

Dear Parents,

Summer's BEST 2017 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

### **2017 ONLINE REGISTRATION!**

We will be registering online this year! Please look for the link on the BPS website in the summer school tab. ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT 8:00 AM on April 24.

**\*\*\*REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 1, 2017. Anyone wanting to register after June 1st will need to come to Berry School on or after July 3, 2017.**

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**

\* 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 stop in office on first day to have your children sent to the same location at dismissal time. 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 3, and extend through Friday, July 28, 2017. There will be NO SCHOOL on JULY 4<sup>th</sup> 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-8.

**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 5, as well as a Pre-Kindergarten Skills program. These programs will meet Monday through Friday, from July 3 – July 28, 2017, 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 route will be posted on website under the summer school link. 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 19, 2017.**

**Grades Listed** - Enrichment programs are offered

to specific grades. These grades listed in the brochure are the student’s **present grade (2016/2017 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](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!

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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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## **GARDENING/ NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT CLUB**

If you enjoy the outdoors, nature, and wildlife then this is the group for you! We will learn about different plants, the tools needed for planting, and how to beautify your school grounds. You will also grow your own vegetable plants to take home. To add to the fun, we will do a scavenger hunt for living things in nature.

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## **SLIMY, STICKY & SLIPPERY SCIENCE**

If you have always wanted to make a mess and dabble in gooey, "forbidden" material, your dream has come true! For two weeks, enjoy being a "mad" scientist by conducting creepy experiments that thrill your imagination.

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## **WHERE IN THE WORLD?**

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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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## **BOOKS ALIVE**

Come explore a variety of different children's stories through drama, crafting, song, and dance! Each day we will enter a new world, meet a new character, and inspire excitement and creativity through reading!

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## **STORIES ON STAGE**

This class will focus on all of the aspects of putting on a show! We will work on bringing one reader's theatre script TO LIFE! We will spend part of each class working on our basic drama skills (learning parts of the stage, vocal projection, telling a story, building a character, etc.) and part of each class working on our script! Students will not only be actors they will also be responsible for making some props, set, and costume pieces.

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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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### **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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### **I LIKE TO MOVE IT, MOVE IT!**

Everyday a different activity and game that is sure to get campers up and moving. Campers will participate in team and individual sports, as well as learn new activities from around the globe.

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### **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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### **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 1	Dates 7/17-7/28	Time 8:30 – 10:00	Fee: \$85.00	maximum class size: 15
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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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### **SUMMER MUSIC LESSONS**

In addition to joining an ensemble, students can take a weekly private lesson on a musical instrument while participating in summer's best. The lessons co-occur with other chosen sessions and students are pulled for a half hour lesson at the cost of \$15.00 per lesson. It is recommended that students sign up to receive four weekly lessons in order to acquire adequate skills( \$60.00 each week). Lessons are conducted by high school student leaders, who are supervised by the summer band and summer strings teachers.

Please speak with the music teacher at your school for more information and to sign up for times/dates and to pay.

## **Enrichment Extended Day Summer School**

### **EXTENDED DAY Grades K-3 at Berry School and Grades 4-8 at BMS**

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 7/3- 7/14 Time 12:00- 2:30 Fee: \$100.00 maximum class size:15

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### **EMBROIDERY ARTS, AND CRAFTS**

Have fun while learning the decorative art of embroidery and cross-stitch. Students will learn the various stitches used to complete a project suitable for framing or turning into a pillow.

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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 2017 and must be a Bethel resident.

Dates: 7/3- 7/14    Time 9:00- 11:30    Fee: **Free**    **Location: Berry School**

7/17-7/28    Time 9:00- 11:30    Fee: **Free**    **Location: Berry School**

### **PRESCHOOL ART AND MUSIC- REDUCED FEE!**

A fun filled morning of interactive art, music, story time, math, and science for three and four- year-olds (must be three years old by Jan.1, 2017). Children will practice fine motor skills through a variety of art media, explore age appropriate science and math concepts, learn new songs and delight in favorite stories.

Transportation for this program is the responsibility of the parents. Please have/send a copy of an up-to-date immunization record with registration. Children must be toilet trained. This program is only open to Bethel residents. **Each child may only take one session of this program at the reduced rate.**

Ages 3 and 4 year old    Dates 7/3- 7/14    Time 9:00- 11:30    Fee \$45.00    **Location: Berry School**

Ages 3 and 4 year old Dates 7/17- 7/28 Time 9:00- 11:30 Fee \$45.00 **Location: Berry School**

### **SUMMER SHORTS**

A program of story time, and games which will take place from 8:30- 9:00 and 11:30- 12:00 for preschool students attending Summer Counts, Summer Sparkler's, Pre-K Skills or Preschool Art and Music. For approximately \$4.00 per day, you can have the convenience of your child attending the full morning, 8:30- 12:00. Maximum class size 15. **Location: Berry School**

Grade: Pre-school Dates 7/3- 7/14 Time 8:30- 9:00 and 11:30- 12:00 Fee \$40.00

Dates 7/17- 7/28 Time 8:30- 9:00 and 11:30- 12:00 Fee \$40.00

### **SUMMER SPARKLERS**

For students attending Kindergarten in the fall, this two week program will include story time, art, music, science, games and more. For in-coming Kindergarteners who want to enjoy the summer programs the entire month of July, this program may be taken opposite the two weeks of SUMMER COUNTS! **Location: Berry School**

Ages: Incoming Kindergarteners Dates 7/3- 7/14 Time 9:00- 11:30 Fee \$ 90.00

Ages: Incoming Kindergarteners Dates 7/17- 7/28 Time 9:00- 11:30 Fee \$ 90.00

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