# Community Division

- Community Education and Recreation "Rec & Ed" Summer Camp Preview
- Strategic Partnerships, Volunteers, and Community Resources
  Annual Scholarship Award Presentation

Presentation to the Board of Education

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# Tonight's Presentation



#### Community Education and Recreation (Rec & Ed)

- Purpose Programs Participation
- Summer Camp Preview



#### Strategic Partnerships and Community Engagement

- Purpose Programs Impact
- Annual Scholarship Award Recognition



## Where Community Comes Together

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## Rec & Ed Focus and Values

#### **Access and Equity**

Community outreach, scholarship program, grant writing, inclusion efforts.

#### Learning for a Lifetime

For students, opportunities for learning and enrichment in informal settings. For adults, lifelong learning on many topics.

#### Students

Families
Staff
Community

#### Health, Well-Being, Joy

Youth and adult fitness, yoga, and rec sports. PreK safety, health, and Kinder readiness.

#### **Building Community**

Opportunities for students, families, staff, and community members to connect and grow together.



## Program Areas

**Early Childhood** 

Preschool Classes and Camps
First Steps Parent/Child Classes for 0-5 Year olds
Safety Town Summer Program for Rising Y5s & Kinders

**Before/After Care Summer Camps** 

Before/After Care Program

Summer Camps - Enrichment and Sport Camps

Youth and Adult Enrichment, Fitness, Yoga Youth Enrichment Classes
Instructional Sports Classes
Adult Enrichment, Fitness, and Yoga Classes

**Team Sports** 

Youth and Adult League Sports
Tennis

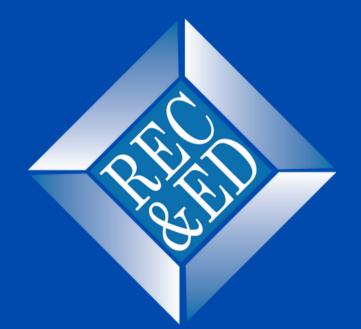


## Participation in 2024-25

|              | Youth (PreK-12th) | Adults |
|--------------|-------------------|--------|
| Fall 2024    | 5,778             | 3,476  |
| Winter 2025  | 2,636             | 3,058  |
| Spring 2025* | 4,115             | 1,865  |
| Summer 2025* | 5,059             | 1,718  |

Projected total:
~28,000
registrations

\*As of 5/13/25



# Summer Camps Preview

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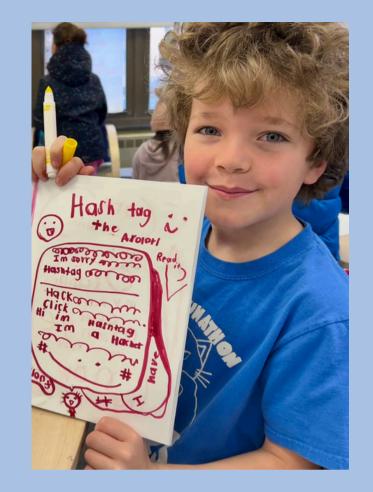


## Rec & Ed Camps...

- Provide active, fun environments that offer friendship, enrichment, sports, and skill development
- Cover a huge variety of interests, from art to robotics to nature to theater

Camps are available for ages to 2 - 14, with full and half day options.

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## Summer Camps by the Numbers

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weeks of camp June 16 - Aug. 22 162

preschool and school-age camps

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weeks of Safety Town morning program and afternoon camp 3,513

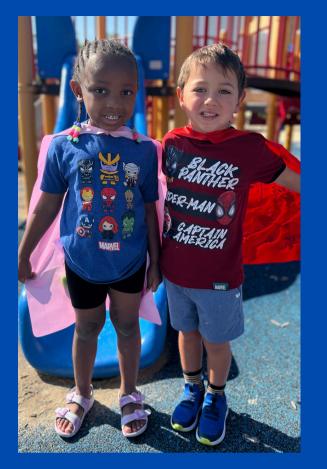
registrations as of May 12 -- about 70% of camp slots



## Early Childhood Camps

- Most are for 3 5.5 year olds, and are half-day, drop-off
- Drop-off camps include art, dance, bugs, Spanish, science, space, superheroes, animals, dinosaurs, pre-K readiness, with indoor & outdoor play
- Parent participation camps:
   Balance & Pedals (bike camp)
   Soil Superheroes (Eberwhite Woods)

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### Camps for 5-14 year olds

- Enrichment and sports camps
- New grant-funded academic camps:
  - The Project Lead the Way STEM camps
  - **Storyquest reading/writing camps**
- Nature Guardians at Freeman **Environmental Education Center**
- New camps include "Swiftie Superstar" and "Jr. Doctors"

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## Safety Town Program

- Morning program with afternoon camp available
- Open to rising Young 5's, Kinders, and 1st graders
- Young children learn to evaluate safe from unsafe in a variety of potentially dangerous situations
- Visits from community partners throughout the week











## High School Volunteer Program

- Volunteers assist campers with projects, help staff lead games and activities, and contribute to a positive and fun camp atmosphere.
- Volunteers gain work and leadership skills, make friends from other high schools, and enjoy being adored!
- The volunteer application period closed on May 16. Total number of volunteers will be between 125-150.







## Even MORE fun with Rec & Ed!

## There's still time to sign up for summer session!

- summer camps
- early childhood classes
- youth instructional sports classes
- adult fitness and enrichment classes

#### Looking ahead...

- Open now: Fall Before/After Care registration
- June 2-July 21 Fall soccer & field hockey

Learn more and register: aarecedonline.com

# Strategic Partnerships & Community Engagement

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## The Bridge Between Community Resources













# Strategic Partnerships & Community Engagement Program Areas

#### **Strategic Partnerships**

District partnerships that support AAPS students.

Volunteers recruited at the district level who provide supplemental support to students.

#### **Community Resources**

Consulation, direct support, tools and guidance to connect AAPS students and families to resources from the community.

#### **Community Engagement**

Opportunties for community members to engage with schools. Consultation with school staff and leaders on family and community engagement.

## Scholarships & Community Donations

Monetary and In-kind support for students and schools to enrich learning and well-being.

#### Strategic Partnerships & Community Engagement

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#### Monetary Support for AAPS students and staff

\$234,836

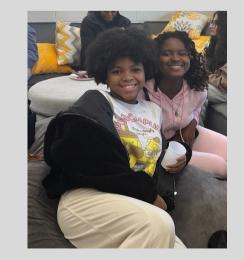


"Applying for this scholarship is a very important step I am taking that will keep pushing me in the right direction which is getting ready for education at the next level." --Terron Stewart, Chartwells Scholarship Huron High School

"The grant brought Carousel Acres to our school, allowing our families to experience live animals. This experience will not only enrich our students' learning but also create meaningful opportunities for families to engage within our school community."
--Desiree Cross, Teacher
Westerman Preschool

80+

#### **AAPS Strategic Partners**



Girls Group's "leadership, sensitivity, thoughtfulness, and dedication to connecting with our students exemplify the spirit of care that makes our community strong."

--Bianca Humphries, Counselor Scarlett Middle School "Klay Krogol, the Green Baxter Community Director, and I have met several times. Our ongoing meetings and connections have been crucial in supporting our students at King." --Koren Clinkscale, Principal King Elementary

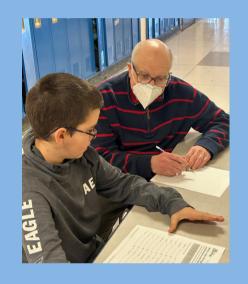
"The Skyline/ Peace Neighborhood Partnership is going strong!" -- Terri Patterson, Principal

Skyline High School

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#### **Strategic Partnership Volunteers**



"Rob shows up every week and has gone out of his way to support one of my students both academically and socially."
--Michael Cramer, Teacher Burns Park Elementary

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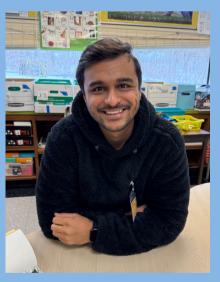
"Julia spends an hour every week shelving books in our busy elementary school library at King. She is always punctual, helpful, and ready to assist with my Young Five students whenever needed."



Building or departmenty

--Person, titleal





"Siddarth has been a dedicated and compassionate tutor at Logan through the America Reads program. His patience and positivity have helped students grow to be independent learners."
--Hillary Wooley, Building Literacy Coach Logan Elementary.

"I am extremely grateful for all of our [U-M] student volunteers. They arrive on time, show up with a smile on their face and our students look forward to them sharing the learning space."

--Michael Johnson, Principal Carpenter Elementary



# Annual AAPS Scholarship Award Recognition

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