

Dear Parents,

Summer's BEST 2018 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 your child. 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.

The Enrichment programs are self-funding. The cost of each program is set to cover the cost of the teacher and the materials. You will be sending your child to a fun, safe, educational program.

Save the month of July to enroll your child in a rewarding summer experience!

Sincerely,

Linda Anderson

Coordinator of Community Programs

How to Register ONLINE!

We will be registering online this year! Registration will begin Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:00AM. Read the Superintendent's email for more information.

*****ONLINE REGISTRATION ENDS MAY 31, 2019. Anyone wanting to register after May 31st will need to come to Berry School on or after July 1, 2019.**

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 front hall on 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.

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 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.

The Summer's BEST Calendar

The Summer's BEST programs take place Monday-Friday. Programs will begin on Monday, July 1, and extend through Friday, July 26, 2019. There will be NO SCHOOL on JULY 4th. The programs will generally run from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, followed by a supervised outdoor break and snack from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM. A second session will run from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Pre-K programs take place from 9:00- 11:30. There is also an extended day program from 12:00- 2:30 for grade K-3.

Extended Learning Programs Bethel Public Schools will be offering a four-week summer program for improvement in Reading, Writing, and Math for students in Kindergarten through grade 4, as well as a Pre-Kindergarten Skills program. These programs will meet Monday through Friday, from July 1 – July 26, 2019, with NO SCHOOL July 4th. These classes will be small and grouped according to grade level and ability. These Extended Learning Programs are offered to students by invitation from their teacher and/or principal and are free of cost. These extended learning programs are offered to students in the Bethel Public Schools only. Students who are invited are strongly urged to attend. Registration for this program is done through the schools, NOT ONLINE.

Limited Transportation

Bus service to and from the Summer's BEST programs will be offered. Bus routes are published in this brochure. Please read 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, 2019.**

Grades Listed - Enrichment programs are offered to specific grades. These grades listed in the brochure are the student's **present grade (2018/2019 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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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 7/1- 7/12	Time 8:30- 10:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15
Grades 2-3	Dates 7/1- 7/12	Time 10:30-12:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size:15
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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.

Grade 2-3	Dates 7/15-7/26	Time 8:30 – 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
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Grade K-1	Dates 7/15-7/26	Time 10:30 – 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
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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 7/1-7/12	Time 8:30 - 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 12
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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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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.

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Grades 2-3	Dates 7/1-7/12	Time 10:30 – 12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15
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PAPER CRAFTS

Did you ever wonder how many things you can make from paper? Explore many fun and unusual crafts you can create using paper products. Some of the projects will include scrapbooking, card making, weaving, paper-making, and much more.

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ANIMAL ART

Create cool and funky animals with a variety of art materials. Learn about the animals through art and stories!

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Grades 2-3	Dates 7/15-7/26	Time 10:30 –12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

GLOW, GLITZ, AND GOLD

Students will work on crafts that can glow in the dark, change color in the sun, and of course have lots of glitter! Snow globes and fairies are just a few of the items students will take home.

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Grades K-1	Dates 7/15-7/26	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.

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SCULPTURE

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

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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!

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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.

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PATCHWORK SEWING

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

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AROUND THE WORLD AND THROUGH THE DECADES

Join Mrs. Guarino for an adventure "Around the World and Through the Decades." The first week would focus on food, art, music, etc., from different countries around the world. The second week would focus on popular American food, music, art, etc., through the decades (30's, 50's, 80's, 90's, 2000's).

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Grades 6-8	Dates 7/1-7/12	Time 10:30- 12:00	Fee \$85.00	Maximum class size: 10

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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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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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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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 emphasis fair play and sportsmanship. Get ready for fun in an adventure-based atmosphere.

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Grades K-1	Dates 7/15- 7/26	Time 10:30-12:00	Fee: \$85.00	Maximum class size: 15

SUPERHERO MATH!

With great power comes great responsibility! Join forces with other math superheroes to save the world one math problem at a time.

Perseverance is key in this project-based program, where we'll use critical thinking and collaboration skills to solve real-world problems that will take anywhere from a few minutes to a few days to solve!

Will you join us?

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CREATE YOUR OWN GAMES AND INVENTIONS

Students would be able to play a variety of board games, to learn strategy and cooperation with their peers. Then they will use their creativity to create their own board game or invention using their imagination and STEAM skills!

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FUN & GAMES: TEAM GAMES/SPORTS

A fun, outdoor, summer program where students play different games that all focus on team work, sportsmanship, and cooperation! A great time will be had by all! Created and taught by BHS grad, Cheyenne Clark.

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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 7/1- 7/12 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 2018 and must be a Bethel resident.

Dates: 7/1- 7/12	Time 9:00- 11:30	Fee: Free	Location: Berry School
7/15-7/26	Time 9:00- 11:30	Fee: Free	Location: Berry School

