

Dear Parents,

Summer's BEST 2020 has arrived! The Bethel Public Schools will be offering many **new and dynamic** programs. We hope to create a summertime adventure of discovery, fun, and learning that will build knowledge and enrich for all children. The goal of the summer program is to encourage children to explore new skills, talents, and interests as well as maintain and sharpen academic skills, boost academic confidence, and reinforce the value of education.

This year we are offering an Enrichment Model for all students. All enrichment programs offered are based on one or more of our Global Competencies: Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Creativity and Innovation.

Save the month of July for an exciting summer adventure!

Sincerely,

Linda Anderson

Coordinator of Community Programs

How to Register

We will be registering online this year through Pickatime! Registration will begin Monday, April 27, 2020 at 7:00AM. Read the Superintendent's email for more information.

*****ONLINE REGISTRATION ENDS MAY 31, 2020. Anyone wanting to register after May 31st will need to come to Berry School on or after July 6, 2020.**

Questions? Please email Linda Anderson at: AndersonL@bethel.k12.ct.us

IMPORTANT SUMMER INFORMATION:

ALL PROGRAMS K-3 take place at Berry School. ALL Programs grade 4-8 take place at BMS. Classroom numbers will be posted in the front hall on the first day of school.

DROP OFF & PICK UP K-3

* Please do not pull into the bus lane/front circle at Berry School.

Pre-Kindergarten: Drop-Off: Students arriving for summer school should arrive through the door located at the far end of the Kindergarten/ Circle of Friends wing. Summer School staff will be attending to this door on a daily basis. Students arriving late must enter through the front door and sign in at the main office.

Pre-Kindergarten: Parent Pick-up: At the dismissal times (11:30 and 12:00) preschoolers will be picked up from their classrooms. Please enter at the far Circle of Friends door, pick up your child and sign them out in their classroom and exit through the COF door.

Grades K-3: Drop-Off: Students should be dropped off at the side door of Berry School (near the Nurse Office door). There will be signs and staff to direct you to the proper door. Students will be walked to class by high school volunteers.

Limited Transportation

Bus service to and from the Summer's BEST programs will be offered. Bus routes are published on the Summer's BEST website. Please read

Grades K-3: Pick-up- At (10:00 and 12:00) Parents must wait outside the designated door for dismissal and should be ready to present a driver's license or other form of identification.

Grades K-1 pick- up in Gym

Grades 2-3 pick- up in Cafeteria.

PLEASE NOTE: parents with children at different pick-up sites will need to walk outside the building to sign-out their children at different doors on the first day. Please fill out a form in your child's first class to have a common pick up area, which will start on the second day of programs. THANK YOU for your cooperation!

Student Release

Written authorization must be given for a child to be released from the Summer's BEST program to any person other than the child's parent(s) or legal guardian.

through the routes and choose the bus that is closest to your home. Bus stops will be added after registration. Buses will run to school before 8:30 AM and return home at 12:00 PM. There is no bus

at 10:00 AM. The busses run limited routes on the main roads in town. **There will be no bus service for Pre-K students. Students wanting bus service must register by May 15, 2020.**

Grades Listed - Enrichment programs are offered to specific grades. These grades listed in the brochure are the student's **present grade (2019/2020 school year)**.

Snacks- Students should bring a nut-free snack and a drink from home each day.

Food at School- For safety reasons, the Summer School Nurse has asked that **NO FOOD be brought in to share with classes/ other students (ie: NO class parties/ treats).**

Park and Recreation Connection-

Students in grades 1- 4 may go from the Summer's BEST programs directly to Bethel Parks and

Recreation playground camp. A BEST assistant will escort these students to the Parks and Recreation camp. Students MUST be registered through Park and Rec.

NURSE COVERAGE- The Nurse will be available at Berry School during the summer session. Please do not send your child to school sick (ie: fever, rash, earache, nauseated). Students will not be able to receive over the counter medications during the summer. Students needing a doctor's orders for Medication (Epi-pens or Inhalers) need to completely fill out and sent to Nurse Lisa Davenport at BHS before June 1st. Link to form: http://www.bethel.k12.ct.us/UserFiles/Servers/Server_20328807/File/Migration/AuthorizationofMedication.pdf

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Enrichment programs are offered to all Bethel residents.

STEM LEGO SMART

Explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) in this amazing program. Being LEGO smart is more than building with LEGO bricks! It's having the ability to work in teams, solve problems, and create solutions. It means understanding key science, technology, engineering, and math concepts, not just on paper, but through immersion. LEGO Smart students don't just know it, they DO it!

Grades K-1	Dates 7/6- 7/17	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15
Grades 2-3	Dates 7/6- 7/17	Time 10:30-12:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15
Grades K-1	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15
Grades 2-3	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 10:30-12:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15

ROBOTICS

Are you interested in designing, building, and programming your own robot? Learn to specialize skills for your robot to complete challenging tasks and an obstacle course with Mr. Best. Join this class to learn the basics or jump into challenges. Open to students currently in grades 4-8.

Grades 4-8	Dates 7/6- 7/17	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15
Grades 4-8	Dates 7/6- 7/17	Time 10:30- 12:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15

TOTALLY AMAZING SCIENCE

A seriously fun hands-on science program in which students explore, create and construct! Activities will include chemistry, physics, and earth science.

Grades K-1	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 8:30 - 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
Grades 2-3	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 10:30 - 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
Grades 2-3	Dates 7/20-7/31	Time 8:30 - 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
Grades K-1	Dates 7/20-7/31	Time 10:30 - 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12

SLIMY SCIENCE

A gooey, hands-on science program where children engage in amusing, slimy experiments – many of which can be brought home!

Grades 2-3	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 8:30 - 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
Grades K-1	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 10:30 - 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
Grades K-1	Dates 7/20-7/31	Time 8:30 - 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
Grades 2-3	Dates 7/20-7/31	Time 10:30 - 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12

SUPERHERO MATH!

With great power comes great responsibility! Join forces with other math superheroes to save the world one math problem at a time. In this program, we'll grow and reinforce grade level skills in math as we work to "save the world" through unique problems set in superhero scenarios. The program includes a mix of collaborative superhero math games as well as critical thinking challenges that can take anywhere from a few minutes to a whole hour to solve! Will you join us?

Grades 2-3	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 8:30 - 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
Grades 2-3	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 10:30 - 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size:12
Grades 4-5	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15
Grades 4-5	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 10:30-12:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15

CARNIVAL MATH

What's more fun than a three-ring circus? Carnival Math! Reinforce math concepts and sharpen problem-solving strategies through fun carnival games, puzzles and unique activities.

Grades 2-3	Dates 7/20-7/31	Time 8:30 - 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
Grades K-1	Dates 7/20-7/31	Time 10:30 - 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size:12

AN AMERICAN GIRL ADVENTURE

A program based on the American Girl Doll series. Learn the history of each American Girl Doll era while doing fun art, dramatic, and science projects. Bring your dolls along for the journey.

Grades K-1	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 8:30 – 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15
Grades 2-3	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 10:30 – 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

DARE TO DREAM BOOK CLUB

Learn about the dreams of famous people and build your own through the "How Was" book series. Reading and fun activities will ensure an amazing summer adventure.

Grade 2-3	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 8:30 – 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
Grade K-1	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 10:30 – 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
Grades K-1	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15
Grades 2-3	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 10:30-12:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15

BOOKS AND BEYOND

Come dive into a good book this summer! Join Mrs. McCormick & Ms. Siladi for their summer book club including shared reading, lively discussions, crafts and fun activities centered around a popular book selection. Get a jump start on your summer reading in a fun environment!

Grades 4-5	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 8:30 - 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
Grades 4-5	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 10:30 - 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size:12

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Learn about your Connecticut backyard as we explore the trails, forests and fields of the Bethel Educational Park. Take nature hikes to learn about local insects, plants, and wildlife. Outdoor safety will be stressed as we observe and study our local ecosystem. Learn to read a map, identify native plants and participate in games and nature crafts. Students will create nature journals and use their knowledge of the Educational Park to complete a Mystery Hike at the end of our session.

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Grades 2-3	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15
Grades K-1	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 10:30-12:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15

INSPIRED ART!

Looking forward to some summer fun? Let's create some summer inspired artwork and crafts ranging from ocean animals to campfire s'mores. We will explore both 2D and 3D materials to create lots of summer fun!

Grades K-1	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 8:30 – 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15
Grades 2-3	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 10:30 – 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

FOOD ART

Have you ever realized how fun food is? Even better is making art inspired by it, from tacos to cupcakes and everything in between. We will explore both 2D and 3D mediums to create some delicious creations.

Grades K-1	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15
Grades 2-3	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 10:30-12:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15

COOKING KIDS

Educational and Edible! Join this cooking program that takes you one step beyond the recipe. Students will learn about food, animals, history, and literature while mixing, measuring, and creating. Students will also do some kitchen crafts and experiments.

Grades 2-3	Dates 7/6- 7/17	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15
Grades K-1	Dates 7/6- 7/17	Time 10:30-12:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15
Grades 2-3	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15
Grades K-1	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 10:30-12:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15

SCULPTURE

Students will explore various techniques and create their own individual sculptures using a wide variety of mediums with Mrs. McCue.

Grades: 4-5	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15
Grades: 6-8	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 10:30- 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

PAINTING

Join Mrs. McCue in a summer painting adventure filled with tempera & watercolors, as well as mixed media, such as crayons, glue, salt, sharpies. Learn new techniques and creative compositions!

Grades 4-8	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15
Grades 4-8	Dates 7/20-7/31	Time 10:30 – 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

SEWING

Learn how to use a sewing machine and how to follow a pattern while making a great project. Students will complete a pin-cushion, string backpack, and locker organizer. Returning students will be making other new projects.

Grades 4-8	Dates 7/6- 7/17	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 10
Grades 4-8	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 10:30- 12:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size: 10

PATCHWORK SEWING

Have fun while learning the decorative art hand sewing. Create fun projects this summer in this program taught by Mrs. Rogers.

Grades 4-8	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size 15
Grades 4-8	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 10:30- 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size 15

PROJECT ADVENTURE

Climb the wall, and experience other high and low element course events! Non-traditional group games as well as trust and problem-solving activities will keep the students interested and challenged.

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Grades 6-8	Dates 7/20-7/31	Time 10:30 – 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL: The Journey Continues

Throughout this two-week program students will learn skills necessary to survive in the wilderness. Students will actively participate in the following survival games and activities...shelter building, animal tracking, fire building, plant and animal identification, food collecting/water collecting, wilderness games and activities, map and compass reading.

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Grades 4-5	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 10:30- 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

DUDE PERFECT TRICK SHOT CHALLENGE

Have you ever seen dude perfect and their incredible trick shots? This enrichment program will allow students to create creative trick shots. We will be outdoors and indoors. Join Mr. Rinas to take hundreds of attempts to nail that one perfect shot. We might even get one on camera!

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SUMMER'S BEST AMAZING RACE

Get your passports and legs ready to travel across the world and compete in the Amazing Race! Campers will be traveling from country to country hoping to get through checkpoints as fast as possible. As you travel, be on the lookout for obstacles, detours and games in this challenging and fun competition!

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Grades K-1	Dates 7/6- 7/17	Time 10:30- 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

BERRY NINJA WARRIOR CHALLENGE

Do you have what it takes to be a Berry Ninja Warrior? Individual and team challenges will take place on a daily basis that emphasize fair play and sportsmanship. Get ready for fun in an adventure-based atmosphere.

Grades 2-3	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15
Grades K-1	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 10:30-12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

INTRODUCTION TO YOGA AND MINDFUL PRACTICES

In this yoga and mindful practices session students will be introduced to the connection between self and environment through mindful practices such as nature walks, art, active listening, introduction to gratitude journaling, guided meditation, and yoga. These activities are beneficial for all ages.

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GAME ON!

Get ready for some fun! Put the ipad, phone or tablet down and come play with Mrs. Sprock! We will put our collaboration and creative skills to "work" as we play some exciting card, dice and board games! Games include Mancala, Skipbo, Tenzi, Blokus, Spot it and more!

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Grades 2-3	Dates 7/6- 7/17	Time 10:30- 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15
Grades 4-8	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15
Grades 4-8	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 10:30- 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

JEWELRY MAKING

Do you like to be creative and make your own jewelry? Learn to weave bracelets, make rainbow looms. Create your own earrings, bracelets, necklaces, and more! 5

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Grades 4-8	Dates 7/20-7/31	Time 8:30 – 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15
Grades 4-8	Dates 7/20-7/31	Time 10:30 – 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

FUN & GAMES: TEAM GAMES/SPORTS

A fun, outdoor, summer program where students play different games that all focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, and cooperation! A great time will be had by all!

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Grades 2-3	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 10:30-12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15
Grades K-1	Dates 7/20-7/31	Time 8:30 – 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15
Grades 2-3	Dates 7/20-7/31	Time 10:30 – 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

4-Square and More!

Do you love playing games with friends outside at recess or in PE? Does a little friendly competition get you determined to play to win? Come play 4 Square and other games with Ms. Claridge to stay active this summer. Don't forget your sneakers, water and positive attitude!

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Grades 4-8	Dates 7/6-7/17	Time 10:30-12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15
Grade 4-8	Dates 7/20-7/31	Time 8:30 – 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15
Grade 4-8	Dates 7/20- 7/31	Time 10:30- 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

Enrichment Extended Day Summer School

EXTENDED DAY Grades K-3 (only) at Berry School An extended day program of organized games and activities to keep your children entertained, active, and safe. This program will last from 12:00- 2:30. Students will participate in organized activities as well as have free time to play outside. Please send a lunch each day for your child.

Grades K-3	Dates 7/6- 7/17	Time 12:00- 2:30	Fee: \$100.00	Maximum class size:15
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PRE-K SUMMER PROGRAMS

Please see front of brochure for drop off and pick up procedures.

SUMMER COUNTS!- FREE

A program designed to develop the skills Kindergarteners need to be successful in school and prepare them for the structure of Kindergarten. Students will work on phonemic awareness, fine and gross motor skills, number sense, and appropriate kindergarten behavior in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. This is an excellent opportunity for children to get acquainted with the school system as well as socialize with other children. Each child may take one session of the program free. There will be no bus service or Park & Rec. connection provided for pre-schoolers. Transportation is the responsibility of the parents. This program is open to those students attending kindergarten in the Fall 2020 and must be a Bethel resident.

Dates: 7/6- 7/17	Time 9:00- 11:30	Fee: Free	Location: Berry School
7/20-7/31	Time 9:00- 11:30	Fee: Free	Location: Berry School

