Barnegat Township School District K-5 Summer Enrichment Program FAQs Monday - Thursday, 5 weeks July 6th - August 6th, 2020

Here are some K-5 Summer Enrichment Program FAQs & additional info to address the overwhelming community interest & parent questions so far:

Q: Is the K-5 Summer Enrichment Program a strictly virtual program, utilizing only remote learning from home? What are the days, dates, times & locations of the K-5 Summer Enrichment Program or of any scheduled virtual or in-person events?

A: The K-5 Summer Enrichment Program is a virtual program. Some classes may offer opportunities for in-person activities/projects. These opportunities will be limited to outdoors, and they will require approval based on the most current social distancing guidelines. The activities will be an extension to the virtual instruction that students have already participated in. Students may also be provided logins for our SOAR Student Online Academic Remediation programs (such as IXL, Aleks, Splash Math, Nessy, etc).

The K-5 Summer Enrichment Program begins on July 6, 2020, runs Mondays - Thursdays, until August 6, 2020 (not including Fridays). Teachers will contact parents after July 1, when enrollment ends, with further details about their specific enrichment activities. For families that are planning vacations or have demanding work schedules, it is possible to still enroll your child in the K-5 Summer Enrichment Program and to work with the teacher.

Summer enrichment teachers will be planning **approximately 4 hours of virtual instruction per week through Google Meets.** Teachers will communicate dates and times of any Google/virtual meets with parents.

In order to promote health & safety, any in-person activities that may be scheduled by your child's summer enrichment teacher **are optional and will be approved on an individual basis by administration**. Students must be able to follow social distancing rules independently. These events are to be held at an outside location on the school grounds of the schools (such as a playground area, an outdoor field near the school, or a safe location in the school parking lot or front entrance), weather permitting, following social distancing guidelines:

Q: Has this program ever been offered before in Barnegat, & is there any additional information online about it?

A: This is the **first year for our K-5 Summer Enrichment Program**. We are so excited to bring you our K-5 Summer Enrichment Program for 2020.

Information is now available on our district website, specifically program flyer, the FAQs and the parental consent form.

A school messenger has been sent out to all K-5 families, via email and text message to bring attention to the program for anyone that did not access it on our webpage.

Thank you, Barnegat, for your overwhelming interest and response, as we work together to best prepare our students for September 2020 and for their successful futures!

Q: Which students can register to be in the K-5 Summer Enrichment Program? Is it for all students, or by recommendation only?

A: The K-5 Summer Enrichment Program is for **students who were in kindergarten through 5th grade the 2019-20 school year, who are going into the 1st grade through 6th grade in the 2020-21 school year**. Yes, it is for current 5th graders about to go into 6th grade. No, it is not for preschoolers going into kindergarten. Students in grades 6-11, who are entering grades 7-12 for the 2020-21 school year, have the opportunity to take our virtual summer school program, dependent on their class performance, as needed. Please contact the Supervisor of Guidance, Mrs. Leah Purpuri, at <u>lpurpuri@barnegatschools.com</u> for further details.

Any student can register for the K-5 Summer Enrichment Program. It is not by recommendation only. Every parent received, or should have received, a school messenger email & text message. Registration is due by July 1, 2020 by sending an email of interest, with your child's name & current grade to: mjohns@barnegatschools.com. You will then receive a parental consent form that must be completed, signed and emailed back to Ms. Johns, in order for your child to be enrolled in the K-5 Summer Enrichment Program.

Q: Is ESY the same as the K-5 Summer Enrichment Program? Can my child be enrolled in both programs this summer?

A. The K-5 Summer Enrichment program is a different program than the Extended School Year (ESY) Program. All K-5 families received a school messenger email and text message for the K-5 Summer Enrichment Program, which may have caused some confusion between the two programs.

A student enrolled in ESY (as per their IEP) should participate in ESY but they may also be able to take advantage of additional enrichment opportunities through this program. Please email mjohns@barnegatschools.com, dmajewski@barnegatschools.com and jfessenden@barnegatschools.com together. They can assist you further on an individual basis.

If you have further ESY related questions, please contact Deb Majewski <u>dmajewski@barnegatschools.com</u> or Joe Fessenden <u>jfessenden@barnegatschools.com</u>.

Q: What is the cost of the K-5 Summer Enrichment Program?

A. This program is **FREE** to Barnegat families for the K-5 Summer Enrichment Program, no matter how many children from each family are enrolled.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

In addition, **if your child is showing symptoms of an illness or fever, please do NOT send them to attend any in-person activities** that may be scheduled by your child's summer enrichment teacher, to protect the health/safety of your child & others.

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to pick up any child who becomes ill or injured while at any in-person activities on school grounds. Teachers or school staff will contact parents/guardians and/or emergency contacts at the phone numbers provided immediately in the case of any sickness or injury or alert emergency medical services, as needed.

The parent/guardian must provide contact information, as well as emergency contact information, by completing the parental consent form in order for their child to participate in the K-5 Summer Enrichment Program.

Students will be required to follow all social distancing guidelines while on school property & comply with the rules/policies of the school, as set forth in the student handbook, available on each school's page, under the district homepage at www.barnegatschools.com.

If a child is unable or unwilling to be compliant with any school or safety rules, policies or guidelines during any scheduled, in-person activity on school grounds, then he or she may be subject to dismissal from that activity, at which time, **it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to then pick up the child from school grounds**.

If you have any other questions or concerns that were not addressed in these FAQs, please do not hesitate to email Michelle Johns at: <u>mjohns@barnegatschools.com</u>. Thank you!