



Shrewsbury Public Schools

Summer Programs 2017

Summer Learning 2017

Over 1,500 students participated in summer learning experiences with the Shrewsbury Public Schools this year. These programs served students in grades PreK-8 and provided students opportunities in the areas of reading support, English language education, enrichment, and kindergarten transition.



Providing Value to the Community

- Programs support the district's strategic priorities
- Extending instruction through the summer helps students maintain skills and prevent regression
- Outreach to new families gives students the opportunity to make school connections prior to September
- Fun and engaging programs strengthen positive feelings about school

Self-funding Summer Programs provide affordable options for families

- \$80 Half day enrichment
- \$160 Full day enrichment program
- Extended day - \$70 PM and \$35 AM
- \$100 Kindergarten Transition

Reduced fees available to income eligible families

Kindergarten Transition

“A week in the life of a kindergartener”

- Programs at Beal, Coolidge, Paton and Spring
- 2 1/2 hours per day, Mon–Thurs
- Cost to parents \$100

Benefit to students

- Gain familiarity with building
- Learn classroom routines
- Enter school feeling more confident and ready to learn

English Language Education

- Funded by Title III grants
- Programs at Beal and Coolidge for students in grades 1-8
- Immersive English environment
- Engaging activities incorporate reading, writing, listening and speaking in a relaxed environment



Students handle whale bones as part of the in-house field trip presentation from the Lloyd Center for the Environment.

Title I Reading

Grant-Funded literacy instruction for eligible students, based on reading assessments and teacher recommendations

Summer Reading Delivered

Participants received a packet of self-selected, high interest texts delivered to their home by mail. As a result, students had easy access to appropriate literacy materials.

88% of participants maintained or increased their literacy skills over the summer

R.E.C.E.S.S.

Reading Everyday Can Ensure Summer Success

*Thank you to the Shrewsbury Public Library
for providing space for the program!*

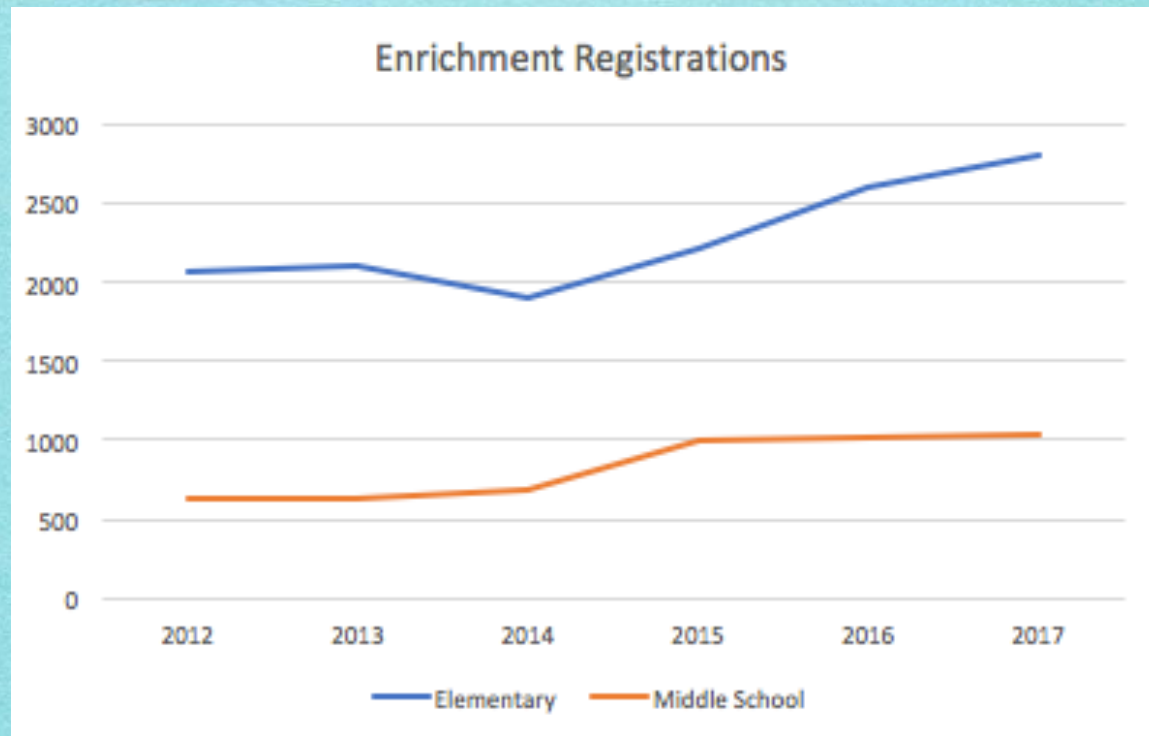


- Free classes, taught by volunteers
- Each class features one of the required summer reading books for students in grades K-4
- Students read and discuss the book, followed by a relevant activity or craft project

2017 Participation

	2016 enrollment	2017 enrollment	Variance
Kindergarten Transition programs	75	71	-4
English Language Education	80	73	-7
Title 1 reading programs	65	36	-29
R.E.C.E.S.S.	235	320	+85
Elementary summer enrichment	744	704	-40*
Middle school summer extensions	380	337	-43*
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	1579	1541	-38
*although the number of students served has declined since 2016, the overall number of registrations has increased by 223, indicating that individual students are taking more classes per summer			

Registration trends



2017 enrichment registrations:

Elementary = 2806 (40% increase since 2012)

Middle School = 1032 (75% increase since 2012)

Enrichment

What's new in 2017?

- 60 new classes added to the catalogs
- Increase in the number of STEM classes offered
- Social skills classes offered to all students in collaboration with the special education department
- The improved registration form filtered classes according to student's grade, making it easier for parents to choose suitable classes and avoiding placement errors
- Schedule confirmations were mailed in June, which eliminated much of the typical "Monday morning confusion"
- Parent surveys were sent at the end of every week rather than the end of the summer, providing us with more timely feedback

Talented Teachers

- Approximately 125 SPS employees taught in one or more programs
- 285 enrichment classes were offered (189 unique courses)

Parent Feedback

"Thank you!! Such devotion on the part of the teachers kept my son excited to talk about his day."

"Enthusiastic program teachers"

"variety of classes, great teachers"

"Some nice courses/themes and affordably priced. The instructors always seem to put a really strong effort in!"



High School volunteers provided over
5000 hours of service

"My son said they had nice high school volunteers and 'things would be so different without the high school volunteers.' The positive role models are a bonus, and the ability for younger students to envision themselves coming back to volunteer".

Challenges

- Crowded space and high volume traffic at Floral. At our peak, there were 430 enrichment students in the building, most arriving in cars.
- Identifying and providing appropriate support for special education students participating in enrichment
- Classes were cancelled in March and April due to low registration - yet when families tried to register in June, classes were full. We need to find a balance between early commitments to teachers and flexible enrollment for families.
- Parent feedback frequently mentions the desire for 5-day programming, additional classes in August, and program hours more conducive to working families
- Many families questioned the necessity of the \$10/per class registration fee.

Summer Highlights



"This is the fifth year my children have participated in the enrichment program. They universally love the programs, teachers, and volunteers. Thank you for making programs like this available during the summer at such a great price point. We really appreciate it!"

Robotics and Coding



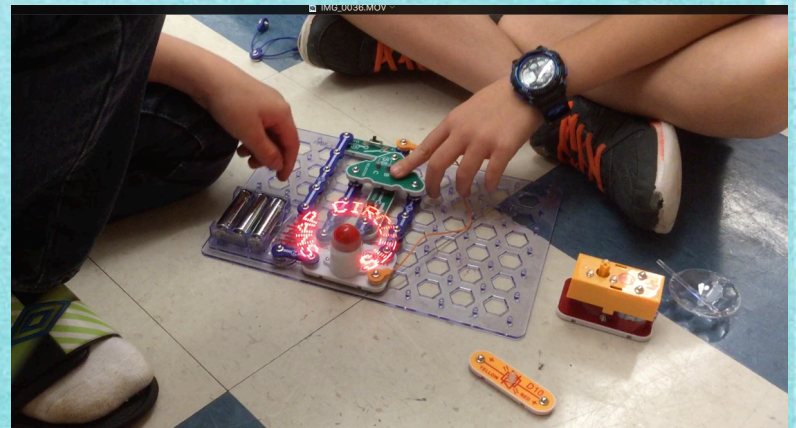
- 15 coding classes were offered
- Opportunities for students in grades K-8
- 4 elementary classes utilized the “Dash and Dot” robots

Engineering



Clockwise L-R

- Building Innovations
- Building and Engineering for Girls
- Exploring Energy with Roller Coasters
- Electrical Engineering 101



Financial Literacy

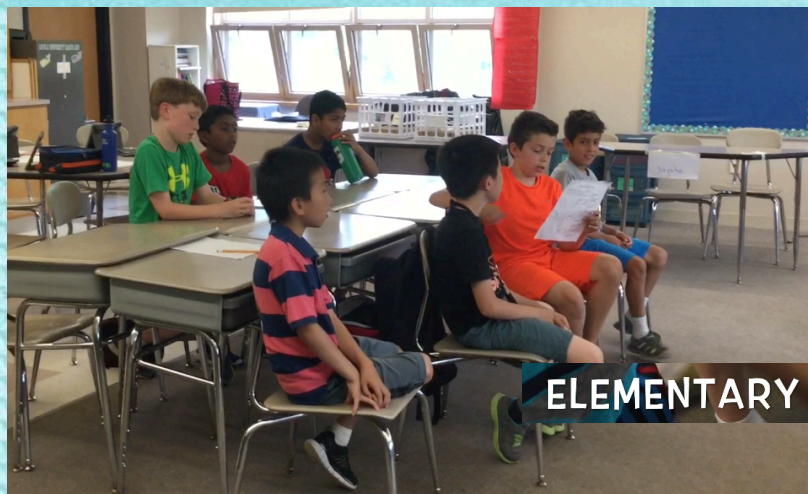


Students in grades 5-8 learn the principles of earning, spending and saving, and how to create a budget to meet their goals.

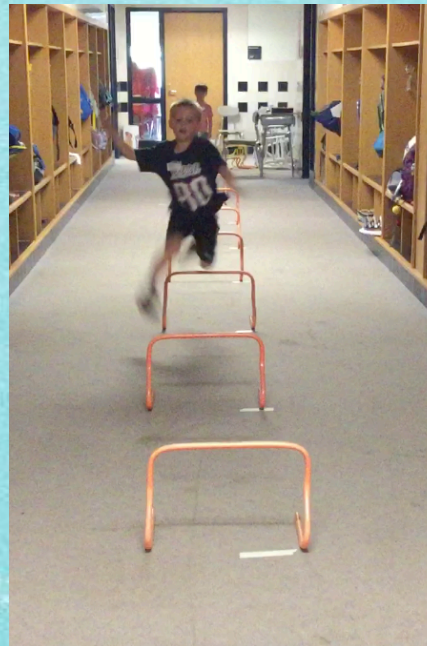
Speech and Debate



Multiple classes at both the elementary and middle school level taught students the fundamentals of public speaking and organized debate.



Sports and Fitness



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Thank You!



How big is a sperm whale, and other...



Questions?