



GENEVA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 304
FROM THE OFFICE OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Patty O'Neil

RE: Middle School Summer Camps for Students

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Once again, the Geneva Middle School campus is pleased to offer two academic “camps” to students to spark their interest and continue their learning during the summer months. The reading camp is an invitation-only camp for students who have participated in reading interventions or have an IEP for reading goals during the school year. This camp is funded through the District’s Title I Grant, so there is no fee for student participation. The goal is that students will maintain the gains they have achieved during the school year, or at the very minimum, they will not lose as much ground as they would have with no summer support. The summer reading camp typically has between 30-40 students participating.

In addition, several years ago middle school science teachers proposed a science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) camp. This camp is open to all 6th and 7th graders and has a participation fee which supports the operation of the camp. The purpose of the camp is for students to have some fun exploring science and engineering topics. This year’s slate of activities includes: Figure It Out!, Building Stonehenge (The Old-Fashioned Way), The Hydraulic Arm, Broken Bone Shark Tank, and Solar Cars and Wind Yachts. The STEM Camp has generally drawn between 60-70 participants, and last year saw the largest participant pool with 77 students!

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the camps Monday evening. We greatly appreciate the Board’s support of these events on behalf of our middle school students.