

Northwest R-1

Dear Northwest Families,

We are excited to announce the return of our **Summer Journey** summer school for June 2023. Summer school is free of charge with extraordinary course opportunities 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 5, 2023. Registration will close the afternoon of May 5 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 2023, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in **Summer Journey**. Attending summer school prior to Kindergarten helps our youngest learners acclimate to the school setting. We have noticed that not only are these students more prepared, but they are also eager to return in the fall and find that "first day of school" experience to be a positive one.

To make the summer school program even more enticing to students, an extensive incentive program is offered by **Summer Journey for grades K-8**. Students will be eligible to receive daily prizes if they: 1) come to school, 2) exhibit a positive attitude, and 3) 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Hecktor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Dr. Jennifer Hecktor
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, 2023. Times are from 8:35am-3:33pm for the elementary program, and 7:25am-2:23pm for the other programs. Some elementary buildings will not be hosting Summer Journey due to construction. Please look for communication in the near future about which schools will be hosting Summer Journey. This will not impact your child being able to attend, if their school building is impacted they will be assigned a building and transportation will be provided to their assigned building.

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. Students must enroll by May 5 at 4PM in order to be eligible for transportation.

Will breakfast and lunch be served each day?

Yes, students will be served breakfast and lunch 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 elementary and middle school 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*?

Families may enroll their student using the online registration form found here:

<https://forms.gle/9aBdQoXzkUEpwBhS7> or by scanning the following with your phone's camera:





K – 8 Student Incentives

Attendance Incentives for students K – 8th Grade:

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*[™] 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

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)

BrickLAB: Brain Builders	Scratch Camp
Pirate Camp	Summer Sizzler
Local Action	Magic Show

Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

What’s Cooking?	Flight & Aerodynamics
Retro Recreation	DaVinci Camp
Field Day Junior	Music to Our Ears

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)

3-D Art Camp	60 Seconds or Less
Eggs-traordinary Physics	Survivor Camp
Daily Challenge Plus	Drone Designers

High School

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

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Enrollment Information Enclosed

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Changes will be announced.