joe!

I can't believe we are heading into our last week of camp. I hope everyone has a great weekend! I will see all of the campers Monday!

-Rachel









# Sports

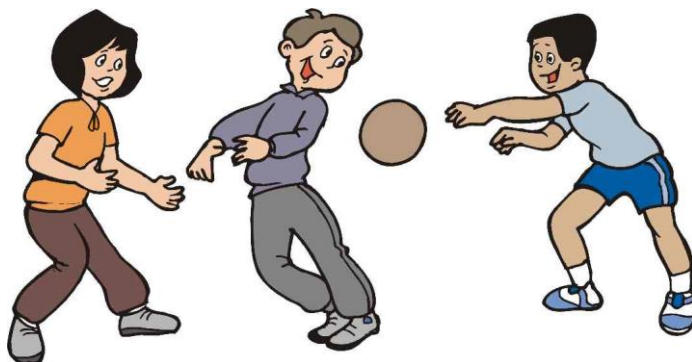


We are so sad that we only have one more week with these outstanding campers!!! This week has been one of the hottest of the summer, but that didn't stop us from playing awesome sports all week long!

From kickball with the Cannons to Musical Chairs with the Celtics and Breakers, we have been keeping the campers active and entertained while also being mindful of the heat.



We also played everyone's favorite... Dodgeball!!! The Blazers had so much fun trying to get out their counselors!! The game of Musical chairs was getting intense in the Celtics group, but Kingsley and Aaron definitely took the thunder!



We cannot wait to spend one of the final weeks of summer with your campers!!!



# ☆ GYM News ☆



Weeks 4 and 5 at STAR Camp have been great. It is very hard to believe that we have one more week left. I am sure that the campers will continue to show me great skills and the sportsmanship.

In week 4 at Star Camp we worked as entire groups, with two separate competitions that have the campers together.

The first one was a hot shot basketball shootout that took place in the gym. All four rims were lowered, with the Pre-K through 2nd grade groups having one minute a piece to drain as many shots as possible. Everybody had a blast during this event and it was great to see and hear them cheering their teammates on.

The 2nd event was the home run derby competition. On Thursday, we set up both outside and inside a baseball field and each camper got to hit 10 balls apiece. If they made it past the line, it was a home run for their team. Once again, this brought out the team first approach with the campers loudly cheering each other on making this a great activity we'll surely do again in the future.

During week 5 we continued to work on fundamentals in many different areas. They included catching, jumping running throwing and swimming (down at the lake). It has been fun to watch all of the campers grow in all the different areas of sports. Everyone did an awesome job all week showing sportsmanship and being great team players during all of the games and activities we played.

I look forward to our final week and can't wait to see how the campers continue to improve, not only in skills but in sportsmanship and how they support each other.

JBell

