

# MERAMEC VALLEY R-III

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Dear Parents,

Once again the MVR-III School District will offer all K-8 students, free of charge, an exciting approach to summer learning called Summer Journey. The Summer Journey program will be held at four designated elementary sites for K-5th (Coleman, Nike, Truman, and Zitzman) and at the Riverbend School for 6th – 8th. We have tentatively planned to begin the Summer Journey program on Thursday, May 25, 2017, and end the program on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Please be aware, however, that inclement weather may change the Summer Journey dates. The Summer Journey program is open to all students entering kindergarten for the fall of 2016 through those currently attending 8th grade. The Summer Journey program will be an all-day program Monday through Friday. Please note if you are the parent of a child who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2017, I strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in Summer Journey. The four elementary sites will have a full day option for those entering kindergarten. Transportation will be provided at the beginning and end of each day for the four elementary sites (incoming Kindergarten and current K – 4th grade students) and the middle school (current 5th – 8th grade students). Please note that current 5th grade students will take the intermediate courses at Riverbend and current 8th grade students will have the options of enrolling in the 8th grade courses at Riverbend and/or signing up for Pacific High School regular summer courses; however, transportation is not provided for Pacific High School courses.

No matter the courses you may choose for your student this summer, make no mistake about it; our summer program will be FUN for kids. Summer Journey's extraordinary educational goals are comprised of morning sessions that focus on academic courses with hands-on instruction centered in reading, language arts, math, social studies and/or science. Summer Journey afternoon classes will include different additional learning opportunities that include physical activity as well as artistic and creative opportunities to explore areas of interest. We are also excited to offer Achieve Math and Achieve Reading this year for those students who need the extra support in the summer program to ensure they meet grade level standards to begin school in August 2016.

Excellent attendance will be rewarded on an individual basis as well as to qualify students for drawings and daily prizes for all those enrolled in the Summer Journey K-8 program.

Who should attend Summer Journey? Everyone should attend. It will be an opportunity for fun, learning, and prizes all rolled into one lasting Summer Journey! Please complete and return the enclosed enrollment materials for your child to their classroom teacher or the school office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ed Hillhouse  
Superintendent

*"Together We Make A Difference In Doing What's Best For Kids"*





## Frequently Asked Questions

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

The Meramec Valley R-III *Summer Journey* is the extended learning summer program operated by Meramec Valley R-III 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 Meramec Valley R-III *Summer Journey* operates daily beginning 5/25/2017 and ending on 6/28/2017. Grade K-5: 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Grades 6-12: 7:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

***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 12 days enrolled in the program, followed by three different courses in the last 12 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 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*<sup>™</sup> program.

## Daily Incentives

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

# Meramec Valley R-III 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 unit is sure to delight and amaze all budding astronauts! After enjoying a daily quiet time under the stars, students rotate through different playful planets and participate in astronaut training camp. From creating silly aliens to designing outer space rockets, this course offers an out-of-this-world experience!

## Primary

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

Air Time  
BrickLAB: Brain Builders  
Launch into Rockets  
Lifetime Sports Primary  
Summer Seuss  
The Science of Super Powers

## Elementary

(students entering grades 4 & 5 in the Fall)

CAD Camp  
Claymation  
Oceanic Exploration  
Readers' Theatre  
Science of the Human Body  
Tech Lab

## Intermediate

(students entering grades 6–8 in the Fall)

Daily Challenge Plus  
Ground Drones  
Mixed Media  
Rockets Plus  
The Wave: Microwave Cooking for Teens  
BrickLAB: Genetics

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## 2017 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: \_\_\_\_\_