



S.T.A.R. Camp

News

Summer of 2017

Sharon Public Schools

# Message from our Camp Director

Dear Families,

Welcome to STAR Camp! This summer we have some awesome new and innovated programs for your camp - stay tuned for more details!

Whether this is your first summer or you are a returning camper, I am delighted that you are joining us! I am certain that your child will have a wonderful camp experience. The counselors and staff at STAR Camp are eager to greet your child(ren) with new and exciting programs.

At our camp, your child will have the opportunity to bond with other kids of the same age. Camper's days are filled with activities, games, songs, laughter and lots of camp spirit. A busy and well-rounded schedule as well as fun and exciting trips and lake days await your child. Our counselors are wonderful role models who create meaningful and loving friendships that can last a lifetime.

Do not forget, we will be taking camp trips once a week and travel to the lake on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. If you need any more information or have questions, please feel free to call us at 781-784-9999. I am looking forward to an amazing summer!

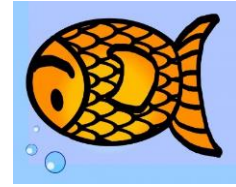
Warmest Regards,

Erin McCabe  
Camp Director

## **Week 2 of Camp – Theme of the Week – Splish Splash**

Monday, July 3 – Beach Party – Lake Day  
Tuesday, July 4 – No Camp – Fourth of July  
Wednesday, July 5 – Field Trip, Pre K – 8 will be going to Canobie Lake Park  
Thursday, July 6 – Relays – Lake Day  
Friday, July 7 – Water Wars – Lake Day

# Pre-K Guppies

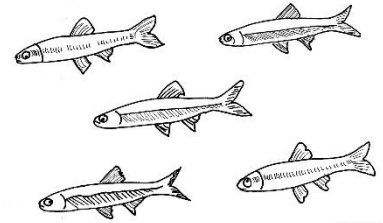


Hello Parents -we are very happy to share our Star Camp experience with you this summer. We have 10 goofy *guppies* in our camp group, as well as two super cool camp counselors! Both Ashley and Natasha attend Bridgewater State University. This is our first summer working at Star Camp, but it definitely won't be our last! We were introduced to this camp through our jobs at Community Education's Aftercare program. Natasha works at Cottage aftercare, while Ashley works at Heights.

This first week at camp has been an absolute blast! We have already been to the lake three times. At the lake, the kids can choose to either swim, play in the sand, join in on the art project, or soak up the sun in the field. Not only have we made multiple beach trips, but we also have enjoyed several activities such as dance, art, music, sports, drama, gym, etc. **Argus** was extremely excited for Thursday's cookout. **Adi** mentioned his favorite part of camp so far was being able to hang with his brother at the lake. **Anika** said she adores when her sister finds shells at the beach! Going to the lake was also **William's** favorite activity. **Amelia** is excited for our future field trips, especially the one at Water Whiz! **Dennis** gets creative on the computer programs. Both **Jacob** and **Raesha** say they look forward to time spent playing on the playground. **Bennett** loves virtually baking cookies and pizza on ABCya.com!



# Kindergarten Minnows



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Hello! My name is Kim and I am the counselor for one of the kindergarten groups, the Minnows.

This is my second year working at STAR camp and I am so excited for this summer with my group! The first week of camp with them has gone great between going to all different activities during the day and going to the lake. We are all looking forward to such a great summer ahead of us and I cannot wait to see what all of the Minnows will show me. Throughout the week, the Minnows spent time getting to know each other a little bit more. Here are a few things we learned about each other!

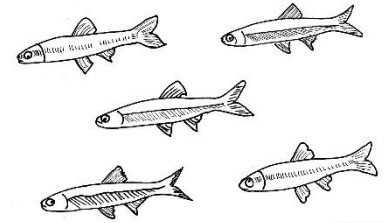
	<b>What field trip are you most excited for?</b>	<b>What is your favorite movie?</b>	<b>What do you want to be when you grow up?</b>
<b>Aaron</b>	Water Wizz	Lego Batman Movie	Olympic Swimmer
<b>Ayden</b>	Canobie Lake Park	Inside Out	Pilot
<b>Edith</b>	Canobie Lake Park	Outrageous Acts of Science	Teacher
<b>Kingsly</b>	Water Wizz	Captain Underpants	Doctor
<b>Lara</b>	Chameleon Show	Moana	Nurse
<b>Melanie</b>	Water Wizz	Moana	Scientist
<b>Morgan</b>	Water Wizz	Beauty and the Beast	Teacher
<b>Praneeth</b>	Water Wizz	Star Wars	Scientist
<b>Rishi</b>	Canobie Lake Park	Lego Batman Movie	Business Man
<b>Zachary</b>	Water Wizz	Odd Squad	Be in the Army

## About the Counselor

My name is Kim and I am 24 years old and graduated from Bridgewater State University in 2015. I currently work at East Elementary School during the day as an IA as well as working at the aftercare program there. Previously I worked at Heights as an IA as well as working at aftercare, so there are plenty of familiar faces around camp! My family consists of my mom & dad, 2 brothers, 2 sisters and my dog Cooper. I love movies, music, shopping, reading and going to the beach in my free time!



# Kindergarten Bettas



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Hello Star Families!

This week was "Welcome Week" at camp where we got to know our campers and staff. On top of our specials (Computers, Dance, Drama, Music etc.) we traveled to the lake for some refreshing fun. Next week we are looking forward to going to Canobie Lake Park on Wednesday! We snapped some pictures of our adventures this week to share with you! We hope you enjoy :)

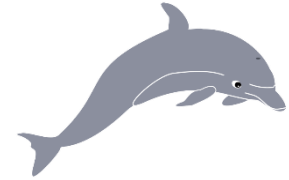


## About the Counselors

Emily Perry - Hi guys! My name is Emily and I'm starting out my second summer here at star camp! I'm very excited to see some familiar faces back this year as well as all of the new friends, and to get started with our festivities. I work aftercare at East Elementary during the school year, and will be returning to school in the fall at Bridgewater State University to complete my final year!

Emily Ford - Hello friends! My name is Emily Ford and I am very excited to start my first summer at STAR camp! So far it's already been a blast! I am a long-time "Sharonite" (some may call my family townies) and an old, old, graduate of Heights Elementary School myself! During the school year I work at Wayland High School and in the afternoon you can find me at East aftercare. When I am not spending time with our awesome Sharon Community Education kids I love relaxing with my cat Kevin and two dogs Oscar and Petey!

# Grade 1 Dolphins



The Dolphins have had a great start to the summer of 2017. They are showing off their talents in all parts of the camp. We are so excited about the beginning of summer and can't wait to see what they will show us each and every week.

## About the Counselors

Kaitlyn Reardon- This is my second year at S.T.A.R. Camp! I graduated from Stonehill College in 2015 with a degree in Elementary Education and Psychology. I worked for Avon Public Schools my first year out of college with a special needs student. This year I had the pleasure of working as a second grade instructional assistant at Cottage Street School. I have worked at Cottage Street School for the past two academic years doing After Care. I will be going back to school this year for a master's degree in Moderate Special Education.

Kari Kaye- This is my third year at S.T.A.R. Camp! I graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in Education and a minor in Special Education. I am currently an instructional assistant at the middle school. I have been there for four years and really enjoy what I do. I live in Sharon with my husband and four boys.

# Grade 2 Marlins



## What are you looking forward to at S.T.A.R camp?

Keren - swimming at the lake  
Mira- Field trip to Canobie Lake Park  
Rena - going to the lake  
Grace - Water Wiz  
Sophia - United Skates of America  
Abby - Lake days  
Juliana - going to the beach  
Neil - beach at the lake  
Alex - Water Wiz  
Esme - Field Trips especially Canobie Lake Park  
Jason - Water Wiz

### **About the Counselors**

Ms. Jill

Hello to all our new campers and I hope you had a great school year. I was working at East Elementary for the Afterschool program, it was a fun year. I am excited to be back at Star Camp and teaching Swim! I am looking forward to a terrific summer with the Marlin Group!

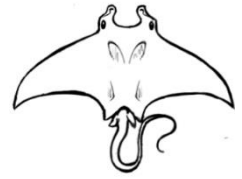
Brenna

Hi Everyone! Happy Summer! I have worked at East Elementary School at the Team Based Learning program for the last 5 years. I am also the lead instructor at Heights Aftercare. This summer I am looking forward to all the amazing field trips and getting to know the Marlin group!

### **Marlin Reminders**

- Please wear sneakers everyday
- Please send a refillable water bottle every Monday, will be sent back on Fridays to be washed
- Sunscreen!

# Grade 3 Stingrays



**Welcome Stingrays! Our first week was great and we had so much fun together! This week we enjoyed many exciting activities. In music, we learned how to read music. In gym, we played kickball. In dance, we played Wax Museum and Indian Chief. On the playground we enjoyed countless games of Ga-Ga with other campers. We had three great days at the lake as well. On Thursday, we had a delicious cookout and all campers enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs. Yum!**

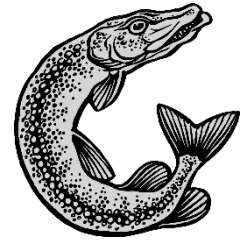
## **About the Counselors**

**The Stingray's have two wonderful counselors, Abby and Emily. Abby is from Wilbraham, MA and is excited to get to know her campers. She just graduated from Bridgewater State University in May with a degree in Early Childhood Education and Psychology. Emily is from Sharon, MA and is also very excited to spend time as a group. She will be attending Bridgewater State University in the fall as a sophomore majoring in Elementary Education and English. Abby and Emily are both first year counselors at Star Camp.**

**The Stingray's are looking forward to a field trip to Canobie Lake Park on Wednesday!**



# Grade 4 Barracudas



It's great to be back at Star Camp and even better to be with the Barracudas! Our group includes Myra, Kaeson and Adam (new campers) and Heather, Bella, Catherine, Aiden, Rinat, Alana, Ben, Inbar, Somya, Regan and Jason (all returning campers). We are quickly getting to know each other and have already participated in music, drama, sports, gym, dance, ga-ga, art and of course time at the lake.

Our counselors are Will and Betsy, both returning staff. Here's a little bit about us:

## **About the Counselors:**

Betsy Drougen-Keith - I just finished my third year as a Teaching Assistant in Kindergarten at East Elementary and also work in the Before school program. Prior to East, I taught at the Sharon Cooperative School for 5 years. Working with children is my second career after many years spent in Human Resources. I am happy to say it has proven to be a great decision to make this career change. I can already tell we have some wonderful campers and I look forward to getting to know each of them during our time together this summer! I also hope to meet all of our parents. Please let us know if you have any questions or just want to share anything about your camper!

Will Wright - I just finished a semester abroad in Costa Rica, and I am entering my senior year at Bridgewater State University where I am studying Secondary Education and Spanish. I work at the After Care Program at Cottage Street Elementary during the school year. I can see that we have some awesome campers in the Barracudas, and I am looking forward to our time together. I am excited to continue with STAR Camp again this year, and so far we are off to a great start!

# Grade 5 Hammerheads



Hello Hammerheads-

The Hammerheads have had a great start to Summer 2017. They have shown off their athletic abilities in the gym, at sports and on the GaGa court. They have shown off their artistic and musical talents and worked on the computers. From all they have done this week, we know that this is going to be a great summer.

## About the Counselor

My name is Roberta Staula. Some of you may know me already from the school year where I have been a school assistant during the day at Heights and for 14 years. I have also worked with the Aftercare program for several years as well. This is my first year working at STAR Camp. I look forward to learning what your sons' and daughters' likes and dislikes are and am looking forward to having a great summer with the Hammerheads!

My name is Alex Narcotta and I am so excited to be working with the Hammerheads this summer! This is my second year at Star Camp working with the fifth graders that are headed to the middle school. I also worked this year in the after-care program here at Heights. Last year I graduated from Marymount Manhattan College with a degree in Acting and this summer I am performing in The Little Mermaid at the Norwell Company Theatre. There are so many exciting activities and trips planned for our campers. I am most excited for our trip to both Canobie Lake Park and Water Whizz in the next few weeks. My favorite activities at camp are playing ga-ga and heading to the lake!

# Grade 6 Mackerels



Happy summer to all our Star Camp friends and family! This summer our rising seventh graders belong to the Mackerels group. Julianne and Kay the Mackerels counselors. “We are so excited to be the Mackerels group counselors, it is only week 1 and our tight knit group of six campers have shown us it is going to be a great summer!”. We asked each of our campers what they are looking forward to this summer.... They said: “field trips (especially Canobie Lake Park!!!), Color Wars, outside activities and sports”.

This week the Mackerels got competitive while playing sports especially in Gaga, where Palash reigned champion five times in a row! Lili rolled some heat as she pitched during kickball. Johan and Evan made unbelievable catches during kickball too! Izzy and Clara showed off their improvisational skills in Drama all week; we may have some future actresses. All of the Mackerels worked hard on their art projects with Mrs. Bailey as they made self-portraits with Snapchat filters.

In the upcoming week, we have camp on Monday, and no camp on the 4th of July. The Mackerels will be going to Canobie Lake Park on Wednesday!

Wishing all our Star Camp friends and their families a happy safe 4th of July and looking forward to a great summer ahead!

# Star Assistants Manatees



Welcome Manatees! This week was the start to a great summer. Here are some of their favorite activities thus far:

Justin: Sports and gym (dodgeball and kickball)

David: sports and gym (dodgeball and kickball)

Nya: Helping with the Bettas and the Minnows (kindergarten) and gym

Lena: Drama and helping out with the younger groups

Marianna: Helping out with the Minnows and the Bettas and gym

Kaelyn: Helping with the Stingrays (third grade) and gym

Jeff: Gym and sports (dodgeball and kickball)

## About the Counselor

My name is Emily Kuhn and I am a senior at Bridgewater State University studying Elementary Education and English. I am from Norwell, MA and I am excited to get to know my campers and have a fun summer with them! The Manatees, also known as the Star Assistants, are the oldest campers in the camp. They enjoy going to activities as a group including music, drama, sports, gym, art, gaga, dance, and the lake. They also enjoy helping out the younger campers at their activities.



# Welcome to ART with Mallory!

My name is Mallory Bailey and I will be teaching art this summer. This is my third year in the art room at Star Camp. During the school year I am the art teacher at the Balch Elementary School in Norwood and a Lead Instructor at Aftercare. Our adventures in the art room are already off to a great start. I was able to meet and work with every group this week, and start creating exciting, messy and creative masterpieces. It was great to see many returning faces and many new faces at camp. I am looking forward to an exciting summer.



## This week we created:

Wacky Face Haircuts- Guppies

Nature Face Collage- Bettas and Minnows

Snail or Snake Pattern Resist- Dolphins

Texture Paper Stations and Paper Weaving- Stingrays and Marlins



Sketchbooks- Barracudas

Paper Mache Hot Air Balloons- Hammerheads

Snapchat Self Portraits- Mackerels and Manatees

# Music with Emily

My name is Emily Cox and I am the music specialist here at STAR Camp. I am also a working musician in the Boston area playing and teaching saxophone and clarinet. During the school year, I teach after school lessons at Sharon Middle School as well as working at Heights during the After-care Program. Outside of music I love making fancy desserts and exploring all the amazing hiking in New England.

We had a great first week of camp in music class! The campers spent the first day making their own music notes to use throughout the summer for practicing reading music and experimenting with writing our own songs. The Guppies, Bettas, Minnows, Dolphins and Marlins learned the notes of the music staff and played the "Wolf Game." The Stingrays, Barracudas, Hammerheads and Mackerels reviewed reading notes and rhythms on our xylophones and played a special version of musical chairs with an added rhythm challenge. I am very excited to have everyone start playing the Orff instruments next week!





# Computers with Mrs. Shulman

This is my third summer at STAR Camp and I am having a blast. Each time the campers come into the Computer Lab we start out with an movement activity using the website Go Noodle (<https://www.gonoodle.com/>). This week we have done "Secret Handshakes 1" and "Get Yo Body Moving".

Using the interactive white board, I show the campers what they will be doing for their project for that period. In most cases, the project relates to the theme of the day or of the week.

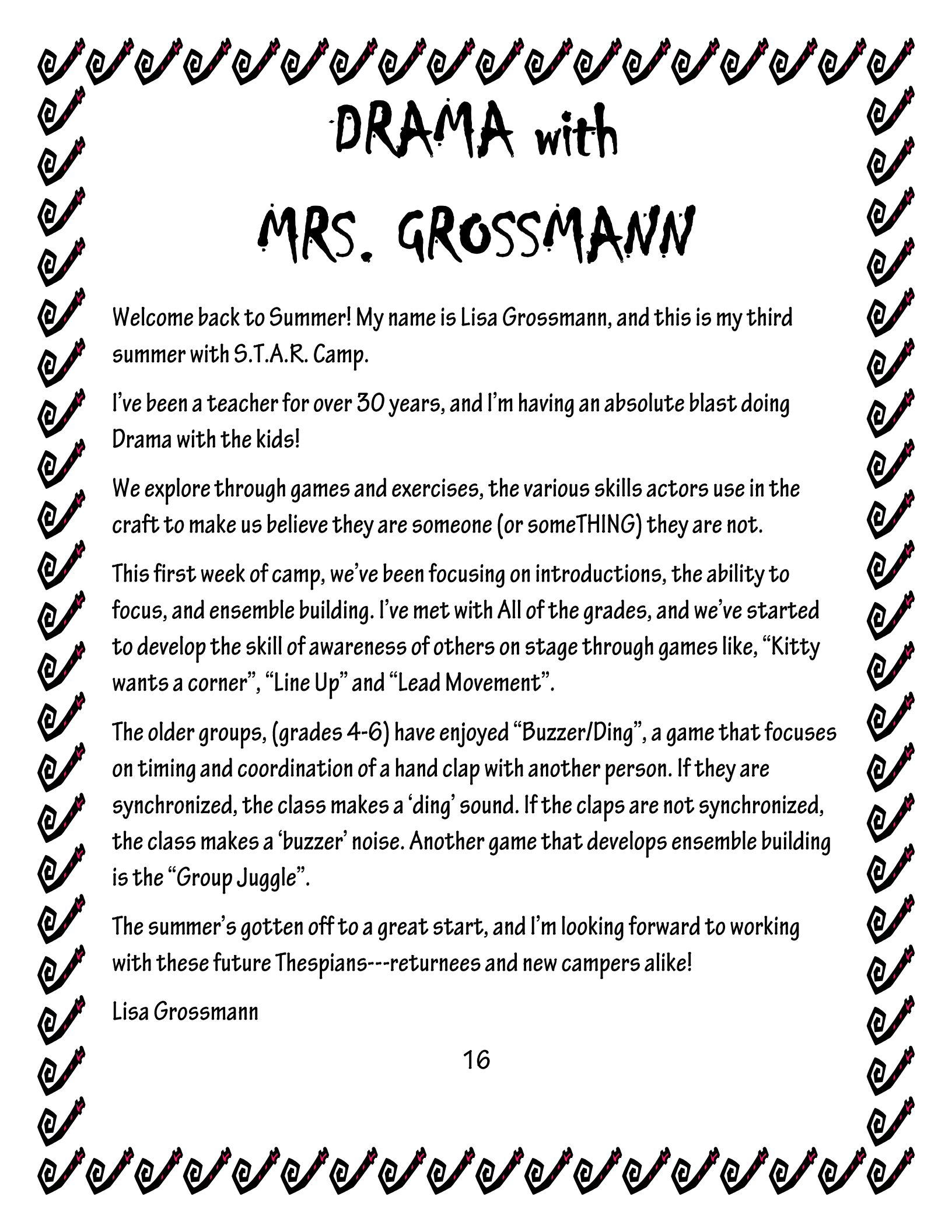
This week the younger campers in PreK-K have created their faces using the educational website <http://www.abcya.com/>, they have also used KidPix to create pictures called Stars and Stripes. The campers in Grade 1 have created a page called All About Me using the ABCYA website. The campers in grades 2-6 have created Word Clouds using the ABCYA website. These Word Clouds were about summer, their favorite things or using words to describe themselves. They have also used the program Animationish to create their own versions of Fireworks.

Once their projects are completed, they are allowed free time on the computer. Games they are allowed to play are those listed on the Community Education website under After Care Safe Computer Sites:

[\(https://sharoncommunityeducation.com/after-care-safe-computer-sites/\)](https://sharoncommunityeducation.com/after-care-safe-computer-sites/)

I would like to thank the Star Assistants this week for helping in the lab. They were a great help with the younger students, helping them design their Stars and Stripes pictures as well as helping to print. Great job!

It has been a great first week at STAR Camp and I can't wait to see what the next five weeks have in store in the Computer Lab.



# DRAMA with MRS. GROSSMANN

Welcome back to Summer! My name is Lisa Grossmann, and this is my third summer with S.T.A.R. Camp.

I've been a teacher for over 30 years, and I'm having an absolute blast doing Drama with the kids!

We explore through games and exercises, the various skills actors use in the craft to make us believe they are someone (or someTHING) they are not.

This first week of camp, we've been focusing on introductions, the ability to focus, and ensemble building. I've met with All of the grades, and we've started to develop the skill of awareness of others on stage through games like, "Kitty wants a corner", "Line Up" and "Lead Movement".

The older groups, (grades 4-6) have enjoyed "Buzzer/Ding", a game that focuses on timing and coordination of a hand clap with another person. If they are synchronized, the class makes a 'ding' sound. If the claps are not synchronized, the class makes a 'buzzer' noise. Another game that develops ensemble building is the "Group Juggle".

The summer's gotten off to a great start, and I'm looking forward to working with these future Thespians---returnees and new campers alike!

Lisa Grossmann



# Dance with Hannah

Hi everyone and welcome to Star Camp – 2017. This week in dance was a blast!! We played Freeze Dance, 4 Corners, Wax Museum, Connect and Indian Chief. This summer we are going to dance to GoNoodle and learn dances like the Cha Cha Slide and Cupid Shuffle! I am so looking forward to the rest of the summer!!

## About the Specialist

My name is Hannah Kates and I am the Dance Instructor for the summer of 2017!!!! I did dance and acrobatics for 15 years at Edge Studio of Dance in Canton. I am currently a sophomore nursing student at Temple University.



# Outdoor Sports with Zach, Shannon & Samantha

This year sports will be lead by Samantha Alves, Shannon Holleran, and Zach Reingold. Samantha is a recent graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a degree in Human Development and Family Studies and Elementary Education. At URI Samantha was a member of the soccer team. Shannon will be entering her junior year at Assumption where she majors in Secondary Education and History. She played both soccer and basketball in high school and loves to be active. Zach will be entering his senior year of high school at Sharon High School where he plays lacrosse. We are all super excited to be running sports this summer and have a lot of great activities planned!

This first week at camp we had an awesome time getting to know each other and played a variety of different games. The campers had fun doing relay races, ice breaker activities, a physical fitness scavenger hunt, kick ball, and team building activities.

We are looking forward to the rest of the summer and getting our campers moving!

-Samantha, Shannon, and Zach



# Gym with Rachel

Hi campers and parents! This week has been a blast getting to meet all of the campers. We have already had the chance to play games such as Kickball, Dodgeball, Messy Backyard, Whiffleball, Red Light Green Light, and Simon Says. The kids can look forward to soccer, basketball, capture the flag, and much more as the summer progresses!

## About the Specialist

My name is Rachel Greene and I am the gym instructor for this summer! I have lots of experience in sports as I played soccer, basketball, and soccer when I was younger and was a competitive gymnast for 15 years. I am going into my sophomore year at the University of Virginia and plan to major in Neuroscience.

