



S.T.A.R. Camp

News

Summer of 2018

Sharon Public Schools

Message from our Camp Director

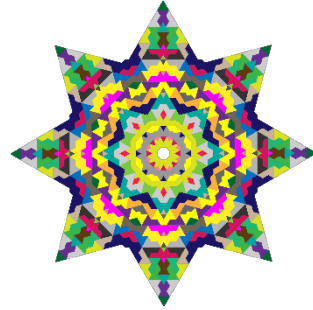
Hi everyone! We are very excited about STAR Camp this summer. Here is some information to get you started.

- On lake days, please send your child with a bathing suit, sunscreen, a towel and water shoes. All towels should be labeled with your child's name. Campers must have some type of footwear when going in the lake. No one **will be allowed** to go barefoot.
- Campers should bring either a backpack or bag here every day.
- Early and late care will be down on the playground. If it is raining then we will be located in the gym. Campers will be able to enter by the gym entrance by the playground.
- Campers scheduled for 9:00am **should not** be arriving before 8:50am as the counselors will be setting up and meeting with me before the day starts.
- Starting this Friday night, you will be receiving an email from Kaymbu, our visual newsletter. Pictures or videos are taken throughout the week capturing campers participating in different activities either at Cottage, the lake or even on field trips. We have around 120 campers that are spread out throughout the building or broken up into smaller groups on trips. Please keep in mind that this is a way for you to see what goes on at camp. This is a great tool to use as a conversational starter, when your kids tell you that don't know what they did at camp today.
- If you haven't already done so please sign up for REMIND. The information is in your welcome letter or located on the easel outside of the cafeteria. This is another way I can communicate with you.
- Please send in a reusable water bottle marked with your child's name on it. We will wash and refill the water bottles daily and will send them home on Friday.
- **PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME WHERE IT IS EASILY SEEN, ON EVERYTHING!!!! ESPECIALLY TOWELS, CLOTHES, WATER BOTTLES, BATHING SUITS AND GOGGLES.**
- Please send your child with a lunch every day except on Thursday's, which are cook out days. If your child keeps kosher and you are sending in something please make sure that it has a label with your child's first/last name as well as the name of their group.
- Please apply sunscreen (and bug spray in you wish) to your child each morning at home prior to coming to camp. On hot days, counselors will have their groups reapply frequently during the day. It does make getting ready for the lake easier and faster if they come to camp already in their bathing suits.
- Toys from home are **not allowed** at STAR Camp.
- If you know that your child will be out please call 781-784-1519 and let us know your child's name and their group name.
- We have an amazing energetic summer staff and they will help you children with any transition issues if they arise. We always have a fantastic summer, and are looking forward to sharing this one with you!
- If you have any question, please e-mail me anytime at e_mccabe@sharon.k12.ma.us or I can be reached at 781-784-1519.

Warmest Regards,
Erin McCabe
Camp Director

ART

Adventures in the Art Room!



My name is Mallory Bailey and I will be teaching Art this summer. This is my fourth 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 East Aftercare.

Our adventures in the art room are already off to a great start. I was able to meet and work with many groups this week. This week all groups are experimenting with the art of Bookmaking. It is one of my favorite mediums to create and teach, and it has been great teaching the kids about this different type of art. The older groups are working on Secret Room books, Squash books or accordion books. While the younger groups are creating origami rainbow books, paint swatch books and flip books.

It was great to see many returning faces and many new faces at camp. I am looking forward to an exciting summer.



COMPUTERS



This is my fourth summer at S.T.A.R. Camp working in the Computer Lab and I am having a blast. Each time the campers come into the Computer Lab we start out with a movement activity using the website Go Noodle (<https://www.gonoodle.com/>). This week we have done "Milkshake" and "Wobbly Man".

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.

Some of the activities we have done this week include:

- We went over the rules of the Computer Lab.
- Creating faces using the Make a Face skills game found on the website <http://www.abcya.com/>.
- To go along with the egg drop activity, the campers used the program KidPix 3D and found pictures of animals that lay eggs.
- To go along with the Maze Run activity, the campers played the game "Baby Chick Maze" found on the website <http://www.abcya.com/>.

Once their projects are completed, they are allowed free time on the computer. Games they are allowed to play come from those sites listed on the Community Education website under 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 get into the programs and showing them what to do. Great job!

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



DANCE



My name is Iman Aoun and I am going into my senior year at Sharon High School. After school and on the weekends, I train as a competitive dancer. At the age of 3, I started dancing, and at 6, I was part of a competitive team. Now, I continue to compete as soloist and with a small group of former team members, earning several overall awards and national achievements. I am looking forward to a summer full of fun and sharing my passion for dance here at S.T.A.R. camp!



DRAMA



My name is Lisa Grossmann and this is my fourth summer as the Drama Specialist at S.T.A.R. Camp.

Camp has gotten off to a great start, as we have mainly been focusing on Drama Games of introduction and games of focus and body awareness.

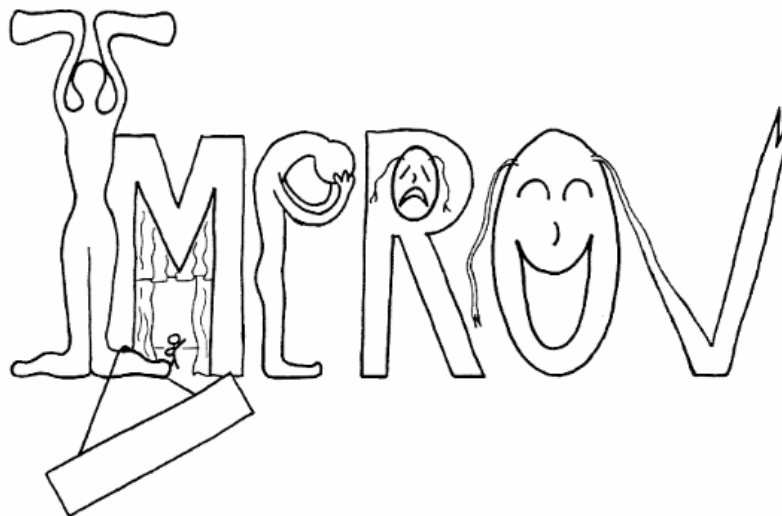
I will be working with all of the groups on skills of focus, non-verbal communication, ensemble work and improvisation.

All of this will be conducted through games and other fun activities.

It's been great to see so many new faces this summer as well as repeat campers, and I look forward to a Drama-filled summer with all of them!

Till Next Time,

Lisa Grossmann





GYM



Hello campers and family!

We are very excited for a summer full of fun. Our names are Emily and Denise and we run Gym! Emily is going into her third year at Bridgewater State University and Denise runs the after school care program at Cottage Street Elementary School. Some fun facts about us are that Emily loves to watch movies and is training to run a 10K and Denise swam 2 miles in the Mediterranean. Both Denise and Emily know American Sign Language. We cannot wait to get to know our campers and have many fun activities planned for them!

MINDFULNESS



My name is Grace Leavitt and I am 18 years old. I just recently graduated from Sharon High School and will be attending Marist College in the fall. I will be studying criminal justice at Marist in hopes of ultimately having a career in child advocacy. I am very excited to teach a mindfulness class at S.T.A.R. Camp. I hope to teach the campers how to cope with stress and techniques they can use to calm themselves down. My class will include yoga, breathing exercises, and other stress management techniques. I am so excited for the summer!



OUTDOOR SPORTS



This year outdoor sports will be lead by Samantha Alves, Monica Lomba, and Zach Reingold. Samantha is a recent graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a degree in Elementary Education. At URI Samantha was a member of the soccer team. Monica Lomba will be entering her junior year at UMass Amherst where she majors in Biology. She played field hockey, volleyball and lacrosse while at Sharon High School. Zach is a recent graduate of Sharon High School and will be attending University of New Hampshire this fall. He loves to be active and played lacrosse at Sharon. We are all super excited to be running Outdoor Sports this summer and we have a lot of great activities planned!

This first week at camp we had an awesome time getting to know each other. The campers had fun doing relay races, ice breakers, and other team building activities.

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

-Samantha, Monica, and Zach

PRE-K RASCALS



What an exciting time we have had during Week 1 of S.T.A.R. Camp. It has been truly amazing to see what all the campers can do and we have just begun. Here is a little information about the counselors:

Hi everyone! My name is Ashley Albrecht, this is my second year working at STAR Camp, and I am very happy to be back. This summer I am one of the Rascals camp counselors and I look forward to getting to know all of our new campers. This week has been full of fun icebreakers and games to get to know one another. I am excited to go on our first field trip next week to Legoland. I am so looking forward to another fun summer!

Hello! My name is Danielle LaCivita and I am a counselor for the Rascals. This is my first summer working at S.T.A.R. Camp and I am super excited! I am most excited about having fun in the sun at the lake! When I am not at camp, you can find me running after my two little ones at home. I cannot wait to see what camp is all about and get to know everyone better. This is going to be a great summer.

KINDERGARTEN MONKEES



This summer is going to be great. We have already seen so many amazing things this summer and we are just in Week 1. Here is a little bit about the counselors:

My name is Kim and I am one of the counselors for The Monkees this summer. After graduating from Bridgewater State University in 2015, I began working in the Sharon Public Schools. I currently work as a kindergarten assistant at East Elementary during the school year as well as working the before and aftercare programs. I love spending time with my family and dog, reading and going to the beach. This will be my third summer as a counselor at S.T.A.R. Camp and I have a feeling this will be the best one yet!! I am so excited to get to know and learn about each and every member of the Monkees as well as staff and other group members!

My name is Erica, and I am one of the counselors for the Monkees. During the school year, I am a high school Math teacher. I attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. I like staying active by playing softball, playing volleyball, doing yoga, and going on walks. My favorite season is summer, so needless to say, I am thrilled for this camp season, and I look forward to getting to know the campers and counselors!

My name is Jonny, and I am also one of the counselors for the Monkees. Next fall I will be attending the University of Connecticut as a Freshman with the intention of majoring in finance. Throughout my time at Sharon High School, I have been very active. I played soccer and was the captain of the lacrosse team for two years. This will be my first summer here at S.T.A.R. Camp, and I could not be more excited in anticipation of the amount of fun we are going to have!

We have an exciting and fun summer ahead of us Monkees!

Kindergarten Hollies



It's been a great start to camp so far, the days are flying by!
We are looking forward to all of the field trips and fun times under the summer sun together.

Hello! My name is Natasha.
I am currently a college student at BSU. I work the After Care program at Cottage during the school year, and this is my 2nd year being a camp counselor at STAR camp. I adore swimming, taking pictures and videos, going for hikes, singing and laughing. I know the Hollies are going to have a blast this summer ☺



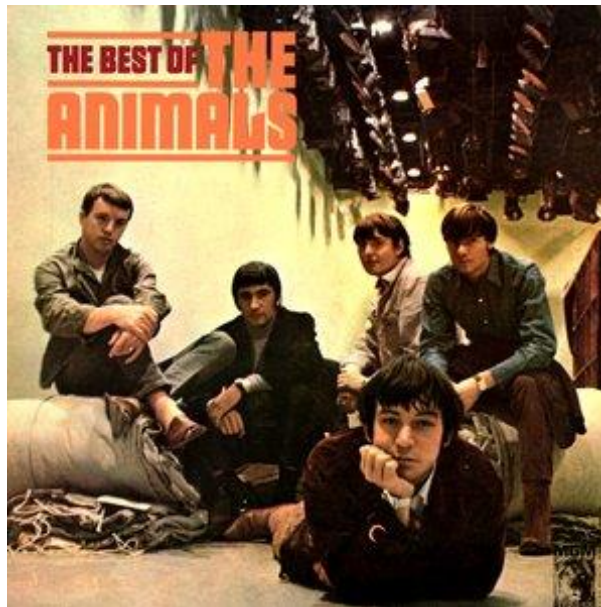
Hi! My name is Jess, and I'm so excited to get to know my group named the Hollies! This is my 2nd year at STAR Camp, and I truly love it. My favorite thing to do in the summer is be outside, go for walks and hang out at the beach or lake. I look forward to the activities, art projects, games and field trips we will be taking this summer!



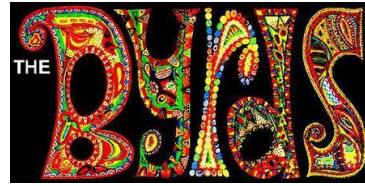
GRADE 1 ANIMALS



Welcome to STAR camp of summer 2018! This year our rising second graders are in The Animals group, rock on! The camp counselors of The Animals are Kay and Dan. They are ready to lead a fun filled summer of trips to the lake, field trips and activities. We can already tell The Animals are an ecstatic group! The Animals are looking forward to color wars, water wizz, and barnyard babies! We are expecting to have a fun summer for The Animals and we cannot wait to share all of our exciting experiences!



GRADE 1 BYRDS



Week 1 of S.T.A.R. Camp is almost over and the campers in the Byrds group have been doing some amazing things. This summer is going to be great.

As the counselors we have spent this week getting to know our campers, but here is a little information about the counselors:

This is my 19th Summer at STAR Camp and I am really happy to be back! We have already done our Swim Tests, I am the W.S.I , Water Safety Instructor for the Camp. I also work with the Sharon Aftercare Program at the East Elementary School! I am looking forward to teaching the Camp swimmers, and being a Counselor for the 1st grade Byrds with Miss Emily! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask. I know everyone will have a wonderful summer!

Hello! My name is Emily Perry and I will be your campers 2018 S.T.A.R. Camp counselor. This is my 3rd summer with star camp and my second year with some of the friends in the "Byrds" group. I recently graduated from Bridgewater State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education as well as English, so let the job search begin! I am so excited for another summer here at camp and specifically some of the fun field trips we have in store. The 6 weeks of camp are going to fly by and I know that your campers will enjoy every minute of it!

GRADE 5 BEATLES



The summer of 2018 is well underway here at S.T.A.R. Camp. The Beatles wasted no time getting into a rhythm and enjoying all of the activities that camp has to offer. The counselors are so impressed with what they have seen so far.

Let's meet the counselors:

Hi camp families! My name is Sam Greenberg, and I am going into my junior year of college at UConn. I cannot wait to see what is in store for this summer! I am looking forward to playing lots of games outside, going to art, and meeting all the campers. This is my first year as a counselor at S.T.A.R. Camp, but this is going to be my 4th year as a counselor. Camp has always been my favorite part of summer, so my goal is for every camper to create fun, happy, positive memories for this summer!!

Hello! My name is Kay Flynn and I am very excited for my first year at S.T.A.R. Camp! I am most looking forward to the field trips and being at the lake. I had a great school year working at Cottage Street School during the day and at after-care. In my free time, I thoroughly enjoy reading and being outside. I am looking forward to getting to know campers in the Beatles group even more- we have a lot of fun in store!

GRADE 3 TURTLES



This is going to be an exciting summer with the Turtles. We have so many activities planned and are looking forward to every one of them. First let's meet the counselors.

Hello Star Camp Family and Friends! One of your friendly Turtles' Counselor here, Emily Ford! I cannot believe that camp has already started...what a whirlwind after a snow filled winter. I am sure happy that the sun is out and we can be playing outside late into the day now. It is my favorite time of year! Some things you might want to know about me are that this past spring I just became an Auntie. Growing up in a family of girls it was quite exciting to add a nephew into the mix. During the school year, I work at Wayland High School, and Aftercare at East Elementary. When I am not having a blast with all of our awesome campers, you can most likely find me reading in my pool, hanging with my dogs Oscar, Petey, and my cat Kevin, or finding adventures in the New England area. We have quite a few campers in our group (16!), and I am looking forward to a lot of awesome lake trips and field trips in the coming weeks. It is going to be a great summer!

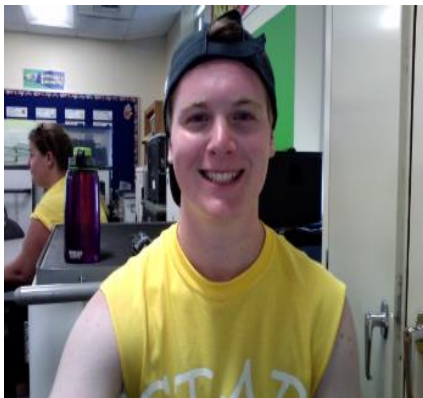
Hello! My name is Will Wright. I am one of the two counselors for the Turtles group this summer! A little information about me, I recently graduated from Bridgewater State University. I am hoping to become a Middle School/High School Spanish teacher. A few hobbies that I have include running, traveling and spending time with family and friends. I am looking forward to getting to know each camper throughout the summer!

Now let's get this party started...

GRADE 4 MIRACLES



Hi! I am Brenna. I am a special Ed teacher in Norwood during the year and I work a couple of days at Cottage Aftercare. Summer is my favorite season because of S.T.A.R camp and going to the Cape. I cannot wait for all the adventures that we will have this summer.



Hey everyone! My name is Ben, and this is my first year working at S.T.A.R Camp. I recently graduated from Sharon High School and am looking forward to attending Emerson College in the fall. I am SO excited for camp this year because my identical twin brother, Zach is also on staff with me!

This is going to be the BEST summer ever!

GRADES 5 & 6 TEMPTATIONS



Hello Temptations Families and Campers,

Alex and Roberta are so excited to be working together again this summer! There are so many exciting activities and field trips this summer that we cannot wait to spend the next 6 weeks with this group!

This is Alex's third year at S.T.A.R. Camp and working with the grade 5 group. During the day, he works with the aftercare program at Heights Elementary and next year will be moving to The Lounge program at the middle school. He is most excited for our field trips to Fenway, The Paw Sox, and Water Wizz. He hopes all the campers have so much fun this summer and that we do not get many rainy days!

This is Roberta's second year at S.T.A.R. Camp and working with grade 5. She welcomes back all the campers from last year and looks forward to getting to know the new ones this year. She works as a school assistant during the day at Heights in the morning and at East at the Aftercare program. She is really looking forward to a fun and exciting year with my campers and cannot wait until the field trip to Water Wizz!

Roberta & Alex

STAR ASSISTANTS DRIFTERS



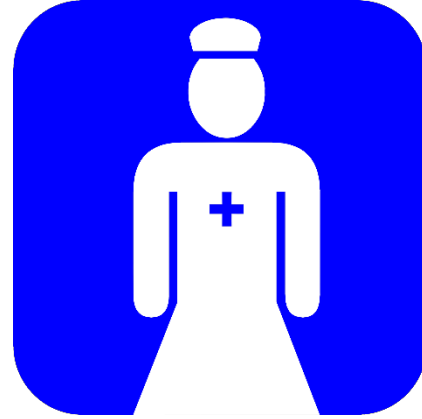
Hi!

My name is Emily Kuhn. I am a recent graduate from Bridgewater State University. I majored in Elementary Education and English with a minor in reading. This is my fourth summer working S.T.A.R. Camp and I am very excited for another great summer with both new and familiar faces!

The Drifters, also known as the Star Assistants, are the oldest campers in the camp. Thus far, the Star Assistants have gone to Mindfulness, Sports, and Art as a group. They also enjoy helping out at the lake and guiding the younger campers at their activities. The Star Assistants have kicked off the summer with icebreakers and team building activities. On Tuesday, the Star Assistants worked together to create a shelter for the egg drop using everyday household items (see below). I was amazed by their creativity and engineer-like minds. The egg drop ended up being a success!



NOTES FROM THE NURSE



Welcome to S.T.A.R. Camp! My name is Maryanne Auld, and I am the nurse at S.T.A.R. Camp this summer. During the school year, I am the nurse at East Elementary School.

A few important reminders:

- If your child has an Epi-pen, Inhaler, or any other medication that they need for camp, please drop it off with their counselor when you arrive in the morning or at pick-up in the afternoon to ensure that I receive it
- Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before coming to camp, and to send it in daily in their bag so we can re-apply in the afternoon.

If you ever have concerns or questions for me, you can contact the front desk and they will get in touch with me. Looking forward to a fun and healthy summer!

Maryanne Auld MSN, RN
S.T.A.R. Camp Nurse