



S.T.A.R. Camp

News

Summer of 2017

Sharon Public Schools

# Message from our Camp Director

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are more than half way through STAR Camp and there is so much fun still to be had. Next week the campers will be participating in COLOR WARS. Please make sure that you read the newsletter to find out what color team your child is on (See Page 20). We ask that all campers wear their assigned color each day with the exception of our field trip day. Please do not feel obligated to go out and buy a colored shirt. As long as they have the color somewhere on them, it will be fine.

## Drop-Off and Pickup Reminders:

If your child is signed up for early drop off or late pickup depending on the weather the locations may be moved. On a rainy day, morning drop off will be by the gym door. If the weather is very hot or rainy, you will be able to pick up your child by the cafeteria door.

Coolest Regards,

Erin McCabe  
Camp Director

## Week 5 of Camp – Theme of the Week – Color Wars

Monday, July 24 – Color Wars – Lake Day  
Tuesday, July 25 – Field Trip: Pre K-3 – United Skates of America  
Tuesday, July 25 – Field Trip: Grades 4-8 – Codzilla  
Wednesday, July 26 – Color Wars – Lake Day  
Thursday, July 27 – Color Wars – Cook Out and Ice Cream Social  
Friday, July 28 – Color Wars – Lake Day



# PRE-K GUPPIES



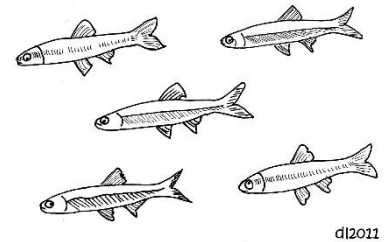
## Welcome to Week 4!

Week 4 has been a hot one but we are still managing to smile through the summer heat. We started the week off with some tug-of-war. These Guppies surely do have some muscles! Monday and Tuesday were lake days. Our group adored the Sensational Sensations activities. They were given sparkly dinosaur eggs made of ice and toy bugs to melt under the sun, as well as colorful yogurt to use as finger paint. On Wednesday, we had a special guest come in and entertain the younger kids for quite some time. He sang silly songs, taught us about food chains and got the kids moving & grooving! Not only did we have a cookout on Thursday, but we also got to play outside on the slip n' slide. We ended the week with a nice relaxing day at the lake on Friday.





# Kindergarten Minnows



Today marked the end of week four at STAR camp and although it was a very hot week, it was packed with many fun activities. "Backyard Bash" was our theme this week with games such as tug-of-war, kickball, toss four and flying ring golf. The Minnows had so much fun participating in these games with other groups! They attended their usual specials this week and continued to learn new games, songs, dances and crafts. They especially had a great time in Drama with Mrs. Grossman this week playing some of their favorite games (People, Shelter, Storm and a new Blue Noodle game). On Wednesday we had an in-house field trip of The Stand-Up Chameleon where the kids got to join him in singing, dancing and learning about different animals and the food chain. The end of the week we had our usual cookout, lake days and we got a special surprise on Friday and got to go see Create Camp put on the play The Wizard of Oz. The Minnows were so excited and loved being able to not only see the play but see a fellow Minnow(Morgan) on stage! We have two weeks left of STAR camp, with plenty to look forward to!

Next week we will be having our "Color Wars" theme which will occur all week. It will consist of different activities and contests each day. Your child is assigned a color to wear for the week (see Page 20), which will determine which team they are on (mix of kids from preK-8).

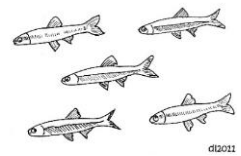
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
*Balloon Tower Contest *Balloon Pop *Team Banners  <b>Lake Day</b>	United Skates of America  <b>Field Trip</b>	*Bob for Donuts  *Melt the Ice  <b>Lake Day</b>	*Egg Spoon Race *Gummy Bear Pie *Cup Parade *3 Legged Race  <b>Cook-Out Day</b>	*Ball Hug Race *Cotton Ball Race *Hula Hoop Frisbee Throw  <b>Lake Day</b>

	If you could be any animal what would you be?
Ayden	Dinosaur
Bella	Horse
Edith	Hummingbird
Kingsley	Panda Bear
Lara	Cheetah
Praneeth	Crocodile
Rishi	Penguin





# Kindergarten Bettas



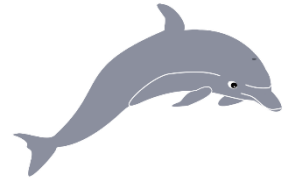
We keep having so much fun that the weeks are running together! Is it really the end of week four already!? Before getting into this week, we've included a few more pictures from the end of our "Sensational Senses week." There were just too many good times to be able to fit it into one week! On Thursday the Betta's celebrated crazy hair day and one of our own came in third place out of the whole camp! The hair styles were put to the test when we went outside for some friendly relay races. Finally, we finished out the week with a long awaited awesome trip to the lake after many rainy days and some tasty snow cones.

This week's theme is Backyard Bash and we have been competing in group-sports against different grades. The Bettas were proud to show off their muscles and dominated in a game of Tug-of-War. We tried our best and put up a great fight in a game of Kickball against the older campers too! On Wednesday we sang along to goofy songs with our performer The Stand Up Chameleon and look forward to another lake trip to finish out our week.





# Grade 1 Dolphins



Oh, the Places You'll Go!  
Congratulations!  
Today is your day.  
You're off to Great Places!  
You're off and away!

Last week the Dolphins went to Springfield to visit the Dr. Seuss Museum. Here are each campers' favorite activity from the trip!

Hannah- making a wish

Sasha-the television set inside the museum

Kenny- everything!

Liam-climbing on one of the Dr. Seuss characters

Arya-the whole museum!

Anya- The entire trip!

Camilla-the Dr. Seuss statues

Nathan-the elephant

Eden- Riding the elevator up and down in the museum

Mira- The lego activity

Isabella-seeing the rhyming room

Kayla- everything!

Eli-climbing on the elephant

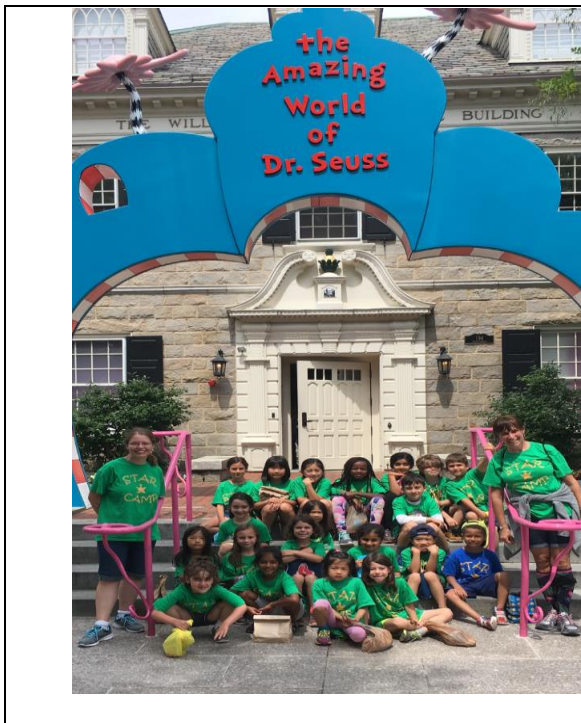
Tanisha-being with her friends

Devorah- the art section

Gregory-the sculptures

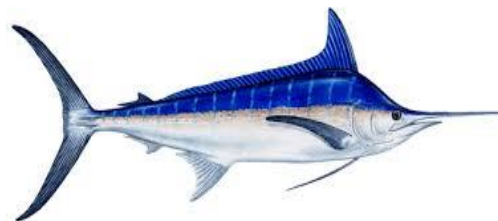
Tess-the play room

Ms. Kari and Ms. Kaitlyn- spending time with the students and seeing how much they enjoyed everything!





# Marlins

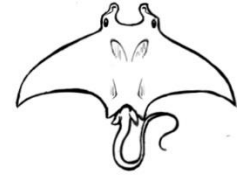


This week has been a blast and very hot in the sun! The Marlins loved the Paw Sox's game. They said the highlights were; eating ice cream, the awesome roll catch by the Paw Sox player, delicious lunch at the stadium, watching the game, and the Paw Sox home run. Next week is Color Wars at camp! Remember to ask your child what color they are!!! (See Page 20 for the list).





# Grade 3 Stingrays



This week was a fun filled week for the Stingrays! The theme was Backyard Bash. We had a great time playing kickball and spending time outdoors. It was especially fun when some of the counselors participated in the game!

In Dance, we played many fun games. One of the favorites was “Guess that Song”. In Music, we had fun playing on the drums and recreating songs!

The field trip this week was to McCoy Stadium to watch the Paw Sox baseball game! The day started with the campers getting to meet and take pictures with some of the mascots. We then took a peak in the gift shop where some campers bought awesome souvenirs. Our seats were great and we had a clear view of the game!

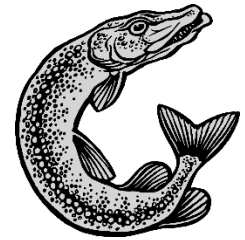
At lunchtime, we all enjoyed some food provided by the stadium. After lunch, some purchased delicious snacks, a favorite being cotton candy.

We had an exciting time at S.T.A.R. camp this week and cannot wait to see what next week holds!





# Grade 4 Barracudas



The theme this week is Backyard Bash. We had some great tug-of-war games and today we are playing Toss Four, similar to Connect Four, but played outside with balls that stick.

In music, we learned some basics of ukulele playing. Some of our talented musicians are pictured on this page! The lake afternoons are most welcome in this heat.

We had a great trip to McCoy Stadium to see the Pawtucket Red Sox play the Toledo Mudhens. Our seats were right behind home plate, fortunately sheltered from the sun. Sadly, the Paw Sox lost but the kids had fun cheering them on - and of course choosing their lunch food and souvenirs. Check out our group photo with the Paw Sox mascots!

Next week's field trip will be on Tuesday to Boston Harbor for Codzilla, a high speed boat trip!! We will also have our Color Wars at camp, with the campers in mixed age groups for this fun competition. Each camper is assigned a particular color team. See Page 20 for your child's color team.

Thanks to all of our campers for group spirit. Keep it up, Barracudas!

Betsy and Will



# Grade 5

## Hammerheads



We had such an amazing week! Our theme this week was Backyard Bash and we enjoyed a rousing game of Kickball where we were joined by the Guppies. Our group was a great leader to the younger kids.

The weather for the beach has been ideal and the water has been nice and warm. Even though some of the campers did not go swimming they were able to feel a cool breeze while playing in the sand or on the field.

Our field trip this week was to a Paw Sox game versus the Toledo Mud Hens. The campers were treated to a great game although the Paw Sox lost 7 to 3. The campers were still treated to great food and warm weather for an exciting time. We ended the week with our cookout on Thursday and a great Lake day on Friday.





# Grade 6 Mackerels



This week's theme was "Backyard Bash". Throughout the week, the Mackerels participated in games relating to this theme. Some of the games included kickball, tug of war, and toss four (similar to Connect 4 but with tennis balls).

On Wednesday, our group attended the Paw Sox game. Even though the team lost, the Mackerels had a great time and great attitudes throughout the day; they even made it on the jumbo-tron!! The Mackerels have been such a great group this summer and we're looking forward to Codzilla and Color Wars next week!!



Here is a group picture the Mackerels got with some of the PawSox mascots! =)



Have a great weekend!!

- Julianne and Kay :)

# Star Assistants

## Manatees



Hello,

This week our group traveled to Pawtucket, Rhode Island to watch the Paw Sox! Unfortunately, they lost 7-3 but we all still had a blast and saw some great plays made by both teams! Some of us bought souvenirs and yummy treats like cotton candy and ice cream, which was essential for the hot weather!

The rest of the week, our group participated in some fun activities. In Art, they made clay flip-flops and in Drama our group worked together to play the Mirror Game and “Why are you late”. During Outside Sports, the Manatees played Tug-of-war and came out with a win!

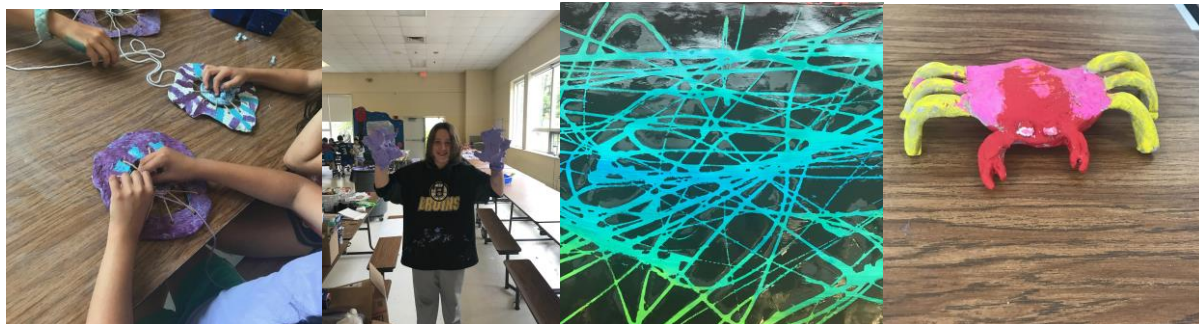


Here are some pictures from the Paw Sox game.  
We are all excited for our field trip next week; CODZILLA!

Have a great weekend, Emily :)



# Welcome to ART with Mallory!



It was a busy, productive, and messy week of printmaking in the art room!

**Here are some of the amazing things that went home this week:**

**Guppies-** Clay Snakes & Robot Collages

**Barracudas-** Monoprint Stamps

**Minnows and Betas-** Clay Butterflies

**Hammerheads-** Slab Bowls & Monoprint Stamps

**Dolphins-** CD Prints

**Mackerels-** Clay Sandals

**Marlins-** Under the Sea Scenes & Clay Fish

**Manatees-** Clay Sandals & Masks

**Stingrays-** Landscape Prints



# Music with Emily

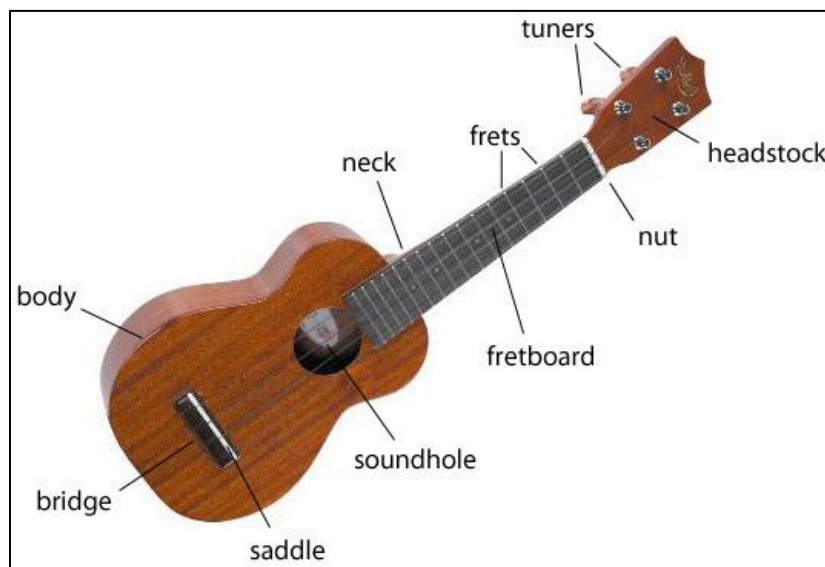
We had a wonderful time making music this week!

The Barracudas, Mackerels and Hammerheads learned some together.

The Dolphins, Marlins and Stingrays put together percussion ensembles and practiced their improvisation skills while being accompanied by everyone's repeating beat.

The Guppies, Minnows and Betas watched Peter and the Wolf. They heard how the instruments of the orchestra all have different personalities and spent some time playing singing and movement games.

Next week we are looking forward to everyone getting a chance to start working with the ukuleles and some of the bigger percussion instruments.





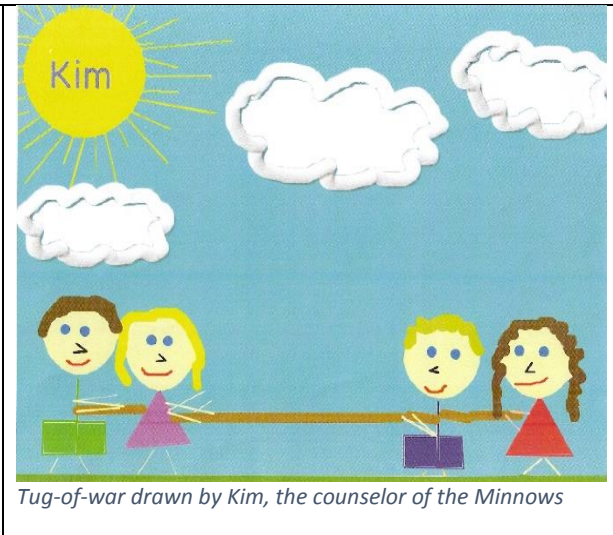


# Computers with Mrs. Shulman

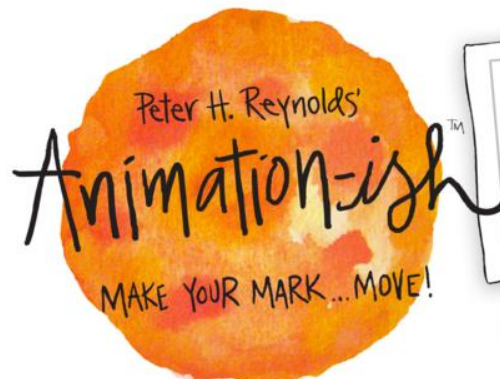
The campers celebrated "Backyard Bash", even in the computer lab. At the beginning of the week, the older campers used the program Animation-ish to animate a "tug-of-war" and a "kickball game" while the younger campers used KidPix to draw a 'tug-of-war game'. Each camper put their own spin on these animations or drawings and I was truly amazed at their creativity. On Thursday, the campers played Connect 4 on the computer at <http://www.mathsisfun.com/games/connect4.html>. On Friday, the campers played golf on the computer at <http://www.abcy.com/>. As usual the campers had movement breaks from the Go Noodle website (<https://www.gonoodle.com/>). It was definitely a fun week in the computer lab.



Tug-of-War drawn by Bella of the Minnows



Tug-of-war drawn by Kim, the counselor of the Minnows



Easy-to-use Animation Software

# DRAMA with MRS. GROSSMANN

Is a pool noodle JUST a pool noodle? Not in Drama it isn't! This past week we've been stretching our imagination muscles and creating objects from other objects, and environments that aren't really there. This is being done with pantomime and creative uses of familiar objects. For the Stingrays, a pool noodle can be many things:

For Oscar, a pool noodle is a tentacle; Akhil turned the noodle into a giant magnet, and Elizabeth saw a "Giant's smile"!

The Minnows also experienced a multi-purpose noodle---Kingsley turned the noodle into a pretzel and a pair of binoculars; Bella's noodle became a violin, and Edith saw in the pool noodle, 'grass blowing in the wind', windshield wipers, and a 'boat on the waves'.



Praneeth turned his noodle into a telescope, a drumstick----a very long one! Rishi saw a beacon, pickax and a treasure chest.

The older groups experienced the "Twinterview"--- two students work together to answer interview questions----AT THE SAME TIME!

Fear not, imagination is alive and well, and visiting us in Drama!

Till next time....

Mrs. Grossmann



# Dance with Hannah

This week in dance was a hot one but definitely a fun one!!! From Freeze Dance, to Charades, and making up our own dances, we had a blast! The Stingrays and Barracudas also played a different version of Freeze Dance that they loved! The Minnows, Guppies, and Bettas love dancing to the Milkshake song on GoNoodle! The Dolphins performed their dance to a "Party in the U.S.A" and had everyone out of their seats dancing along with them! The Marlins are still making their dance perfect to "Try Everything" for the Talent Show! The Hammerheads loved playing Night at the Museum and Wax Museum. The Mackerels also had the opportunity to watch America's Got Talent and learn some cool moves from the auditions! With the summer coming close to an end, I want to teach a lot more groups dances to their favorite songs to perform in front of the camp, their family, and friends. Thank you for such a good week!!!!!!



# Outdoor Sports with Zach, Shannon & Samantha

The theme this week at camp was Backyard Bash and Outdoor Sports had a lot of fun with that! We started the week off with various fun relay games out on the field. We had an egg and spoon race, a sack race, a pinnie race, and a running race. The campers had so much fun trying to go as fast as they could! The afternoon was spent at the lake as always.

Tuesday was Kickball day for everyone. The campers showed their amazing kicking skills and their super-fast running skills around the bases. We spent the afternoon swimming and playing at the lake again.

On Wednesday, we had a fun filled day at McCoy Stadium for the Paw Sox game!

Thursday, we spent playing four in a row, a fun outdoor game where two teams throw different colored tennis balls at a Velcro board to try to get four of the same color in a row. We played the best three out of five wins. In the afternoon, we brought out the slip-n-slide and the kiddie pools!

Friday was Disc Golf day. It was exciting to see how well the campers did with this fun game!

Outdoor Sports is looking forward to the final two weeks at Star Camp and we cannot wait for you to see what other fun activities we have planned!

-Samm, Shannon, and Zach





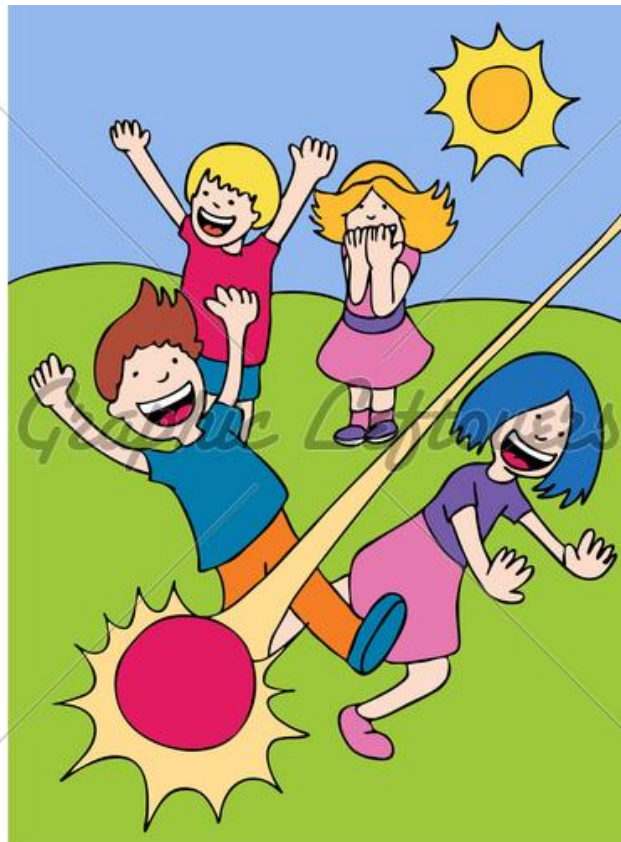
# Gym with Rachel

To start the week in Gym, all the groups played Earthquake, where they practiced their running and jumping skills.

On Tuesday and Thursday, I teamed up with the outdoor sports counselors to play games that go along with the week's Backyard Bash theme. Tuesday we played kickball on the field outside and Thursday we played Toss Four.

On Wednesday, I traveled with the Hammerheads to the Paw Sox game. Even though it was a hot day, the campers had a blast watching the game and buying souvenirs.

Next week is Color War! Gym and Outdoor Sports will be teaming up to plan all kinds of different activities for campers to win points for their team! We look forward to sportsmanship and team work.



# Color Wars – Teams

Guppies	Minnnows	Bettas
Amelia- Red Team Raesha- Yellow Team Roshini- Green Team William- Blue Team Dennis- Red Team Adi- Yellow Team Bennett- Green Team Jacob- Blue Team Argus- Red Team Anika- Yellow Team	Praneeth- Blue Team Rishi- Red Team Melanie- Yellow Team Edith- Green Team Morgan- Blue Team Lara- Red Team Zachary- Yellow Team Ayden- Green Team Kingsley- Red Team Bella- Yellow Team	Ekaa- Green Team Abby- Red Team Aaron- Yellow Team Olivia- Green Team Hannah- Blue Team Rithvik- Red Team Brian- Yellow Team Mihir- Green Team Gursahib- Blue Team Nathan- Red Team Albert- Yellow Team Emma- Green Team
Dolphins	Marlins	Stingrays
Gregory- Green Team Sasha- Blue Team Liam- Red Team Tanisha- Yellow Team Yulin- Blue Team Hannah- Red Team Nathan- Yellow Team Eli- Green Team Kayla- Blue Team Lucy- Red Team Michael- Yellow Team Tess- Green Team Kenryk- Blue Team Arya- Red Team Eden- Yellow Team Isabella- Green Team Devorah- Blue Team Anya- Red Team Lia- Yellow Team Mira- Green Team Camilla- Green Team	Esme- Blue Team Juliana- Yellow Team Neil- Green Team Keren- Blue Team Jason- Red Team Alex- Yellow Team Rena- Green Team Mira- Blue Team Sophia- Red Team Grace- Blue Team Abby- Green Team	Mila- Green Team Taylor- Blue Team AJ- Red Team Shalini- Yellow Team Ariana- Green Team Samantha- Red Team Amanda- Yellow Team Prasoon- Blue Team Tushar- Red Team Sophia- Yellow Team Elizabeth- Green Team Joanna- Blue Team William- Red Team Ella- Yellow Team Taylor W.- Red Team Oscar- Blue Team Dory- Red Team Jacob Levy- Red Team Rithish- Red Team
Barracudas	Hammerheads	Mackerels
Myra- Yellow Team Bella- Green Team Catherine- Blue Team Regan- Red Team Adam- Yellow Team Inbar- Red Team Kaeson- Yellow Team Aiden- Red Team Renit- Blue Team Jason- Green Team	Benji- Green Team Michael- Blue Team Nora- Red Team Madeline- Yellow Team Eve- Green Team Amanda- Blue Team Jacob- Red Team Carmen- Yellow Team Owen- Green Team Bennett- Blue Team Pin- Red Team Aiden- Yellow Team Isaac- Green Team Emily- Blue Team Selena- Red Team	Clara- Yellow Team Evan- Green Team Johan- Blue Team Palash- Red Team Lili- Yellow Team Isabel- Green Team Ethan- Yellow Team
		Manatees
		Justin- Blue Team David- Red Team Nya- Yellow Team Lena- Green Team Marianna- Blue Team Kaelyn- Red Team Jeff- Yellow Team