



S.T.A.R. Camp

News

Summer of 2018

Sharon Public Schools

Message from our Camp Director

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of a very busy week five! This week started our annual Color Wars competition. It has been fun to watch not only the campers get excited about this, but the counselor's as well. The amount of enthusiasm and teamwork from all ages is truly a pleasure to see.

Groups have also been entertaining us with choreographed dances from one of the 60's songs in which their group was named after. Each group has been working hard in Dance to learn all the movements and it has really shown!

Next week, we will continue the fun with the Camper/Counselor Talent Show, So You Think You Can Dance, and TIE-DYE Day on 8/2, so please be sure to send in a white T-shirt for your child.

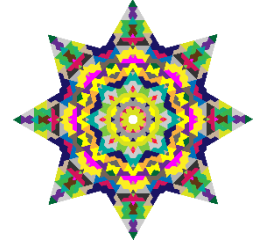
Next week's theme is Camps Got Talent

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
So You Think You Can Dance	Whole Camp field trip to Water Wiz	Talent Show	Tie Dye	Awards
Lake Day		Lake Day	Cookout	Lake Day

Warmest Regards,
Erin McCabe
Camp Director

ART

Adventures in the Art Room



We got extra messy this week with all sorts of “messy art” projects. It was a lot of fun to worry more about the process of making something rather than the final product. We did some out of the ordinary things to make our projects this week, but and we had an awesome time doing it! Some things you may see coming home this week are; ice paintings, balloon swing paintings, shaving cream prints and soap resists.



COMPUTERS



Week 5 of STAR Camp was so exciting because of Color Wars. The campers even participated in a competition for Color Wars in the Computer Lab.

Because it was such a hot and humid week, our movement break was a slow one. We used the website Go Noodle (<https://www.gonoodle.com/>) and moved to "Slo Mo Machine". Everyone did a great job moving in slow motion.

This week the campers learned how to play the game Tingly Bubble Shooter for our competition. Each group came into the lab and played this game for 15 minutes. The top three campers with the highest points were able to add points for their color team.

Some more information on Tingly Bubble Shooter

- Tingly Bubble Shooter (http://www.abcya.com/tingly_bubble_shooter.htm) has the player shoot bubbles to form groups of 3 or more of the same color. Creating groups of three or more will pop the bubbles. Each bubble is worth points. Bigger groups earn you more points. Pop all the bubbles to advance to the next level. You get the highest score by completing as many levels as you can. When a bubble crosses the line at the bottom of the screen, the game ends and you can try again.
- Campers in grades 1 through Star Assistants, along with their counselors were able to compete in this competition. Yes, even the counselors got into the game.
- After the campers finished the 15 minutes of competition, they were able to play what game they wanted to at <http://www.abcya.com> or <http://www.coolmath-games.com/>.

I was so proud of all the campers this week. They all tried hard and challenged themselves this week. This week has been so much fun in Computers and of course, the lab is air conditioned so all of the campers enjoy the chance to come in and cool off.

I am so looking forward to our last week of camp, where has the time gone.



DANCE



This week, The Beatles, The Miracles, The Monkees, and The Byrds put on outstanding performances for the camp! The Beatles danced to “Blackbird”, The Miracles chose “Mickey’s Monkey,” the Monkees performed to the famous song “I’m a Believer,” and The Byrds created a routine to “It’s All Over Now Baby Blue.” They have been working so hard and watching them shine and have a blast on stage was awesome! In addition to these practiced routines being showcased, the Miracles surprised the camp with a fun flash mob, composed during dance class, to “In the Jungle” from *The Lion King* on Tuesday. Finally, The Drifters had Dance for the first time on a Tuesday and we watched So You Think You Can Dance, making sure to enjoy and appreciate a variety of different styles and dancers. After a fun field trip on Thursday, the remaining groups will finish and clean up their dances to perform next week.



DRAMA



We are now into the "meat and potatoes" of Drama this week. Campers have been involved in games and activities, which help to develop voice control and expression of a range of emotions. In an activity called, "It's All In How You Say It", the Beatles, Turtles and Miracles were told to speak a neutral phrase which conveyed no emotion whatsoever.

Campers took turns imbuing the phrase with various emotions such as happiness, anger, disappointment, excitement, fear, etc., by changing the tone of their voices and accompanying facial expressions.

The Rascals, our Pre-K campers, played with vocal tone as well, in the game of Wonder Ball, in which whoever got to be "out", had to show an emotion using the tone of their voices. This group tended to rely more on body language and facial expressions than more subtle changes of vocal tone.

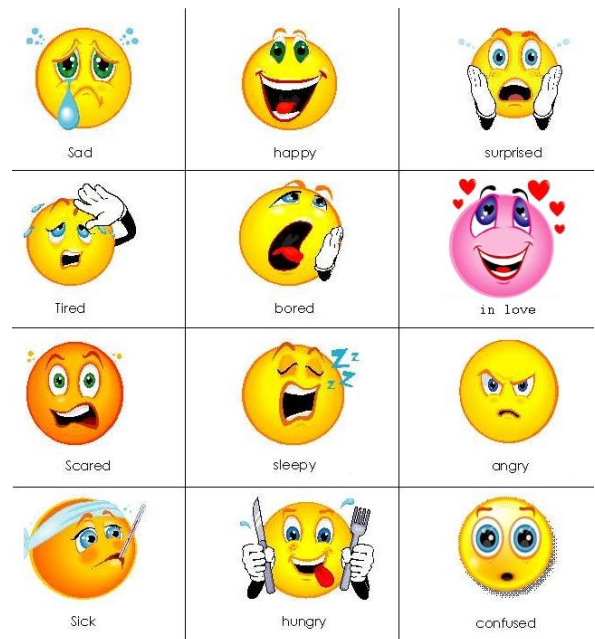
"Who Is the Boss"? is a game enjoyed by the Miracles and Temptations, which help strengthen skills of observation, deduction, and misdirection!

Of course, we have continued with the Improv and ensemble-building games across all of the groups, such as "Why Are You Late?", "Hitchhiker", "People! Shelter! Storm!" and "Wizards, Goblins, Giants".

The campers are having fun and doing an admirable job trying to keep cool in spite of the heat and humidity, by 'thinking cool' and.....acting!

Till Next Time,

Lisa Grossmann

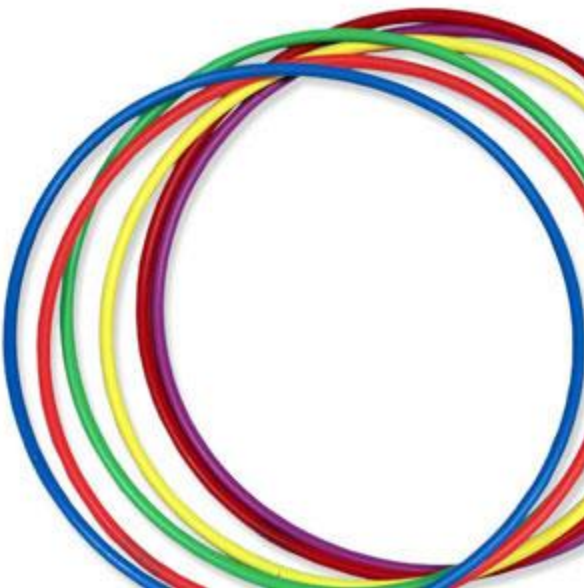




GYM



This was a relaxing week at camp. The campers had a few days of free choice. Many of them used the scooters and hula-hoops and made up their own games. Some of them also enjoyed dancing to music and playing with the jump ropes.



On Wednesday, the campers took part in a competition where they used a water gun to move a cup to the opposite side of a rope.

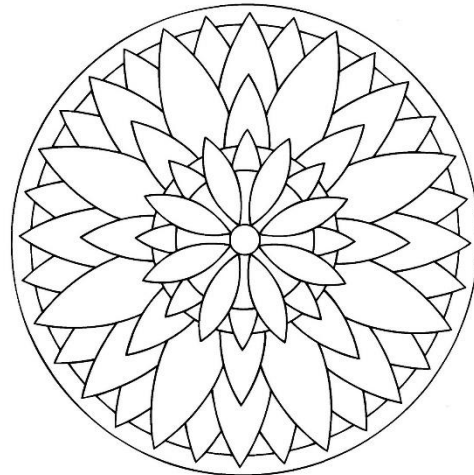
We are sad that the end of camp is close but cannot wait for the activities planned

for next week!

MINDFULNESS



This week in mindfulness, the children used recyclable materials such as boxes and bottles to create their own mandalas. The children used similar ideas to the mature mandalas they had previously created.



Mandala

We also wrote letters to ourselves in the future that the children will read again on the last day of camp. Some children chose to write about their favorite part of camp or what job they would like to have in the future.

The children also enjoyed watching “Inside Out,” as it has many mindfulness connections. For our last week of camp, the children are excited to make their own dream catchers and continue practicing meditation.

OUTDOOR SPORTS



This week seemed to be very strange with the weather but we made the best of what we could get. On Monday, campers played Newcomb at the volleyball nets. Newcomb is a variation of volleyball, but instead of bumping and setting the ball, you are allowed to catch the ball and then throw it back over the net. If the ball hits the ground or someone doesn't catch it, the other team receives a point.

On Tuesday, we took the campers out onto the field where they played some relay races. Some of the races involved using hula-hoops, water buckets, bean bags, and even rope. On Wednesday, the campers embarked on a nature walk into the woods. We walked a trail that leads to Sharon's, Mann's Pond, which is relatively close to Sharon center. The kids especially liked the nature walk because it allowed all the campers to be involved in a non-competitive, but very fun and relaxing activity.

On Friday, we plan to take the rest of the groups we didn't see on Wednesday to the nature walk so they can experience what some of the other groups already loved!

-Samantha and Zach

PRE-K RASCALS



We've had a great week so far at Star Camp! The Rascals are loving the Color Wars and meeting lots of new friends on their teams. This week, we asked the Rascals what their favorite moments of camp have been thus far, here are the results...

Avik- Computer and group time

Julian-Go Noodle and Computer

Lily- Legoland and group time

Evelyn- Computer and the candy ball activity

Jessica- Playground and computer

Eva- Mindfulness and Edaville Railroad

Madison-Legoland and playground

Quinn- Going to the lake and Edaville Railroad

Riley- Group time and dance

Conrad- Edaville Railroad

Avi- lake and field trips

Chloe- Swimming in the lake and dance

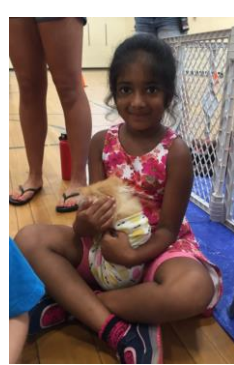
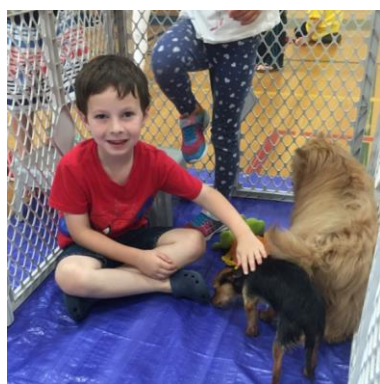
We're looking forward to all the exciting activities to come! Have a great rest of the week.

Danielle and Monica

KINDERGARTEN MONKEES



This week at S.T.A.R Camp everyone participated in "Color Wars" which consists of four colored teams competing against each other in various team activities throughout the week. Although the Monkees got split up a few times during the day to participate in these events, they still continued to have a great time! The Monkees have been working very hard in dance to choreograph moves to "I'm a Believer" and after all their hard work they did an outstanding job performing it for the camp on Wednesday! The Monkees also had an in house field trip Thursday with Barn Babies. The Monkees had such a great time seeing all different barn babies and being able to hold and play with them!



What was your favorite barn baby?

Lazlo	Chicks & Goat	James	Kitties & Puppies
Bennett	Kitties	Eva	Kitties
Nathan	Kitties & Puppies	Krupa	Kitties & Bunnies
Kathleen	Chicks & Puppies	Tal	Puppies
Mila	Bunnies	Roshini	All of them
Anika	All of them		



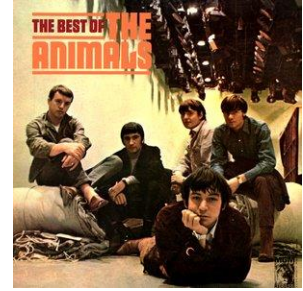
Kindergarten Hollies



How is it already week 5 of camp?! The Hollies have been participating in many activities lately. This week's theme is Color Wars, therefore we have been very busy with team building challenges, contests, and games. On Tuesday, we had an ice cream social. We were so lucky to have a traveling petting zoo, the Barn Babies, visit us at camp on Thursday. From swimming in the lake, to practicing our choreographed dance, to making masterpieces with ice paint, our campers are staying active and are always smiling.



GRADE 1 ANIMALS



This week at Star Camp, the Animals have been competing in color wars. Each of our campers are on different teams and have been working hard with all of their fellow campers to work together to complete all the unique activities, tasks and challenges!

The Animals enjoyed an ice cream party early in the week with all the yummy toppings an ice cream party needs.

Some of The Animals have been preparing for our upcoming talent show and we cannot wait to cheer them on.

Another great week at Star Camp is in the books! We are sad that camp is almost over, but looking forward to our last week at Star Camp as we have many exciting activities coming up!



GRADE 1 BYRDS



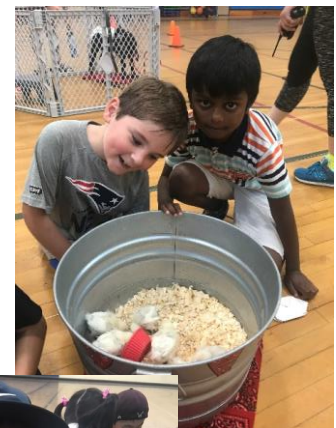
Hello campers and families!

This week wrapped up Color Wars here at STAR Camp and our groups worked hard to complete many challenging activities. The Byrds very own camper Albert represented the Green Team in a paper airplane contest and came in 2nd place! We also performed our routine that we have been working hard on in dance class.

I asked our campers what their favorite part of this week has been and the results were unanimous.... BARN BABIES! I have included some wonderful pictures of our campers interacting with some adorable baby animals, and each one of our friends were so responsible and kind. We concluded our week with another trip to the lake, as well as some final Color War activities to determine the weekly winner!

Have a great weekend

Emily and Jill

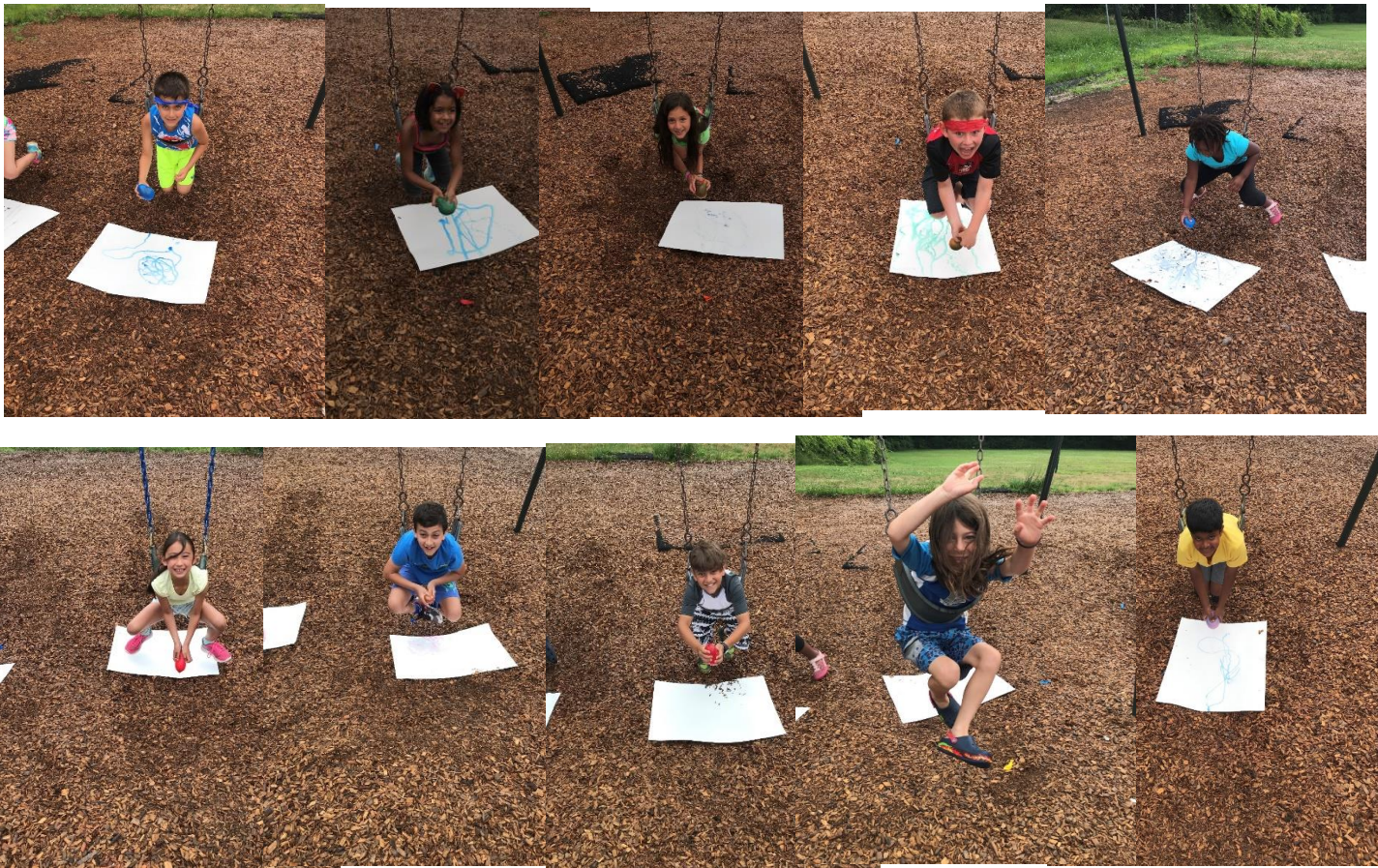


GRADE 2 BEATLES



Hi camp families! This week has been filled with fun activities mixed with a little bit of competition from Color Wars. During Color Wars campers have participated in crazy hair day, mix matched day, and have worked with campers of all ages in their respective color groups to make sail boats and paper airplanes. Of course, we had our weekly cookout which all the campers love!

Our field trip this week was to the Paw Sox game. We loved the entertaining baseball game and enjoyed the food. One of the Beatles' favorite art projects was when we painted with balloons while laying on a swing. We spent as much time in the outdoors as possible and performed our dance to "Blackbird" by the Beatles. The campers have been working on their dance for a couple of weeks. We look forward to what the last week of camp has to offer: tie dying your own white shirt, the "So You Think You Can Dance" show, and the Talent show.



GRADE 3 TURTLES

Week Five has flown by! This week the Turtles have been enjoying many different Color War activities. From decorating our team walls to creating a boat that floats and hula-hoop competitions; color wars have been a blast! On Tuesday, we enjoyed a special treat - an ice cream social.



The Turtles have been working hard on our group dance and enjoying sports and gym, as usual. The Turtles enjoyed creating their own ice cream sundae masterpiece. This week we went out to the ballgame to watch the Paw Sox game. We are looking forward to Week six of camp coming up!

-The Turtles' Counselors



GRADE 4 MIRACLES



This week at camp has been full of fun, introducing our camp tradition, Color Wars! Campers compete on color teams in various fun activities all throughout the week, and the miracles can't get enough of it! (Decorating a wall, boat making, paper airplane competition, hula hooping competition, water activities)

We asked The Miracles what their favorite part of Color Wars has been. Here's our answers:!!

Lena - that we get to participate in new fun activities
Taylor - getting to have fun with your color team
Mila - that it is a competition
Loreili - that we are working together with our color team
Akhil - all of it
Jacob - all of it
Sophie - everything
Shulu - being active and that it is a competition
A.J. - Working together
Israel - all the fun activities
Will - decorating the wall
Counselor Brenna - all the sportsmanship and decorating the wall
Counselor Ben - boat making activity

Reminders- next week is the last week and we are heading to Water Wiz on Tuesday. Please pack a bagged lunch. Campers can bring money in a plastic bag with their name on it. Also, next week we are tie-dyeing. If campers want to participate please send in a white t-shirt Tuesday.



Thank you
Brenna and Ben



GRADES 5 & 6

TEMPTATIONS



It is Color Wars this week at camp, and all our campers are having tons of fun participating in activities like building boats out of straws, and airplane building contests.

This week in Dance, we have been finishing our group dance to the Temptations' song 'Ball of Confusion'. We will be performing our dance on Monday for the whole camp. We are all so excited!

We all enjoyed a great time at the Paw Sox game. Although the rain threatened and the Paw Sox lost the game, 6-4, all of the Temptations still enjoyed the trip.

Just a reminder that next week is Tie-dye week please make sure your campers bring in a white T-Shirt to camp so they can participate.

Thank you.
Roberta & Alex

STAR ASSISTANTS

DRIFTERS



I cannot believe week 5 has come to an end and we are about to begin the last week of camp! This week was filled with color wars activities! The Drifters were all assigned a color team (red, blue, green, or yellow). They worked as a team to compete in all kinds of camp activities. Monday, the color teams decorated a team sign with the color of their team in the hallway. The signs were decorated with markers, streamers, and balloons. It was a great way for team building and to start off the color wars week!

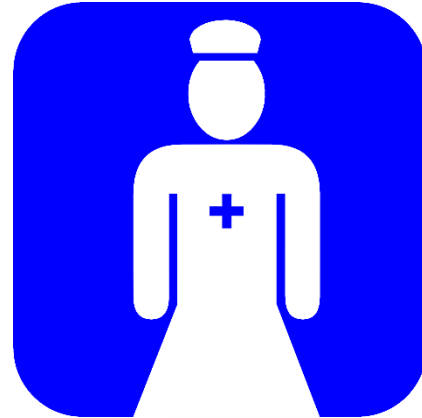
On Tuesday, in the morning, the color teams participated in a hula hoop competition. Each team choose two campers to represent the team. Not only are points received for winning, but teams can also gain points for sportsmanship and cheering! In the afternoon, the teams created a boat in hopes to float on water and hold weight. The teams were given common items like popsicle sticks, tape, and plastic straws to create the boat. All boats successfully floated!

On Wednesday, the teams competed in a paper airplane contest. Each team chose a member to create the paper airplane in under 5 minutes. Then, the member of each team threw the airplane and the winner was the fastest and furthest plane!

This Thursday, we traveled to the Pawtucket Pawsox game! We had a blast not only watching the game, but getting to enjoy the food and souvenirs as well.



NOTES FROM THE NURSE



It is hard to believe that we are finishing Week 5 of STAR Camp. It is still important to remember the following:

- 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. We are definitely having a fun and healthy summer so far!

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