

Memorandum

To: Batty O'Neil

From: Larry Bidlack & Terry Bleau

Date: 4/17/2014

Re: Summer Academic Camps at the Middle Schools

This summer we plan to continue to offer the reading camp that we have done the last several years as well as the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) camp. As you are aware the reading camp is an invitation only camp open to all of the students who have participated in our reading interventions or have an IEP for reading. This will be our third year offering the STEM camp to middle school students. Based on informal responses from the students and the staff, the STEM camp has been very successful. We are also going to offer a Sewing Camp this year. The intention of this camp is to allow those interested 7th graders to continue to work on their sewing skills and explore this interest.

The following documents are attached to help provide information regarding these camps.

- A copy of the parent letter for the STEM camp.
- A copy of the parent letter for the reading camp.
- A copy of the parent letter for the sewing camp

All of these camps are open to students in both middle schools and the number of students in these documents reflect campus numbers. As has been our practice, for this coming summer the camps are open only to the current 6th and 7th grade students (sewing will be for 7th grade students only).

We were very pleased with the number of participants in both camps last summer. The reading camp had 36 students participate with many students participating in both sessions. At this point, we would predict consistently having between 30-40 kids for this camp. This is a slight increase from the previous year, but more students than the first two years of the camp. The STEM camp had 70 students participate between the two sessions with some additional students on a wait list. Our hope this year is to avoid having any students on a wait list by having enough staff support to allow all students to participate.

We would like to begin advertising for these camps as soon as possible. As a result, please submit these proposals to the school board if needed.

April 15, 2014

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Once again this summer we are offering our summer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) camp. The STEM camp is an opportunity for students to have some fun with science over the summer vacation. Students will participate in a variety of activities centered on science and engineering topics...

- **BRIDGE BUILDER:** Channel your inner engineer and investigate what it takes to design, build and test a bridge model from available materials that can support maximum weight.
- **CSI GMS:** Work together to solve a mystery using FORENSIC SCIENCE techniques...including collecting evidence, blood typing, finger printing and chromatography.
- **OIL SPILL:** Try your hand at designing and testing methods to clean up an environmental disaster. Then use them to restore the water to livable conditions.

The camp will be three hours each day from 9:00-12:00 for five consecutive days Monday-Friday. Please return the attached form with your preferences for the week your child would prefer to attend. If your child is able to participate either week then rank the preference with the highest ranking being 1. The cost of the camp is \$75 per camper. The camp is open to all current 6th and 7th grade students at GMS North and South. The camp will be held at GMS South.

If you are interested in having your child participate in our STEM camp, please complete the attached form and return it with your payment to your school's main office by **Friday, May 9th**.

We are excited to offer this opportunity for your child and hope they will be able to join us! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,

Larry Bidlack & Terry Bleau
Principals GMS North and South

STEM CAMP ENROLLMENT FORM

Student Name _____

Grade completed this year _____

Parent Name _____

Contact Numbers _____

Summer Session Selection: Please rank your choices from first to last. If your student is unable to attend a specific week please mark an "X" to denote the conflict. The camp will only run if there are enough students for the sections selected.

June 16-20 _____

July 7 – 11 _____

I understand that I will need to provide transportation to and from the STEM camp each day.

Parent Signature _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY FRIDAY MAY 9

April 19, 2014

Parent
Address
City

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I would like to invite child's name to participate in our Reading Summer Success Program (RS²P)! RS²P is an extension of the reading support offered during the school year and is open to Geneva Middle School students only. The goal of this camp is to continue improving the reading ability of our students. A teacher will coordinate both individual and small group reading activities for the students.

Each summer session will be four weeks. The classes will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for 90 minutes. The format of the classes will involve direct instruction on specific reading strategies and the application of reading strategies to the books chosen by the students.

We will be hosting two summer sessions. The dates for the first session are June 9-July 3. The dates for the second session are July 8-July 31. RS²P will meet at Geneva Middle School North three times each week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. or 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Due to the availability of grant funding this year, there is no cost to participate in RS²P, however, space is limited.

If you are interested in having your child participate in our Summer Success Reading Program, please complete the form below and return it to your school's main office by **Friday, May 9th**.

We are excited to offer this opportunity for your child and hope they will be able to join us! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,

Larry Bidlack & Terry Bleau
Principals GMS North and South

Reading Summer Success Program (RS²P) Enrollment Form

Student Name _____

Grade completed _____

Parent Name _____

Contact Numbers _____

Summer Session Selection: (Circle one)

Session 1
June 9-July 3

Session 2
July 8-July 31

Sessions 1 and 2

Depending on enrollment, we may not be able to guarantee a specific timeslot. However, if you would like to express a preference, please do so below:

8:00 – 9:30

10:00 – 11:30

Either time is fine.

I understand that I will need to provide transportation to and from the Reading Summer Success Program at the assigned times.

Parent Signature _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY FRIDAY MAY 9

April 15, 2014

Dear Parent or Guardian,

This summer we have a new camp opportunity for students. Those students who are currently in 7th grade can continue to explore their interest in sewing by participating in our sewing camp. This camp will be offered twice this summer if there are enough participants. The camp will be three hours each day from 9:00-12:00 for five consecutive days Monday-Friday. Please return the attached form with your preferences for the week your child would prefer to attend. If your child is able to participate either week, then rank the preference with the highest ranking being 1. The cost of the camp is \$75 per camper. The camp is open to all current 7th grade students at GMS North and South. The camp will be held at GMS South.

For this camp students will go to the next level in their sewing skills by learning to use a pattern to cut out fabric and use Bernina sewing computers to design their own shorts or PJ's to wear over the summer. Skills taught will include sewing safety, using a pattern, hems, elastic casings, creativity, and basic machine embroidering. A second project will be mug rugs. Fees include all materials.

If you are interested in having your child participate in our Sewing Camp, please complete the attached form and return it with your payment to your school's main office by **Friday, May 9th**. Students who are planning on attending FACS class as 8th graders should not sign up for this class because it contains some of the same concepts.

We are excited to offer this opportunity for your child and hope they will be able to join us! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal.

Sincerely,

Larry Bidlack & Terry Bleau
Principals GMS North and South

SEWING CAMP ENROLLMENT FORM

Student Name _____

Grade completed this year _____

Parent Name _____

Contact Numbers _____

Summer Session Selection: Please rank your choices from first to last. If your student is unable to attend a specific week please mark an "X" to denote the conflict. The camp will only run if there are enough students for the sections selected.

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July 7 – 11 _____

I understand that I will need to provide transportation to and from the Sewing Camp each day.

Parent Signature _____

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