

Northwest R-1

Dear Parents,

During the 2022 summer, our school district is planning to offer all students, free of charge, an exciting approach to learning called **Summer Journey**. **Summer Journey's** extraordinary educational goals consist of over 60 hours of academic courses, with hands-on instruction centered on reading, language arts, math, social studies, and science.

Included with this letter is key information to help ensure you complete our new **online Summer Journey Registration** for your child(ren):

1. The form is available on the Northwest R-1 District website or by clicking the appropriate link below:
  - a. K-8 Summer Journey Enrollment Form
  - b. 9-12 Enrollment Form
2. The form must be completed by the cutoff date of **May 6, 2022. Registration will close the afternoon of May 6 at 4:00 p.m.**

\*If you need support completing the digital form, please contact your child's school.

If you are the parent of a child who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2022, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey**. We have noticed that when new students meet their teachers, fellow students, and our staff during the summer, they are eager to return in the fall and find that "first day of school" experience to be a positive one.

To make the program even more enticing to students, an extensive incentives program characterizes **Summer Journey**. Students will be eligible to receive daily prizes if they come to school, exhibit a positive attitude, and work to improve their academic achievement. At the end of the program, some lucky students will also win grand prizes that will be awarded on the final day. Additionally, as in past years, all of our students who demonstrate outstanding attendance will be rewarded with attendance recognition by our Summer School partner Catapult Learning.

As a district, we make every effort to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff, however, there are inherent risks with participation in group activities during this time. Therefore, the district cannot guarantee that your child will not be exposed to the virus or those who may have been affected; but, as we always do, we will continue to prioritize the safety of your child. During **Summer Journey**, our schools will follow the district's communicable disease policy that requires us to exclude students who are "liable to transmit the contagious or infectious disease," therefore, we will continue to exclude students who have tested positive for COVID-19.

We encourage all students to sign up for summer school. Simply put, it's good for kids. Please take a look at the information enclosed.

Sincerely,



Dr. Desi Kirchhofer  
Superintendent

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the *Summer Journey* program?**

The Northwest R-I *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by Northwest R-I to provide a world-class educational experience to district students.

### **What does the program cost to parents?**

The programming is free to all students.

### **When will the program be held?**

The Northwest R-I *Summer Journey* program will be held from June 1 to June 30, 2022. Times are from 8:35am-3:33pm for the elementary program, and 7:25am-2:23pm for the other programs. It will be held at:

Brennan Woods Elementary (K-5)  
Cedar Springs Elementary (K-5)  
High Ridge Elementary (K-5)  
House Springs Elementary (K-5)  
Maple Grove Elementary (K-5)  
Murphy Elementary (K-5)  
Northwest High School (6-12)

***Changes will be announced.***

### **Will transportation be provided to and from the program?**

Yes, transportation will be provided for those student families who qualify for transportation during the regular school year. However, bus routes will be limited and may vary from routes during the regular school year. Transportation information will be sent to those families who require transportation as soon as the plan becomes available.

### **Will breakfast and lunch be served each day?**

Yes, students will be served lunches using the same systems used during the regular school term. As a result, students should plan to purchase meals (or bring lunch) in the same way they do during the regular school year.

### **What will my child(ren) do each day?**

In the morning, Elementary and Middle School *Summer Journey* students will attend exciting academic classes where they may read interesting adventure stories, play language arts games, and/or use technology to solve math mysteries. A typical schedule would include four morning classes of Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science or Social Studies. After lunch, students will explore three fun-filled courses for the first 11 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in the last 11 days.

### **How does the incentive program work?**

Many students will win daily incentives for their efforts through a daily drawing or some similar format established by the summer site. Your student is also eligible to receive one of the following incentives for their *Summer Journey* attendance:

- 0 hours missed = \$60 gift card
- 0.01–6.5 hours missed = \$45 gift card
- 7–13 hours missed = \$30 gift card

### **How do I enroll my child for *Summer Journey*?**

Please apply through the URL, or scan the QR code to be taken to the registration page.

Url: <https://forms.gle/B7YeMohQP3CEFXvf8>





## Student Incentives

### Attendance Incentives

Student incentives are dependent on attendance.

#### **\$60 Shopping Card**

Perfect attendance - 0 hours missed

#### **\$45 Shopping Card**

Up to 6.5 hours\* missed

#### **\$30 Shopping Card**

Over 6.5 hours, up to 13 hours\* missed

\* 6.5 hours is the equivalent of one day missed.

\*13 hours is the equivalent of two days missed.

Gift cards can be used in the local stores or malls. The attendance incentives are contingent on actual (full-day) attendance in the *Summer Journey*<sup>™</sup> program.

### Daily Incentives

Daily incentives will be awarded to students on basis of good attitude and achievement as determined by each site.

# Northwest R-I Summer Journey™ Course Offerings

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All **Academic Courses** (Language Arts, Mathematics, Reading, Science and/or Social Studies) are offered during morning sessions. All **Journey Courses** are offered during afternoon sessions. Students participate in *Journey* courses for two week blocks, enabling every student to participate in six *Journey* courses.

## Kindergarten

(students entering K in the Fall)

### Adventures in My Own Backyard

Kindergarten “explorers” respond with fascination and wonder as they explore habitats typically found in their own backyard. Multi-sensory activities are used extensively, providing opportunities for meaningful engagement with the learning process. Students’ knowledge of the natural world is fostered along with concepts such as color and shape recognition, fine-motor development, phonemic awareness, and counting and sorting. This unit offers multi-level activities and is appropriate for districts with a wide variance in student population, including children with little or no previous school experience.

## Primary

(students entering grades 1, 2, 3 in the Fall)

Cubelets BOT Builder      Launch Into Rockets  
The Science of Super Powers      Local Performance  
Stacking Madness Primary      Lifetime Sports Primary

## Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

Traveling Artist      Snack Attack  
Retro Recreation      Lifetime Sports Junior  
Readers’ Theatre      Simple Machines

## Road Trip

Pack your bags for an exciting adventure!

Kindergarten students are off on a Kindergarten Road Trip as they visit exciting places during the afternoon portion of the Summer Journey program. After daily quiet time at the rest stop, students will enjoy theme-related activities while traveling to places they explore in engaging read-aloud books. Next, students will rev up their engines as they engage in gross motor play. Last stop is a visit to each destination’s activity stations, where students will engage in purposeful play. Summer fun destinations include going fishin’, visiting an amusement park, and heading to the beach. From taking a ride on a classroom roller coaster to sailing on the ocean waves, this trip is sure to be a dream vacation!

## Intermediate

(students entering grades 6–8 in the Fall)

Just Golf      Sports Clip Primary  
Local Performance      Podcasting  
Mixed Media      Blocksmith Camp

## High School

Please contact the high school directly for a complete list of summer courses.

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