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Wrapping Up the Year

A Message from Magnet Coordinator, Adria Metson

It is hard to believe this school year is almost over and this is the last edition of the Beeline for the 2016-2017 school year. We have all worked hard ... students, parents and staff. We all would like to “roll out those lazy, crazy, hazy days of summer,” as Nat King Cole so famously said. However, those summer days should not be all about being “lazy and hazy.”

A *Huffington Post* online article written by Rebecca Klein in 2013, mentions a survey that was released by NSLA, National Summer Learning Association. Of the 500 teachers surveyed, 66% said at the start of school in the fall, they had to spend from 3-4 weeks reviewing with their students material presented the previous year. Ron Fairchild, past Director of the John Hopkins University Center for Summer Learning, on TODAY.com found “on average, students lose approximately 2.6 months of grade level equivalency in mathematical computation skills during the summer months.”

There are so many online sites that offer fun, educational activities for summer enjoyment. Pinterest, Real Simple, and many other online resources provide worthwhile and interesting opportunities for our students to do at home. Here are a few simple suggestions for summer activities for the whole family:

Summer Math Activities:

Help students maintain their math skills and keep them thinking in numbers all summer long.

For Grades K-3:

Shopaholic: What can you buy for \$5 at the corner store? From the ice cream truck? In a hardware store? At the beach?

Important Dates!

Wed. 5/3 – Thurs. 5/4: West Hills Pizza Night. 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 20% of proceeds go to Welby.

Fri. 5/5: May 5: 5th Grade Matriculation Math testing for Hale 12:15 - 2:30

Fri. 5/5: POWW Fitness Party on Welby Yard 3:00-4:00

Mon. 5/8: Raising a Resilient Child "Elementary School Success K-3" in Room 27 @ 3:00pm

Wed. 5/10 – Fri. 5/12: 5th Grade Pali Camp

Tues. 5/16: POWW Board Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.

Tues. 5/16: Site Council Meeting Library 7:00pm

Thurs. 5/18: Baskin Robbins Fundraiser from Noon – 10:00 p.m.

Sat. 5/20: Manly Man Fundraising Event on Campus @ 12:00

Thurs. 5/25: Raising a Resilient Child "Life on the Playground" 3:00 Room 27

Mon. 5/29: School Closed for Memorial Day

Tues. 5/30: Honors Assembly 8:15 4th and 5th/9:15 Kinder - 3rd

Wed. 5/31: 4th/5th Grade Olympics 8:10am-9:50am

Thurs. 6/1: 1st/2nd/3rd Grade Olympics 8:10 am - 9:50 am

Thurs. 6/1: Wendy's Restaurant Night from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Thurs. 6/1: Raising a Resilient Child "The Pressure of Social Media" 3:00 Room 27

Sat. 6/3: Ballroom Dance Competition

Mon. 6/5: 1st – 5th Grade Olympics Award Ceremony @ 2:00 p.m.

Wed. 6/7: Magnet Culmination @ 8:15 a.m.

Wed. 6/7: Resident Culmination @ 10:30 a.m.

Thurs. 6/8: Minimum Day Dismissal @ 12:30 p.m.

Fri. 6/9: Kindergarten Ceremony @ 8:30 a.m.

Fri. 6/10: Minimum Day Dismissal @ 12:30 p.m. Last day of school.

Change it up: Start collecting change in a jar on the first day of summer. On the last day, estimate your change, count it, and plan a special purchase.

Summer patterns: Create patterns using summer items (popsicle sticks, shells, flowers). Or, draw patterns in the sand or dirt using a stick or your hands. See how long you can carry out your pattern — along the length of the sandbox, or across the grass.

Napkin fractions: Fold paper towels or napkins into large and small fractions, from one-half to 1/16. Use markers to label and decorate the different fractions.

Design hunt: Keep an eye out for shapes, patterns, and designs when you're out and about. You never know what you'll find in the architecture at the airport, the shopping mall, or even the grocery store.

100% delicious: Use ice cream to make fraction sundaes. Can you make an ice cream sundae that is one-half vanilla and one-half chocolate? What about one-third chocolate, one-third vanilla, and one-third strawberry? Can you cover a scoop of ice cream with one-quarter each nuts, sprinkles, cookie crumbs, and gummy bears? Or can you eat a bite of ice cream that is one-half chocolate, one-half vanilla? For older children, calculate the percentage of each ice cream flavor in the sundae.

For Grades 4–8:

Record-breakers: Use a stopwatch to time yourself running, roller blading, swimming, or biking. Then try to beat your time. Be sure to keep the distance you're moving the same for each trial. Graph the results. (You may need a partner for this.)

Where will you be? Using a map, calculate where you will be if you travel 20, 50, 100, or 1,000 miles from home.

How many ways? As you're exploring your neighborhood during the summer, how many routes can you take to the school, the grocery store, the mall, or your friend's house? The catch: No backtracking, and you must take a new route each time.

Let's eat: Prepare a meal or dish for the family. Before you go to the supermarket, find a recipe, write what you need and how much. At the supermarket, choose the best-priced option.

Summer Reading Activities:

These ideas will keep kids engaged in reading, writing, and thinking creatively even on the hottest days.

Water writer: Using a pail of water and a brush, have kids write words on the blacktop or sidewalk.

Sell summer: Tell kids: Try a new product or activity and write about it. How would you describe it? Would you recommend it? Create an advertisement to sell it to others.

Plan a trip: Have kids use the Internet, travel guidebooks, brochures, and maps to plan a dream day, weekend, week, or month-long trip.

Summer sleuth: Have kids follow a story in a newspaper during the summer, or investigate a local story (e.g., an upcoming fair). Tell kids: Write about the event as it unfolds so that you have it documented from start to finish.

Play it: Take an adventure book with a clear plot (*The Phantom Tollbooth*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, etc.) and invent a board game based on it.

Comic strip: Write a comic strip about a fictional character or yourself. See how long you can keep the strip going. Read classic comics for inspiration.

Set aside time each day to read. Track the books your child reads and reward him or her with a special activity or treat when he or she reaches certain milestones (for example, every 10th book). Do art projects based on favorite titles, such as drawing a favorite scene, or making paper bag puppets.

Visit your local library. Many libraries have wonderful summer reading programs that reward children for the number of books they read.

Make every day educational. Children learn problem-solving, math, science, and vocabulary as they help with groceries, laundry, and cooking.

Congratulations to our April Honor Assembly Winners!

Kindergarten: Vishruthi G., Eden V., Jax P.

First: Vida S., Olivia B., Shana B. **Second:** Eva G., Beverly L., Gregory G., Neeka A., Sophia C.

Third: Cole C., Emily M., Adriencne J., Manya P., Ethan M., Saanvi C. **Fourth:** Sudha N., Zia E., Neel T., Sophie S., Noah W., Talon H., Sriya B., Amber E., Josiah C., Caitlyn L, Russel B., Kayla T., Amer E., Josiah C., Max E., Zoe W.

Fifth: Eva C., Bella K., Pantea K., Zane G., Stephanie M., Evan B., Alexandra G., Jade N., Lior S., Keely P.

Create a summer scrapbook. Save postcards and movie tickets, record family stories or interesting events from each day, whether you're going on vacation or just going to your neighborhood park.

Also, go online to the American Library Association website, www.ala.org and search summer reading lists for children and there is an extensive list of books to read per grade level.

Summer Science Fun:

Summer is the perfect time for children to explore their extracurricular interests, like science. Here are some activities that will have children hypothesizing all the way to September.

Map the weather: Keep a running log of the weather. Include temperature, humidity, clouds, precipitation, wind, air pressure. Can you predict what the weather will be tomorrow?

Invent a recipe for a summer drink and share it with your friends. For example, the Citrus Sizzler: 1/2 cup Sprite, 1/2 cup pineapple juice, 1 spritz lime juice.

Museum gallery: Collect pinecones, rocks, shells, or other natural objects to organize, categorize, and label. Present your own natural history museum.

Hot-weather inventor: Design an invention that you can use during summer. Some ideas: sunglasses that change color from red to yellow to blue, or a new beach toy.

Answer a question: How long does it take an ice cube to melt outside in the summer heat? In the refrigerator? In an air conditioned room?

Float or sink: In a pool or the bathtub, hypothesize which items (soap, dry sock, bottle of shampoo, rock, etc.) will float or sink. Test your hypotheses.

Roadworthy Car Games:

For kids on the bus or families on vacation, put those long rides to good use with activities that keep the kids busy and build reading and math skills.

For Grades K-3:

Car bingo: Create a car bingo card with words, shapes, colors, and items that children will likely see during a trip (stop signs, billboards, railroad signs, etc.) to reinforce reading skills, math, and sight words.

The number game: Look out the window and call out when you see one, two, three, or four of something, and so on.

The alphabet game: One person chooses the right side of the road, and the other chooses the left. Call out objects that you see in alphabetical order (you can use a sign only for one letter). The first person to get to the letter "z" wins.

For Grades 4-8:

Capital game: Take note of each license plate you see, not by state, but by state capital. The first to correctly identify 10 state capitals wins.

Cow game: One person takes the right side of the road, the other takes the left. Keep count of all the cows you see. You earn one point for each cow. When you see a cemetery out of your side of the car, you lose all your points.

Animals galore: Decide on a number of points for each animal that you see (cow = 1 point, horse = 1 point, pig = 2 points, etc.). As you drive, add up the points. Play until one person gets 10 points, or for a set time.

Math with license plates: Use the numbers on license plates to practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and number patterns and see just how creative kids can get.

The Bottom Line:

Keep it simple, fun, and stimulating. Please remember that summer is also for relaxing, taking some time off, just being a child. The trick is to balance fun with learning, and with all the options available to you via the internet, it is a task worth tackling.

We wish everyone a wonderful, peaceful, and enjoyable summer break. Before we know it, we will be meeting again in August.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CULMINATING 5TH GRADE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES. We will miss all of our families that will not be returning to Welby Way. We wish you good luck as you move onto the new adventures awaiting you in middle school.

WISHING OUR ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM GOOD LUCK as our students compete in the World Finals in Lansing, Michigan, May 24-27. Team members Neel Thakkar, Nimran Singh, Matthew Belden, Serj Petrossian, Micah Knightly-Weiss, and Remy Kageff have worked diligently all school year to reach the finals. **WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOUR HARD WORK! GOOD LUCK**

FINALLY, A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM COMPUTERWISEKIDS EDUCATION ORGANIZERS: "We are writing this email to convey our heartfelt congratulations to the Welby Way teams Dem_Sick_Code for winning the Category Best Structured Code Award & Computer "o" Cookies for winning the Category Best Practical Application Award with their entries in this year's Code Club 2017 Competition. They did an amazing job working as a team and their project displayed coding skill that stood out against all the other competitors. See all the competition entries here: <https://sites.google.com/compclass.org/2017codeclub/home>." Dem_Sick_Code: Ariel H., Jake S., and Zachary H. Computer 'o' Cookies: Josiah C., Caitlyn W., Tyler C., and Andrew C.

The Welby staff THANKS you for the amazing Staff Appreciation Luncheon, flowers and gifts. Thank you for making us feel very appreciated and loved.



Summer is almost here yet again, always so hard to understand where the time goes. Our children seem to grow up way too quickly. As always, though, we are so lucky to be a part of such a nurturing and dedicated community here at Welby Way that makes sure each and every one of our children feel so special. This includes parents, administrators, teachers, and all who are so full of inspiration and caring and kindness for our children. It has been my absolute pleasure to work so closely with this wonderful community. I wish all of you a vacation filled with adventure, family, friends and relaxation. Please take time this summer to reflect on the past year and how much each of your children has grown and learned so much and are on their way to becoming young adults who will make a difference in this world.

I look forward to seeing everybody next year. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

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