

Darien Public Schools

Board of Education Report on Summer Programs 2017



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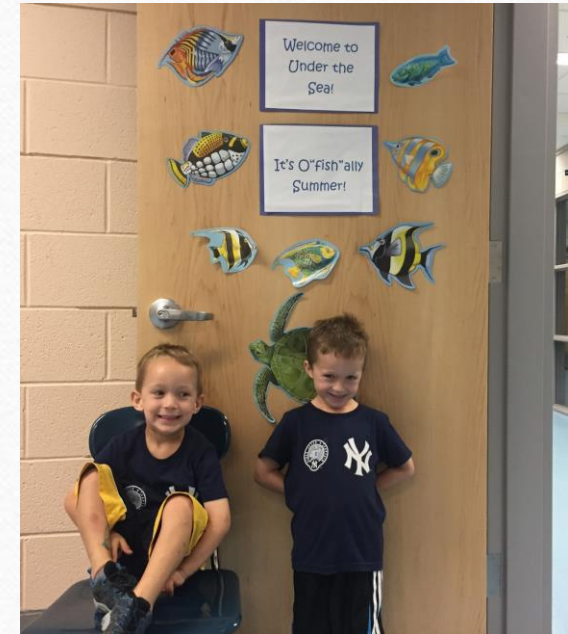
Mr. Marc Power and Ms. Kaitlin Stanton, *Darien Summer School Coordinators*

Darien Summer School: Background

- Comprehensive, diversified, learner-centered program
- Available to all students (Darien and other communities) in grades Pre-K through 12th grade
- 220 choices:
 - Academic classes, to include high school credit courses as well as enrichment
 - Variety of athletic, art, music and theatre programs

Structure of Program

- 5 week program
- Runs June 26, 2017 through July 28, 2017
- 7:30–8:30am extended day option (canceled)
- 8:30–12:30pm (2 hour courses)
- 12:30–3:30pm, extended day offerings
- Weekly sports camps (varied times)



Structure of Program

Middlesex Jump Start:

- Takes place the first 2 weeks of DSS
- Available to all 5th grade students transitioning to MMS
- 5th grade students from all 5 elementary schools are invited

Summer Pals Program (Tokeneke):

- 5 week program
- Available to children aged 3-5 designed to promote kindergarten readiness

Student Enrollment

- Total class registration 1,546 students
 - Class registration was 1,386 last year
- Many students are enrolled in multiple classes
 - New classes this year included: Tiny Chefs Cooking, Mad Science, Blogging 101, Fun with STEM



Staffing

- 137 staff members:
 - Certified teachers, athletic coaches and DHS student assistants

Enrollment Summary

| DSS | Class Registrations |
|------|---------------------|
| 2016 | 1904 |
| 2017 | 2417 |

Parent Feedback

100% of the parents who responded to the end of season survey said they would recommend DSS summer school to a friend.

“A good combination of academics and day camp for reasonable price. Also great selection of elective and enrichment options all in one school!”

“This was my son's second summer doing the Sports and Art program and he just loved it! All the teachers and helpers are super friendly!! We will definitely be signing up for it again next year! And little brother will join him!!”

“My daughter absolutely loves the field hockey camp and both of my children loved the sports and arts camp. It's great that you can register for single weeks for that program. If I had to commit to multiple weeks I wouldn't be able to do it.”

Summer 2018

- Electronic Catalog
- Potential New classes
 - Transitioning to DHS, Karate, STEM classes

Thank you!

