

# REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY

Summary of 2018 Summer Camp and School  
Year Recreation to Date and  
Recommendations for 2019

And

District Use of Facilities

February 11, 2019





# General Information

2018 represented the **72<sup>nd</sup>** season of the Summer Recreation Program. This program has served innumerable children, providing safe, wholesome, worthwhile activities in a very special way. We feel this program has always been child centered consistently addressing the individual needs of each child and family and we hope that it will continue to do so for many summers yet to come.



# Oversight, Staffing and Safety

- For the past 29 years the Summer Recreation Program has been classified as a Day Camp, this places the camp under the Jurisdiction of the Nassau County Health Department Conforming to Public Law 225, part 6 and 7.
- There are two DOH inspections before opening and each campsite receives at least one unannounced inspection during the summer. A copy of the Health Department Inspection Report and Pre-Season Safety Plans are available in the Athletic and Recreation Office.
- Health Department regulations require no more than a 12:1 camper to staff ratio at all times. In some cases, such as field trips for younger children, the ratio may not be less than 6:1. Our actual ratio is 6:1 at our K-5 sites and 9:1 at the 6-8 Sports Camp.
- Each campsite must have one certified CPR person for every 100 campers and one certified First Aid Person for every 200 campers. During field trips we must have two CPR certified person and one First Aid persons travel with the campers.
- Lifeguards are required at each pool and must have Red Cross Certification and Nassau County Lifeguard Certification.
- Each site has a licensed health care professional on staff.



# Structure of the Summer Program

- Each elementary site provides a basic program including art, crafts, sports, games, dramatics and other recreational activities. The following special programs augment each program:

**Computer Class, Science, Music and Dance, Day trips to Steppingstone Park, Inter-camp games, Swimming**

- The 6-8 Sports Camp is primarily a sports-themed program, but the site director does look to accommodate other camper interests such as:

**Craft Projects, Dance, Swimming**

- The 7-12 Evening Recreation program offers themed activities in athletics such as:

**Badminton & Tennis**



# Sites Information 2018

- K-5 camp locations were at John F. Kennedy, Parkville, Allenwood (EMB)
- 6-8 Sports Camp Program was at SHS
- 7-12 Evening Recreation was at SHS and NMS



# 2018 Enrollment Data

- Summer Recreation Program registered a total of **840** campers
  - Allenwood: 167 (Avg. D.A.=129)
  - Parkville: 207 (Avg. D.A.=162)
  - JFK: 191 (Avg. D.A.=145)
  - 6-8 Sports camp: 175 (Avg. D.A.=117)
  - Evening camp: 100



# Financial Summary

- Our Expense for the Summer Program were:  
\$696,303.00
- Our Revenues were:  
\$712,786.55
- Our Percentage of Recovered Costs was:  
101%

# Fee Structure in 2018

	2018
	Early Bird/ Standard Rate
<b>Grades K – 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Week 6</b>	1,198.00/1,494.00
<b>5</b>	1,048.25/1,307.25
<b>4</b>	898.50/1,120.50
<b>3</b>	718.80/896.40
<b>2</b>	539.10/672.30
<b>1</b>	359.40/448.20
<b>Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Week 6</b>	1,080.00/1,346.00
<b>5</b>	945.00/1,177.75
<b>4</b>	810.00/1,009.50
<b>3</b>	648.00/807.60
<b>2</b>	486.00/605.70
<b>1</b>	320.00/403.80
<b>Evening-per activity</b>	55.00
<b>Financial Assistance/Reduced Rate</b>	50% of Standard Rate
<b>DSS assistance</b>	400.00/ per child





# Fees and Assistance

- We continue to offer payment by credit card with a 2% transaction fee. An option that has increased with popularity year over year.
- The program continued to require income verification for a reduction of fees. Families must submit (IRS 4506-T) Request of Tax Return releasing their tax transcript to us and their income must fall within Federal guidelines based on family size. We had **42** campers qualify.
- The District, by way of a Scholarship Committee and building based fundraising, was able to sponsor **25** of children at either no cost or partial cost to the family.
- Families in need are also referred to the Nassau County Department of Social Services and the Child Care Council of Nassau County. Both can provide limited tuition assistance for summer child care provided in camp settings.



## Recommendations for 2019 Summer Camp

- Due to summer bond construction, including the closure of the SMS Pool, we recommend having camp sites at Saddle Rock and Lakeville for the K-5 camps.
- To offset the loss of that pool we recommend using Allenwood camp as “field trip” site allowing the camp sites to send grade levels on weekly trips to the park for sports instruction, inter-camp competitions and use of the sprinklers as a cooling option.
- We also recommend the formation of a committee charged with exploring, for the summer of 2020, ways to better coordinate all the summer programs and provide for an enhanced student experience.



# Recommendations for 2019 Summer Camp

- Registration fees be raised by 3% in order to accommodate a substantial increase in the minimum wage.
- The 10% siblings discount on all fees be continued.
- The 50% reduced fee structure remain in place for 2019 for families demonstrating need via the IRS tax transcript and Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines.
- A postcard notice/reminder regarding the Summer Recreation program should be sent to families in March in coordination with the Summer Enrichment Program, Summer Theatre and Summer Music Programs.
- Summer Recreation Brochures in PDF format should be sent by ParentLink to families by April 8, 2019. This will continue to include bus information, medical forms and camp applications.
- Continue to offer flexible registration options for both the elementary and secondary programs.
- Non-residents should continue to be accepted with no discounts or reduced rates and no transportation. We had 17 non-resident campers. Discounts or reduced rates can apply when the hosts are grandparents who reside in Great Neck. We had 3 “houseguests”.
- We should continue to offer Before and After Camp programming.

# 2018-19 School Year Recreation

During the school year GNPS Recreation offers the following:

- **Badminton SMS -Fri. 7:30-9:15pm Grades 6--12**
- **Basketball - NMS Thur. 7:30-9:15pm Grades 6—12**
- **Dance Fusion SMS Tue. 5:30pm-8:30pm. Grades K-5**
- **Parkville Special Ed.-Thur. 3:15-5:15pm Grades K--2**
- **Chess SMS Saturday 9am – 1pm & NMS Sunday 9am to 1pm Grades K-8**
- **Coding (Video Game, Website, Python) SMS Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm Grades 3-8**
- **Learn to Swim SMS Sat. 10:00-1:00pm Grades K-12**
- **LEGO Robotics SMS Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm Grades K-5**
- **MathPlay SMS Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm Grades K-5**
- **Tennis SMS Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm Grades K-5**
- **Self-Defense NMS Sun. 9am to 1pm & Lakeville Mon & Wed. 5:30pm-8:30pm Grades K-8**
- **Table Tennis NMS Mon. & Thur. & SHS Tue. 7:00pm-9:00pm Grades 3-12**
- **Wrestling Clinic SHS Tue. & Thur. 6:30pm-9:00pm Grades 3-8**



# Program General Information

- These programs vary in duration from 8 weeks to 28 weeks. This is the fifth year that registration requires payment of a fee.
- Programs are staffed with a blend of professional staff and student counselors.
- The staffing cost of these programs for the 2018-19 year to date is \$151,000.00

# Fee by Program for 2018-19

	Number of Sessions	Program Fee
Parkville Special Ed. Rec.	21	\$ 85
SMS Badminton	18	\$ 55
NMS Basketball	19	\$ 60
Dance Fusion	10	\$220
Coding (Video Game, Website, Python)	9	\$225-315
Chess	9-12	\$146-220 at SM (Sat) \$225 at NM (Sun)
Learn to Swim	9	\$180
LEGO Robotics	9	\$180
MathPlay	9	\$180
Self Defense	12	\$264 at NMS (Sun) \$240 at Lakeville
Table Tennis	10	\$ 300-500
Tennis	9	\$135
Wrestling	21	\$190

# Registrations to Date

Program	Registration Numbers (to date)
Parkville Special Ed. Rec.	15
SMS Badminton	48
NMS Basketball	40
Dance Fusion	20
Coding (Video Game, Website, Python)	97
Chess	189
Learn to Swim	248
Lego Robotics	94
MathPlay	56
Self Defense	87
Table Tennis	59
Tennis	67
Wrestling	13





# Registration Revenue

- To date we have approximately \$45,000 in net revenue
- Another \$20,000 anticipated net revenue for remainder of year
- These projections may be influenced by additional programs set to start later in the school year.





# **2018-19 AM/PM Enrichment Program**



# Program Overview

- Program was developed to provide before school opportunities for students in grades 2-5
- There are 3 ten week trimesters offered
- Courses meet once a week for 1 hour
- Generally, the course fee is \$100
- We aim to have at least 10 students per course to cover district costs
- Teachers are given the opportunity to propose courses which, with the principal's approval, are then collected into a brochure and circulated to parents.



# Some of the Courses to Date....

- Chess
- Intro to Stock Market
- Great Lit. Discussions
- Creations in Clay
- Ancient Greece and Mythology
- Algebra
- Scrabble
- Debate
- Mandala
- Sew Much Fun
- Soccer and Basketball
- Spanish and French
- Math Strategies
- Newberry Reading
- And many more....



# Fall and Winter.....

- Fall had 30 course offerings with 308 registrations across the 4 elementary buildings
- Winter had 19 course offerings with 234 registrations across the 4 elementary buildings
- The staffing costs to the district to date have been approximately \$29,000
- The net revenue to the district has been approximately \$59,000



# Spring....

- We recently concluded collecting teacher proposals and have 30 courses that will be advertised to parents across the 4 elementary buildings
- Brochures will be sent by ParentLink after the February break
- We have had some success this year with PM Foreign Language Enrichment and we will offer Spanish at EMB and Lakeville and Latin at JFK elementary buildings this upcoming Spring



# Public Use of District Facilities

## Current Fee Structure

- Class I: no fee; charity group, another taxing district in the community (fire department, library, water district, park district)
- Class II: not-for-profit, youth serving in community (fee is currently indexed); adult services that are not youth services (charged the full rate)
- Class III: for-profit organizations



# Public Use of District Facilities Recommendations

- Dissect the current Class II into two different class categories.
- Those not-for-profit groups who wish to use our facilities for adult recreation or activities would be charged based on a proposed new Class II.
- The youth serving activities would be Class III.
- The for-profit organizations would be shifted to a new Class IV category.



# Public Use of District Facilities Recommendations

- The rates for public use of district facilities were adopted in July 2016, with three different fee (or class) categories, depending on the permit holder. We are recommending an approximate 10% increase in the fee schedule for all classes.
- Elimination of the indexing for youth serving groups and the addition of a fourth class category





Questions?