

Educators enhance knowledge, build tool kits, camaraderie at summer camp

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For Abdul Muhammad, student engagement officer at Markham-based **Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144**, the main takeaway from camp includes knowledge and tools that he hopes will improve the outcomes of his work.



Abdul Muhammad

“I engage with parents. I also engage with students. I mediate problems the students might be having amongst each other. Truancy issues. Absentee issues,” Muhammad said.

“ ‘Restorative practice’ will give us the patience that we need when we are interacting with children, especially children with behavior issues,” he added, “and just give us a better course of direction as opposed to being punitive so quickly.”