



## Northwest R-I School District

Dear Northwest Families,

We are excited to announce the return of our **Summer Journey** summer school for June 2024. 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. Summer Journey enrollment form will be a part of the Northwest R-I annual online registration for the 2024-2025 school year. Annual online registration is available through Infinite Campus Parent Portal on the district website.
2. The form must be completed by the cutoff date of **May 3, 2024. Registration will close the afternoon of May 3 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 2024, 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 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 Hector". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Dr. Jennifer Hector**  
Superintendent

# Northwest 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 designated blocks of time, enabling each student to participate in every Journey course.

## Summer Journey Location(s):

- Brennan Woods Elementary (K-5) / 8:35 AM - 3:33 PM
- Cedar Springs Elementary (K-5) / 8:35 AM - 3:33 PM
- House Springs Elementary (K-5) / 8:35 AM - 3:33 PM
- Maple Grove Elementary (K-5) / 8:35 AM - 3:33 PM
- Murphy Elementary (K-5) / 8:35 AM - 3:33 PM
- Northwest High School (6-12) / 7:25 AM - 2:23 PM

## Kindergarten (Students Entering K)

### **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.*

### **BrickLAB STEAMventures**

*BrickLAB STEAMventures offers immersive hands-on activities that ignite young minds. Through exciting adventures exploring flight, transportation and food, learners build essential skills like counting, coloring and working as part of a team. This program fosters curiosity and creativity while introducing the core principles of science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. BrickLAB STEAMventures inspires young learners on their educational journey with engaging and collaborative STEAM experiences.*

## Primary (Students Entering 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grade)

### **Journey Courses**

Yoga-cize	Launch Into Rockets	Stacking Madness Primary
Cubelets BOT Builder	Air Time	Local Performance

## Elementary (Students Entering 4th-5th Grade)

### **Journey Courses**

Traveling Artist	Snack Attack	To Games & Beyond
Cosmic Coders	Rockets Junior	Field Day Junior

## Intermediate (Students Entering 6th-8th and/or 9th Grade)

### **Journey Courses**

BrickLAB Genetics	Flying Disc Camp	Game Show!
Structural Design	Influencers Camp	Sports Clip Plus

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

The Northwest R-I School District Summer Journey is an extended learning summer program operated by Northwest R-I School District and Catapult Learning 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 May 30 to June 28, 2024\*. 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.

*\*Dates may change based on the number of days missed due to inclement weather. Changes will be announced.*

## **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 4PM on May 3 to be eligible for transportation.

## **What will my child(ren) do each day?**

Throughout the day, Summer Journey students attend engaging 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.

Students will also explore a variety of fun-filled courses that rotate for those enrolled in 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:

- Perfect Attendance = \$60 gift card
- Up To One Day Missed = \$45 gift card
- Over One Day, Up To Two Days Missed = \$30 gift card

## **Will breakfast and lunch be served every 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.

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

Visit the school's website for more information and to register virtually. If you need additional assistance, please ask your teacher.

Catapult Learning



## STUDENT INCENTIVES

### Attendance

Student incentives are dependent on actual full-day attendance in the Summer Journey program.

#### **\$60 Shopping Card**

*Perfect Attendance*

#### **\$45 Shopping Card**

*Up To One Day Missed*

#### **\$30 Shopping Card**

*Over One Day, Up To Two Days Missed*

Gift cards can be used in the local stores or malls.

### Daily Incentives

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

### Northwest R-I School District

#### Enrollment Information Enclosed

Northwest R-I School District Summer Journey operates five days per week, May 30, 2024 through June 28, 2024 from 7:25 AM to 3:33 PM. Changes will be announced.

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