



Summer 2023 Program Recap

Board of Education

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Welcome & Introductions

Presenters:

- Dr. Lisa Mulhall, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
- Dr. Jaimie Kanter, Director of English Language Arts
- Ms. Marisol Pepushaj, High School Student
- Dr. Maggie Hoddinott Konrad, Supervisor of Elementary Education



Guiding Questions

- How can we better see and respond to the students in front of us?
- How can we maximize student engagement and our own creativity/innovation?





Summer Programs 2023

Over 30
Curiosity
Camps for
elementary
students



Academic
supports,
extensions, &
jumpstarts



Almost 20 additional
secondary enrichment
opportunities





Curiosity Camps



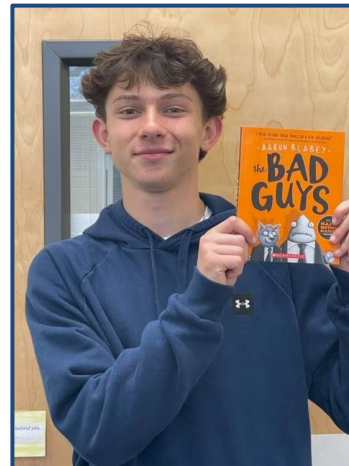
- French & Italian Language Exploration
- Don't Eat the Art!
- Games Around the World
- Let's Get Cooking



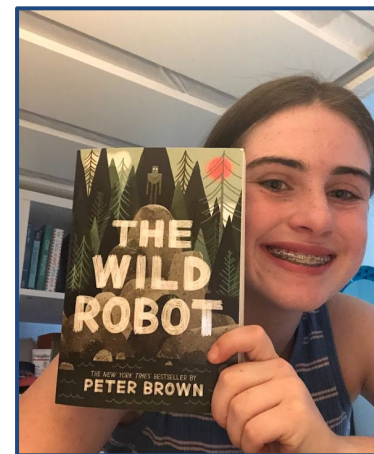


- ❑ Create opportunities for students to engage in summer reading
- ❑ Provide a **resource** for students and parents to find great texts to read over the summer
- ❑ Create viral energy around great books!
- ❑ Build connections and community with our elementary and high school students

Joseph C.



Ella Z.



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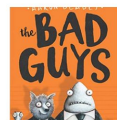
Mochi Queen



Dragon Masters



The Boy Who Crashed to Earth



The Bad Guys



Lone Shot by Mike Lupica



The Kicks by Alex Moren



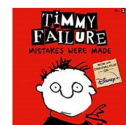
Stranded by Jeff Priori



The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier



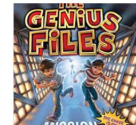
Soccer Standoff



Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made



Ranger in Time



The Genius Files

Check out the book options and summaries on our Reading with the Huskies website



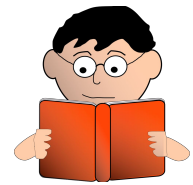
Choose a book



Sign Up on Family ID for the book and corresponding date



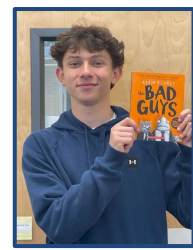
Read!



Join Zoom meetup to talk about the book with one of our high school students



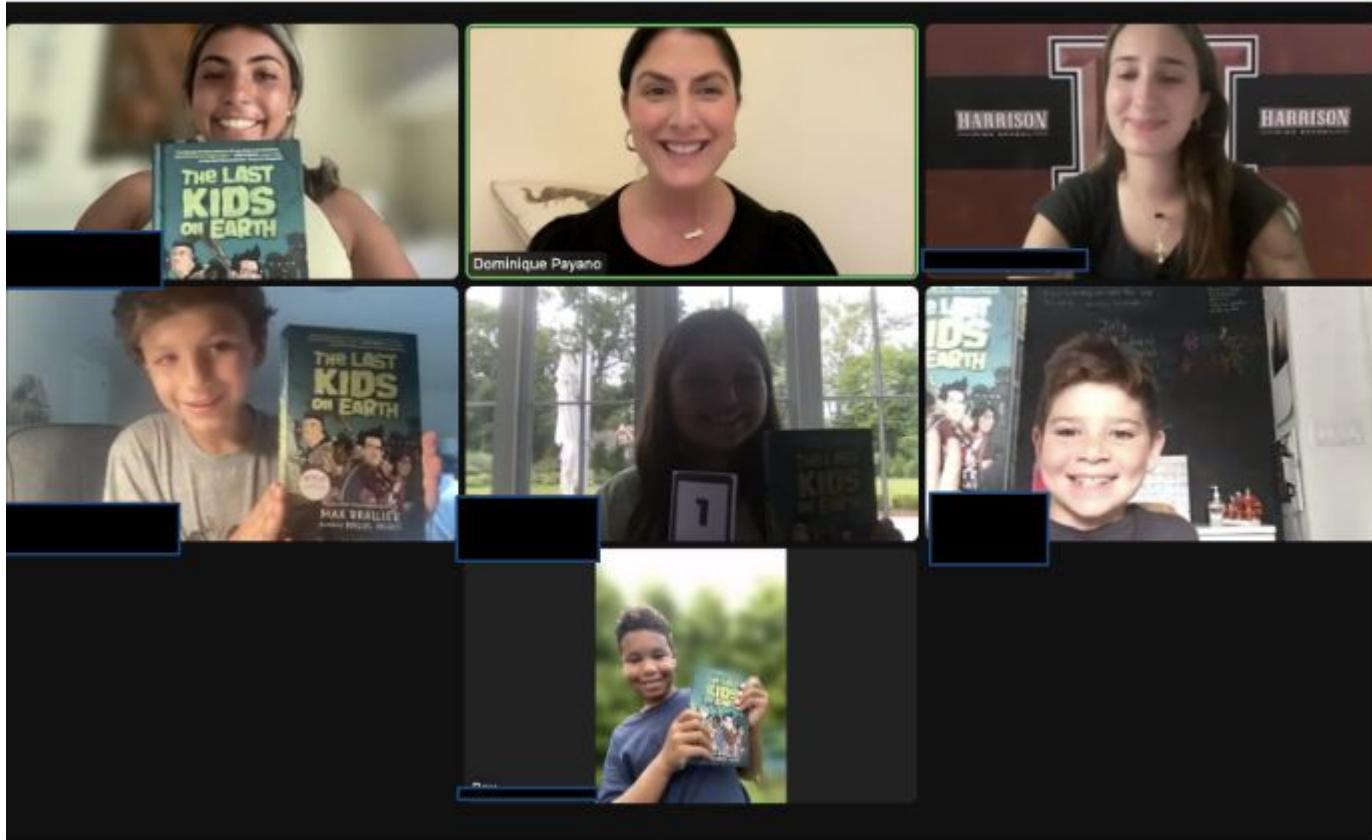
Keep Reading



2023 Summer - Reading with the Huskies



The Last Kids on Earth - Marisol & Annelise





Rave Reviews!

“As I understand, this is the first year for this program. I was so impressed with it! My son came home from school with a good deal of excitement. He was excited to meet a high school student. **The book was read completely independently and he needed little prodding about the deadline.** Highly unusual for us! I **think this is a wonderful way to entice children to keep up with their reading in the summer.** The book seemed to be enjoyable for him as well. He chose Genius Files and he did mention that it was slightly scary but overall I think he enjoyed it. The zoom sounded successful and **the HS student, Lana, was very engaging with the students.**”

Thank you for creating such a fun summer program around reading!” - a Harrison Avenue Parent





“Thank you for creating such an innovative approach to encourage our kids to read”- a Harrison Avenue parent

“Watching our high schoolers engage with our elementary students through books was inspiring.”- Mrs. Dominique Payano, Instructional Specialist





Updates to Bridges to Literacy

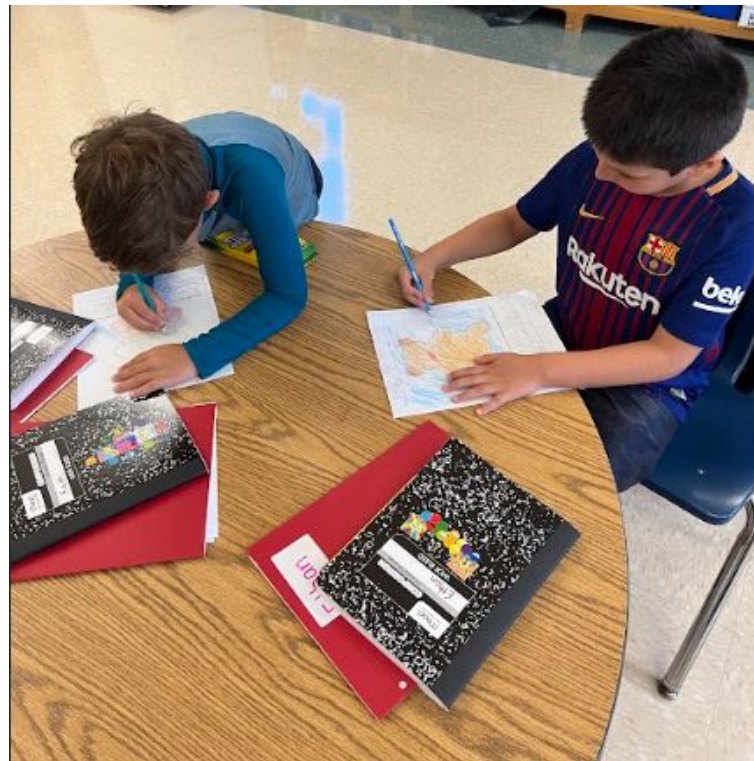
- Return instructional focus to early literacy (K-2)
- Provide smaller-group instruction
- Personalize learning based on each child's unique literacy needs
- Embed more opportunities for authentic reading and writing
- Include an encore enrichment period





Bridges to Literacy- Teacher Feedback

"This summer Bridges program seemed much **more purposeful** than last summer. The **sole focus on literacy** is extremely helpful. "





Bridges to Literacy- Teacher Feedback

- The **small group size** allowed for more **personalized learning**.
- The **structure** of the program this year really **met students' needs**.





Bridges to Literacy- Teacher Feedback

“Having **encore** was **nice break and enrichment for kids** as they are working hard for the 3 hours and gave teachers time with **smaller groups.** “





Bridges to Literacy Student Survey

- 100% of participating students felt they **grew as a reader** during the Bridges program
- After Bridges, students felt **more positive** about
 - Reading in general
 - Themselves as readers

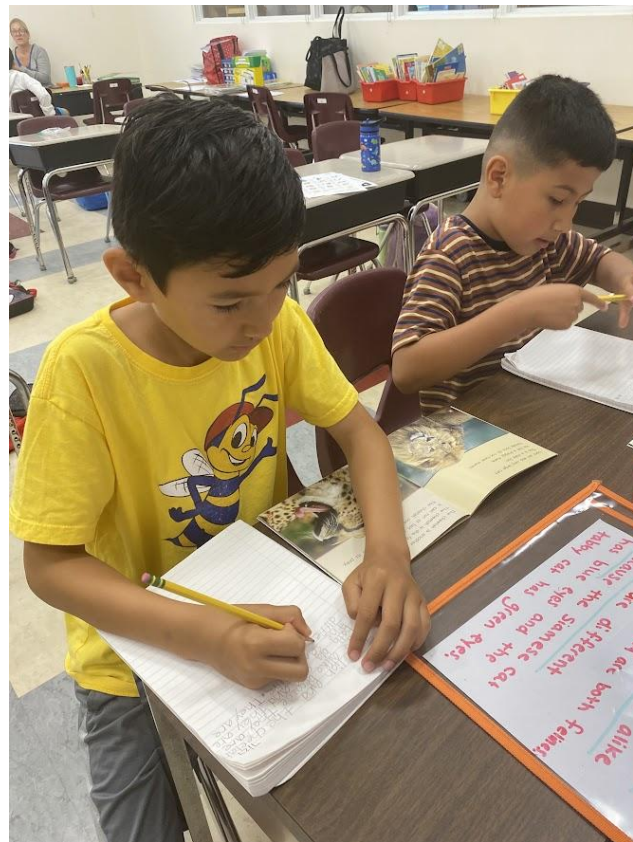




Bridges to Literacy- Parent Feedback

I just wanted to reach out to let you know that my son's **writing has improved tremendously** since doing the summer Bridges program. I notice such a difference in his writing between the end of last year and the beginning of this year. Even better, **I think he enjoys it now!** Thank you so much for your hard work this summer - you did a great job!

Thank you!





Feedback from Secondary Students

In the College Essay course...

"I was so appreciative of the **feedback** I received from teachers and my peers."

"...**Without this course, I am not sure I would have gotten this far in my college essay.**"

"This course allowed me to **brainstorm**, **edit** and **revise** my college essay. I'm really happy where I landed."

160 students attended
Summer & Fall College Essay
Sessions



Professional Learning this Summer

- 42 Courses
- 644 Registrations
- 210 Teachers Participating





A Wide Range of Course Offerings





A New & Eye-Opening Way to Think about my Classroom Library



