



Maplewood Richmond Heights School District

Dear Guardians,

This summer our district will offer - 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 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 Camp, 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 2023, 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.

Who should apply for Summer Journey? Everyone. However, spots may be limited. Look at the information enclosed and apply by March 31. You'll be glad you did!

Sincerely,

Dr. Bonita Jamison
Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the *Summer Journey* program?

The Maplewood Richmond Heights *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated 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 Maplewood Richmond Heights *Summer Journey* operates daily beginning June 12 and ending on June 30, 2023, from 8:00am to 3:30pm.

Dates could be changed based on the number of days missed due to inclement weather. 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 7 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in the last 7 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 = \$100 gift card
- 0 - 7 hours missed = \$75 gift card
- 7 - 14 hours missed = \$50 gift card

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.

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

Simply scan the QR Code below and complete the online enrollment form.





Student Incentives

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\$100 Shopping Card

Perfect attendance - 0 hours missed

\$75 Shopping Card

Up to 7 hours* missed

\$50 Shopping Card

Over 7 hours, up to 14 hours* missed

* 7 hours is the equivalent of one day missed.

*14 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*[™] program.

Daily Incentives

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

Maplewood Richmond Heights *Summer Journey*[™] Course Offerings

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)

Let's Go Visiting

Students visit and explore fascinating places in a child's world during the weekly mini-units Let's Visit the Garden, Let's Visit the Zoo, Let's Visit the Farm, and Let's Visit the Aquarium. Building on students' prior knowledge, engaging, theme-related activities foster early learning concepts and skills, such as letter and sound recognition, phonemic awareness, sorting, and counting. Games, manipulatives, literature response, and writing activities inspire active learning while integrated science and social studies concepts support meaningful learning connections and nurture students' natural curiosity.

Camp K

In the afternoon portion of the Kindergarten day, students head to their campsite for quiet time as they rest and listen to the sounds of nature. Then they hit the trail to explore concepts about camping and nature through theme-related and physical movement activities. During Backpack Activity Stations, students develop cooperation skills as they investigate manipulatives and create art. From examining wildlife tracks to sharing campfire stories, young campers enjoy their adventures at Camp K.

Primary

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

BrickLAB: Zoo Camp	Field Day Primary
Local Performance	Movement and Rhythm
Tech Lab	The Science of Super Powers

Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

BrickLAB Build a Better World	Claymation
Field Day Junior	Music to Our Ears
Traveling Artist	What's Cooking?

Intermediate

(students entering grades 6-8 in the Fall)

3-D Art Camp	All for One
Blocksmith Camp	Flying Disc Camp
Survivor Camp	Structural Design

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Enrollment Information Enclosed

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Maplewood Richmond Heights
Summer Journey™
2023 K-8 Enrollment Form

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

III. Health Information

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: _____

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 _____

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: _____

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 _____