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Summer Journey

Dear Parents,

This summer our school district will offer all students, free of charge, an exciting approach to learning called the **Summer Journey** program. Make no mistake about it; our summer program will be FUN as well as educational for students. Our summer school program provides an opportunity for students to experience over 60 hours of advanced academic preparation for the year ahead as well as to review and apply previously learned skills and knowledge. **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**.

While all of the academic courses will be relaxed in format, the **Summer Journey** program will also offer classes that will take students on a journey to enjoyment and discovery. These journeys include; Rockin' Robots; Ready, Set, Drone; Survivor Camp; and Cooking for Teens. These are just a sample of courses that will be offered during **Summer Journey**.

Additionally, if you are the parent of a child who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2023, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in the **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.

Finally, to make the program even more enticing to students, an extensive incentives program characterizes the **Summer Journey**. Students will be eligible to receive **daily prizes** if they come to school, exhibit a positive attitude, and work to improve their achievement. At the end of the program, two lucky students will win **Grand Prizes** that will be awarded on the final day. In addition to daily prizes and the Grand Prize drawing, all of our students who demonstrate outstanding attendance will be rewarded with an **Attendance Recognition** card ranging from \$50 for "near perfect" attendance to \$100 for "perfect attendance".

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

Sincerely,

Teresa Messersmith

Teresa Messersmith
Superintendent

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the *Summer Journey* program?

The Maries R-I *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by the Maries R-I School District 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 Maries R-I *Summer Journey* operates daily beginning on May 22 and ending on June 21, 2023, from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. The program will be held at Vienna Elementary (PreK-5) and Vienna Middle School (6-8). ***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 first half of the program, followed by three different courses in last half of the program.

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
- 0.01–7 hours missed = \$75 gift card
- 7.01–14 hours missed = \$50 gift card

Will 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 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 - 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.

Maries R-I School District *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.

K-Intermediate Summer Journey Course Offering

Kindergarten

(students entering K in the Fall)

Kids at Work

“Work” is fun in the four-weekly mini units Dinosaur Bones, Pat-A-Cake, At the Pet Shop, and Detectives for Hire. Students build on prior knowledge as they learn about a variety of careers. Each activity is designed to foster early learning concepts, such as letter and sound recognition, phonemic awareness, measurement, counting, and shape recognition. Thematic centers and literature-based math activities complete the morning. From digging for fossils to tracking down missing letters, this unit offers multi-level activities appropriate for all early learners.

Primary

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

Nature with a Twist Rockin' Robots
Summer Seuss The Science of Super Powers
BrickLAB: Magic Beans BrickLAB: Zoo Camp

Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

BrickLAB Famous Architecture What's Cooking?
Daily Challenge Junior Oceanic Explorations
Ready, Set, Drone! Rockets Junior

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.

Intermediate

(students entering grades 6-8 in the Fall)

3-D Art Camp Daily Challenge Plus
The Wave: Microwave Cooking for Teens Just Golf
Sports Clip Plus Drone Designers

Maries Co R-I School District

Enrollment Information Enclosed

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Maries R-I Schools *Summer Journey*TM 2023 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: Summer bus routes will be modified from regular routes and scheduled bus stops will be utilized in lieu of stops at individual addresses. Stops will be advertised in advance.

Will your child be riding the bus? Yes ___ No ___

Pick-up/Drop-off stop: _____

Other Transportation

Walk ___ Car ___ Picked up by: _____

Daycare: _____

Other: _____

III. Health Information

*There will be no nurse on site during the summer session.

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: _____