



S.T.A.R. Camp

News

Summer of 2017

Sharon Public Schools

Message from our Camp Director

Greetings STAR Camp Families,

The 2017 STAR camp season has come and gone, and this camp experience was amazing. The campers went full-speed ahead from the moment they arrived at STAR Camp. The excitement and energy of the campers and counselors exuded throughout camp with no signs of easing up. For 6 weeks, campers accomplished new feats, set new goals, overcame challenges they thought were impossible, made new friends and strengthened old bonds.

From Canobie Lake Park, to the water slides at Water Wizz, playing so many games on the fields, tie-dying, exploring the different museums in Springfield or the adventures the campers had at Boda Borg, the opportunities for fun and new adventures were endless. Color Wars was exciting, as usual! With items like bobbing for donuts, racing across the field carrying an egg on a spoon, to cheering on the teammates while they moved cotton balls with their noses, what could anyone possibly expect? What was even more fun to watch was the sportsmanship all the campers showed throughout the week.

As this successful camp year ends, I look back on the journey we have been on over the years with great nostalgia of all of the memories made, adventures lived and friendships built over the years.

For those campers that will be attending our before/aftercare programs in the fall, I look forward to seeing you. To the campers that may not be attending the programs we hope that the experience this summer was one that you will always remember and we hope to see you next summer!

Erin McCabe
Camp Director

PRE-K GUPPIES

WEEK 6

What a wonderful journey this was. Over the past 6 weeks, the Guppies have learned new things such as teamwork, made many new friends and shared countless laughs together. They shared unique ideas with each other and every Guppy's personality shined by week 6. As sad as we are to have to say goodbye, we hope to see you next year back at STAR Camp. Ashley & I may even see some of your adorable faces in Community Ed's After care program!

QUESTION: What was your favorite experience in Star Camp this summer?

Jacob: "Going to the lake, playing in the sand with Bennett & rollerblading!"

William: "The lazy river at Water Wizz and having Miss Natasha & Miss Ashley as camp counselors!"

Dennis: "The water playground at Water Wizz!"

Raasha: "Swimming in the pool that had the giant duck & lily pads with William!"

Anika: "Swimming in the Water Wizz water and the lake with my friends!"

Adi: "Rollerblading & Water Wizz!"

Roshini: "Rollerblading & the water park!"

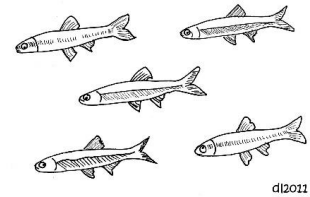
Bennett: "I like computers & going outside to the playground!"

Argus: "Rollerblading & Water Wizz!"

Amelia: "I love the little tubes at Water Wizz, printing things in Computers, playing outside together & dance class because we get exercise!"



Kindergarten Minnows

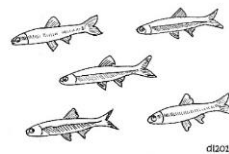


Week 6 has come to an end, and we had a blast! We did so many different activities this week like Minute To Win It, tie-dying, Water Wizz and so much more. The Minnows enjoyed Water Wizz the most! They went on slides, in pools and splash pads that had so many different water activities for them to enjoy! S.T.A.R. camp came and went very fast for the Minnows this summer. We had such a great summer at all the different field trips, activities and specials we went to every week! It is sad to see it end, but we had a wonderful and fun summer and we cannot wait for next year!

Kim



Kindergarten Bettas



Happy Friday STAR families and happy last week of camp! It is hard to believe that our 6 weeks together has ended. The bond and friendship our group has formed was unbeatable for such a short amount of time!

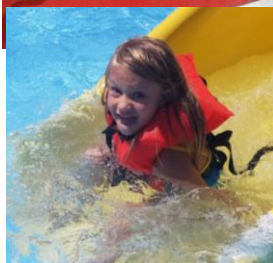
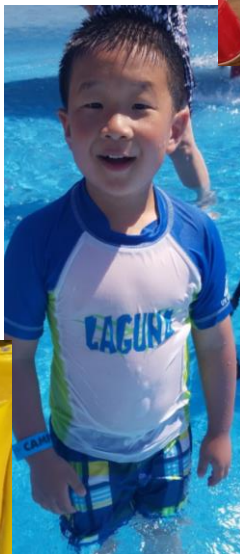
This last week was full of fun. We began our week with a trip to the lake, and Tuesday traveled to the most anticipated field trip of the year...Water Wizz! The campers had so much fun testing their bravery on slides and obstacles and did a great job. Over the last few days, we recreated multiple "Minute to Win It" challenges where the group had to work together and cheer each other on to complete the tasks. We had cup towers, cheerio buildings, chopstick challenges, and much more! Thursday was tie-dye day, so a few of our friends got the chance to color a shirt and take it home to wear! We wrapped up the week with some more lake fun and activities planned by our specialists.

Thank you to our campers for making the summer as fun and enjoyable as it was. Enjoy the rest of August and we will see many of you come September!

-Emily and Emily

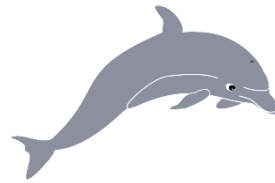


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Grade 1 Dolphins



We had an incredible time with your children this summer and we will miss them as we approach the academic year! We asked all the campers in our group what their favorite activity was this summer. These are their responses:

Hannah- Water Wizz Favorite activity at Water Wizz- the purple slide

Devorah- Water Wizz Favorite activity at Water Wizz- The pool

Lia- All the field trips, especially Water Wizz! Favorite activity at Water Wizz- Lazy River

Mira- Water Wizz Favorite activity at Water Wizz- Lazy River

Camilla- Water Wizz Favorite activity at Water Wizz- the Pirate Ship

Tanisha- Water Wizz Favorite activity at Water Wizz- the Blue Slide

Michael- going to the lake

Lucy- All the field trips, especially Water Wizz! Favorite activity at Water Wizz- Purple Water Slide

Anya- Water Wizz Favorite activity at Water Wizz- the Purple Water Slide

Arya- Water Wizz Favorite activity at Water Wizz- Blue Water Slide

Eli- Field trips! Exploring all the different places we went to!

Isabella- Water Wizz Favorite activity at Water Wizz- the Lazy River

Kayla- Water Wizz Favorite activity at Water Wizz- the Lazy River

Sasha- Canobie Lake Park Favorite activity at Canobie- The Boston Tea Party

Gregory- My teachers!

Nathan- Water Wizz Favorite activity at Water Wizz- the Black Slide

Tess- Roller Skating! I loved going on the rink!



Kenny- Water Wizz Favorite activity at Water Wizz- the blue slide

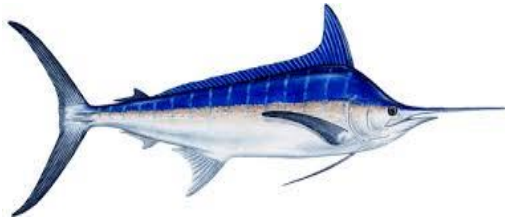
Liam- being able to play with all my friends!

Yulin- playing on the computer!

Ms. Kaitlyn- Party in the U.S.A. performance from your children

Ms. Kari- color wars

Ms. Kaitlyn and Ms. Kari- Our favorite thing of all was being with your children! ☺



Marlins



Last week of camp!
It is so sad to say goodbye to the Marlins! We have had a great time playing Minute to Win it and going to Water Wiz this week! Our favorite rides were; Esme - The Canal and watching Keren going down for the first time, Jason - Squid Row, Mira - Squid Row because it was fast, Sophia - The Lazy River, Juliana - The Lazy River, Keren - The Canal with Miss Jill (for the first

time!), Neil - Squid Row (it was a tunnel with sharp turns), and Alex - Squid Row. Have a great rest of the summer and see everyone next year!!

*** Miss Jill and Miss Brenna



Grade 3 Stingrays



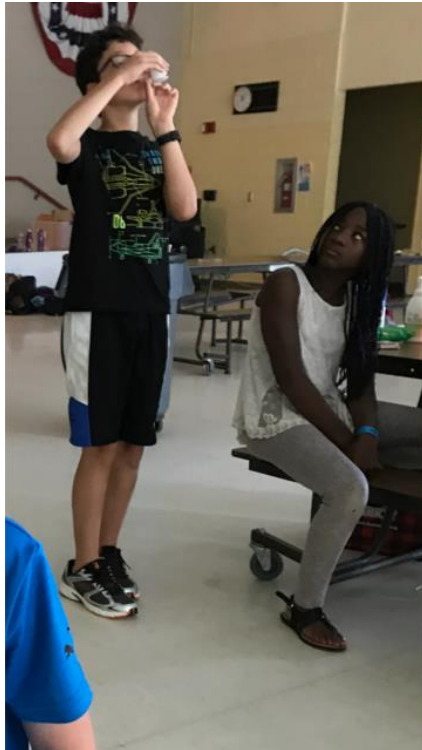
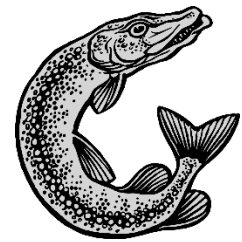
The Stingrays had a super busy final week of camp! We had 4 lake days and took a field trip to Water Wizz. The Stingrays LOVED Water Wizz. Lots of campers enjoyed floating around the Lazy River while some rode on the water slides. It was a hot day! Some chose to buy ice cream or candy while others bought souvenirs.

The Stingrays took a vote on what their favorite part of camp was. In first place, Water Wizz was our favorite. The second most popular vote was the entire camp all together! In third place was a tie between the Pawtucket Red Sox game and Canobie Lake Park.

We have had so much fun this summer and want to thank you for being such wonderful campers. Our favorite part was getting to spend 6 weeks together. The Stingrays were an awesome group. We wish you all the best in 4th grade. You will all do great!!

Abby & Emily

Grade 4 Barracudas



We are sad to say farewell to the Barracudas! We all had a great time on our last field trip to Water Wizz. No doubt, your campers came home tired and full of stories of their adventures.

Our last week included four afternoons at the lake, which was appreciated in this hot weather!

Along with the field trip to Water Wizz, the campers enjoyed a Talent Show with showcasing the many talents of the campers at STAR Camp. Everyone had a great time. We also played "Minute to Win It", in which all the campers challenged themselves and cheered on their fellow campers.

We hope all of the Barracudas enjoyed their time at STAR Camp. We had a great time getting to know each camper and hope that we will see them all again!

The summer is not over yet! Hopefully you will all get to have some fun family times.

Have a happy and rewarding school year!

All our best,

Betsy and Will



Grade 5

Hammerheads

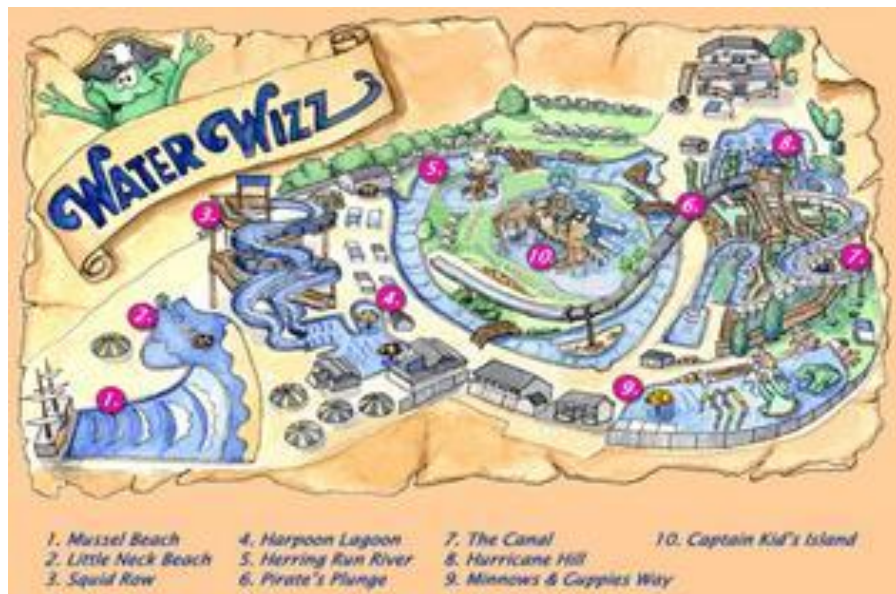


What an amazing summer we had this year! The Hammerheads got to enjoy some fantastic field trips, which ended this week at Water Whizz located in Wareham, MA.

It has been such a pleasure for both Roberta and Alex to be working with this group before they head off to the middle school this year!

Our final week was filled with lots of fun activities. We played Minute to Win It challenges that showed a lot of the camper's strengths. Along with Minute to Win It, the campers were treated to a talent show at the beginning of the week. Campers from all of the groups showed off their various talents to the rest of camp and what a talented group we have.

We hope that everyone from the Hammerheads enjoy their last few weeks of summer and have a wonderful time at Middle School, and we hope that we see them next summer for more fun!



Mackerels



Happy last week of STAR Camp to all our campers! This week we wrapped up our great summer with Water Wizz, trips to the lake, Minute to Win It games, and our usual cook out. The Mackerels had a great time at Water Wizz on all of the water slides and lazy river! They also mastered all the Minute to Win It games working as the team they have become as a group this summer.

We can honestly say this has been a great summer with all the Mackerels. They have shown us they are kind, respectful, and independent. They are an amazing group of campers.

We look forward to seeing all of them become Star Assistants next year because we know they are ready. Thank you for an amazing summer Mackerels!!!! Good luck in the upcoming school year.



Sincerely,
Kay and Julianne

Star Assistants Manatees



Hello!,

I cannot believe that this is the last week of STAR Camp 2017! This summer has flown by to say the least. This week we traveled to Water Wiz and we all agreed that it was one of the best field trips of the summer. It was perfect weather to float down the lazy river as well as conquer fears and take on the water slides. Campers also had the opportunity to tie-dye a shirt and Friday we will travel to the movies to see the Emoji Movie to thank the Star Assistants for their help throughout the summer.

Here are some pictures from the trip:



Now that STAR Camp has ended, I asked each camper what his or her favorite part of camp was:

Justin: Codzilla

David: Water Wiz

Jeff: Water Wiz

Nya: Hanging out and helping the younger kids

Lena: Hanging out with the little kids at the lake

Marianna: Hanging out and helping the younger kids

Kaelyn: Being a Star Assistant with a great group :)

Thank you Manatees for all your help and great attitudes throughout this summer! I wish you good luck in the upcoming school year and enjoy the last weeks of summer :)

Emily

Welcome to ART with Mallory!



I cannot believe that six weeks have gone by already! This week we have been wrapping up loose ends and finishing projects. We also spent Thursday outside tie dyeing all of the camper shirts. This summer we experimented with so many different mediums and materials and the campers created some amazing masterpieces! I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer and has a great school year. It was a pleasure spending the summer creating with your campers.

Mallory



Music with Emily

This week we are wrapping up a wonderful summer of music making. We have worked on singing skills, including rounds, singing games and two-part singing.

Thanks to the music teachers at Heights Elementary, we were able to work with a variety of instruments such as xylophones, ukuleles, congas and small percussion instruments. For some campers this was a chance to revisit something they had learned in school. For others these instruments were brand new.

Everyone was a pleasure to teach and did such a wonderful job, whether they were an experienced musician or trying something for the first time. This week we have been wrapping up by revisiting some favorite activities from earlier in the summer and fitting in some last minute song requests.





Computers with Mrs. Shulman


It is hard to believe that Week 6 of STAR Camp is over. It has truly been an amazing ride.

This week the campers were able to choose what they wanted to do in the computer lab. They could choose between the sites from the safe-site list for After Care or they could draw with KidPix. The pictures they produced, with either ABCYA.com or KidPix were great (some are pictured below).

I want to thank the STAR Assistants, for helping out in the Computer Lab whenever I needed them. They were a great help and I hope they have a great school year.

It was truly amazing to watch these campers get excited about learning without even knowing it. I have enjoyed challenging the campers to try something new and step outside their comfort zone. Thank you for always being respectful of the computers. I wish you all a great rest of the summer and a super school year. I look forward to seeing you all back here at STAR Camp 2018.

I also want to thank all of the counselors and specialists for getting the newsletter information to me in a timely manner each week. It really helped with the process of creating the newsletter!

 Abigail C.		 William
Pschedelic Design by Abigail C. of the Dolphins	Butterfly on a Sunny Day by Camilla of the Dolphins	Gingergread house by William H. of the Guppies
	 Mira Zhong	 JACOB
Flowers in a field by Roshini D. of the Guppies	Mythical creatures in a field by Mira Z of the Dolphins	Gingergread house by Jacob L. of the Guppies

DRAMA with MRS. GROSSMANN

Here we are, concluding the last week of camp, already! I've had my last meetings of the summer with some groups and have quoted the oft-stated, 'Parting is such sweet sorrow....' from none other than William Shakespeare.

I've seen a lot of growth, risk-taking, (the safe kind), and collegiality among all of the campers in such a short time. I've tried some of the activities I've previously used with older groups on the younger groups, with smashing success!

I will miss this crew of summer 2017. and look forward to seeing many (if not all of them again), next summer. To Evan, Lily, Izzy, Palash, Clara and Johan of the Mackerels, I hope you come back next year as S.T.A.R. Assistants!

Have a great rest of the summer everyone! You've made it wonderful so far! Here's hoping you have a great school year and I look forward to seeing you back here for STAR Camp 2018,

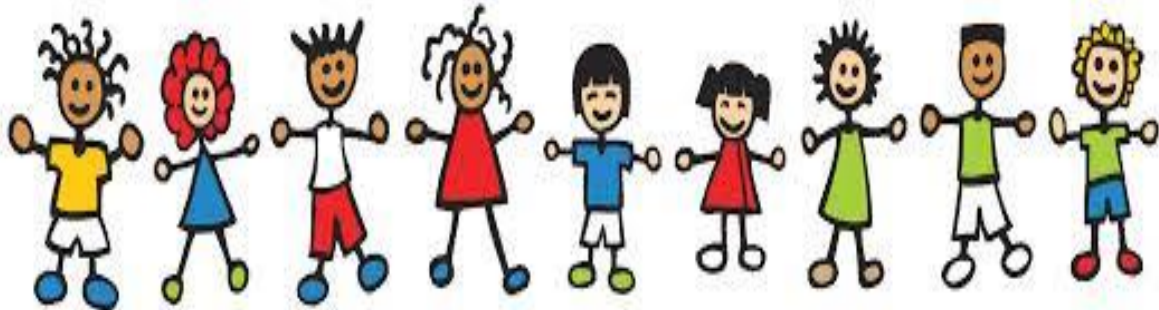


Mrs. Grossmann

Dance with Hannah

I cannot believe that camp is already over. The summer just flew by. Teaching dance this summer was so much fun as all of the kids brought so much energy and enthusiasm to class every single day. Some of their favorite games include Freeze Dance, Go Noodle, Just Dance, Four Corners, and Guess the Song. I loved teaching a dance to the Barracudas, Dolphins, and Marlins. It was so much fun preparing and performing them in front of the camp!!

This summer has been one of the best, I want to thank all of the campers and staff for such an amazing summer. I hope everyone has a great school year, and cannot wait to see you all again soon :)



Outdoor Sports/Gym with Zach, Shannon, Samantha & Rachel!

We had a lot of fun this week in Outdoor Sports/Gym! We started the week off playing whiffle ball. Tuesday we had our final field trip to Water Wiz! We came back on Wednesday and played volleyball for the first time this summer! Thursday we let each group choose which game they wanted to play. Surprisingly, each group chose to play Capture the Flag. We ended the week on Friday with another free choice and let the campers decide what they wanted to do. We had so much fun this summer staying active and playing outside! Good luck in your school year and we all look forward to seeing you next summer for STAR Camp 2018.

- Sam, Rachel, Shannon, and Zach

