



## Polo R-VII School District

Dear Parents,

This summer, our school district will offer all students, free of charge, a fun, exciting, and academic approach to learning called **Summer Journey**. Make no mistake about it. Not only will our summer program will be FUN for kids, it will also provide an opportunity for students to experience over 60 hours of academics during the summer months. This academic time will give students the chance to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge as well as prepare for the school year ahead. **Summer Journey's** extraordinary educational goals are comprised of academic courses with hands-on instruction centered in **reading, language arts, math, and social studies or science**. Other fields of study are also available.

While the academic courses will be relaxed in format—no homework or tests for grades—**Summer Journey** will also offer courses for hands-on exploration and discovery. **Summer Journey** courses may include a rocket class, where students learn the basic principles of flight as they construct and fly real rockets, or a cooking course, where they learn basic cooking techniques. Other courses that may be offered include *Simple Machines*, designed to introduce students to elements of engineering, live well, and *Lifetime Sports*, designed to develop the body and encourage a lifetime of fitness. These are only a sample of the courses that may be offered.

If you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in fall 2022, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey**. We have noticed that when these young 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.

Finally, **Summer Journey** offers an enticing incentive program for students. Students will be eligible to receive **daily** rewards if they come to school, exhibit a positive attitude and behavior, and work to improve their achievement. At the end of the program, some lucky students will also win **Grand Prizes**, which will be awarded on the final day. And, as in past years, all of our students who demonstrate outstanding attendance will be rewarded with **Attendance Recognition** gift cards, ranging from \$50 for “near perfect” attendance to \$100 for “perfect attendance.”

Who should attend **Summer Journey**? Everyone. Simply put, it's good for kids. Look at the information enclosed. You'll be glad you did!

Sincerely,  
Kyle Ross  
Superintendent

## Frequently Asked Questions

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

The Polo R-VII *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by Polo R-VII 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?**

Polo R-VII *Summer Journey* operates daily May 26 through June 24, 2022 from 8:00am to 3:00pm. It will be held at the Elementary School and the Middle School. Dates are from.

***Changes will be announced.***

### **Must my child be in attendance every hour of the program in order to receive credit for the *Summer Journey* program?**

No. It is assumed that students may have vacations or camps planned. While prizes for good attendance are available to students, a child's occasional absence should not deter parents from enrolling their children in the program.

### **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.

### **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 10 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in the last 10 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:

- Perfect attendance = \$100 gift card
- Up to one day missed = \$75 gift card
- Up to two days missed = \$50 gift card

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

Yes, the District has applied for a special state grant whereby ALL students would receive a free breakfast and lunch daily. In the event the grant is not approved, breakfast and lunch will be served using the same systems that are currently in place.

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

Simply fill out the enrollment form found in the front pocket of this brochure and return it to your child's school.



## Student Incentives

### Attendance Incentives

Student incentives are dependent on attendance.

#### **\$100 Shopping Card**

Perfect attendance

#### **\$75 Shopping Card**

Up to one day missed

#### **\$50 Shopping Card**

Over one day, up to 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.

# Polo R-VII 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.

### 3-2-1 Blast Off!

We’re blasting off into fun and learning during the afternoon portion of the Summer Journey program. This theme-packed course is sure to delight and amaze all budding astronauts! After enjoying daily quiet time under the stars, students explore the solar system and participate in astronaut training camp. From planning a mission to Mars to designing a spaceship, this course offers an out-of-this-world experience!

## Primary

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

Dirt Camp                                  Stacking Madness Primary  
The Science of Super Powers      Launch Into Rockets  
Movement and Rhythm                          Summer Sizzler

## Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

Snack Attack                                  To Games & Beyond  
Field Day Junior                                  Sports Clip Junior  
Daily Challenge Jr                          Science of the Human Body

## Intermediate

(students entering grades 6–8 in the Fall)

Classroom Cooks                                  BrickLAB Genetics  
Ground Drones                                  Game Show!  
3D Art    Summer Camp Classics

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### *Enrollment Information Enclosed*

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# Polo R-VII Summer Journey™ 2022 K-8 Enrollment Form

**Don't Delay– Enroll NOW in this FREE  
program!**

## I. Student Information - (please print)

Please use student's legal name and current year school information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address (include physical address if using P.O. Box for mail):  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity: (circle one) *Asian/Pacific Islander* *American Indian*  
*Black* *Caucasian* *Hispanic*

Gender: (circle one) *Male* *Female*

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Route: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Stop: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Transportation

### Bus Transportation

Will your child be riding the bus? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation Address (if different from above):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Other Transportation

Walk \_\_\_\_\_ Car \_\_\_\_\_ Picked up by: \_\_\_\_\_

Daycare: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## III. Health Information

Health problems or concerns: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is your child currently taking medication at school?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Drug(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child allergic to anything? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please identify: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will your child need medication during *Summer Journey*?

Yes\* \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Drug: \_\_\_\_\_

\*if yes, child must have a medical form on site.

Name and phone number of physician(s):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of accident or serious illness, I request school personnel to contact me, alternate authorized persons, or the named physician. If it is impossible to contact me, authorized persons, or the physician, the school personnel may make emergency arrangements as necessary to care for my child. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## IV. Photo Release

I will allow any pictures taken of my child during participation in Summer Journey to be used for advertising and promotional purposes. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian signature:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_