Summer Sentinel

IT'S NO SECRET; WE'RE ALL HAVING FUN

This week, we had three great field trips! We went to Canobie Lake, Patriots Place/5Wits, and Jay Gee's. Though the week started out rainy, we had a great time anyways.

What a great first half of the summer we've had here at the Rec and Wynn sites! With three more weeks left to go, we've still got a lot of fun packed in for your kiddos. We are looking forward to Space Week next week, with field trips to Wamesit Lanes and Boda Borg.

4THTHRU 9TH GRADE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUMMER PROGRAM

ESPIONAGE WEEK DETAILS:

Daily Schedule:

Morning Drop Off

-First Activity*

Morning Snack

-Second Activity*

Lunch Time (outside)

-Third Activity*

-Fourth Activity*

Afternoon Snack

-Choice Activities*

Afternoon Pick Up until 5:30

*Activities range from field time, gym time, tent time, art, library/computer lab, and arcade time.

Field Trips:

Canobie Lake Park: Grades 4-9

Jay Gee's: Grades 7-9

Patriots Place/ 5WITS: Grades 4-9

This week, we had three big field trips. On Tuesday we started the week by going to Canobie Lake. The weather was a bit chilly but we managed to have a blast anyways. On Wednesday, a good chunk of the Rec students went to Jay Gee's for a fun afternoon of mini golfing and arcade games. While

they were away, the LITs ran a great spy-themed field day for the Wynn students. The MVPs of field day got to participate in a staff vs. student game, where the students won! We ended field day with a silly string attack on our LITs.

On Thursday 40 students headed down to Patriots Place to see Gillette and go to 5WITS, an escape room of sorts. The Patriots' first day of training camp was on Thursday so we got to see some players practicing as well. Definitely a great way to kick off the Patriots season! (Undefeated anyone??).



Overall we had a great week with our students, jam packed with fun field trips and games! Looking forward to next week!

-Lindsay Appleby

THEBESTRIDES AT CANOBIE LAKE, ACCORDING TO KIDS

We asked the kids to tell us exactly what their favorite part of Canobie Lake was this year. Some of the answers were pretty hilarious.

1. DAVINCI'S DREAM: "My favorite ride was the swings because I felt like I was flying!"



- **2. BOSTON TEA PARTY:** "My favorite ride was the Boston Tea Party because it was one of the biggest rides.
- **3. THE YANKEE CANONBALL:** "The Yankee Cannonball because it was so fast. I love the speed!"
- **4. THE LOG FLUME:** "The Log Flume because of the drop. I like how it is kinda scary but fun at the same time!"
- **5. THE SKATEBOARD:** "I loved the Skateboard ride because you get all dizzy and twisty while going high at the same time!"

rollercoaster is the best hands down. It makes you go up a big hill and then on your way down you go upside down a couple times! So fun and

fast!!"

7. TURKISHTWIST: "The Turkish Twist wa my favorite ride! It's so scary how the floor drops ou while you're spinning around and around and around. So dizzy!"



CREATING FIELD DAY, ONE GAME AT A TIME

BY LINDSAY APPLEBY

I sat down with our Field Day Coordinator, veteran staff member Dennis Ong to find out how he plans for the weekly field day he organizes Wednesdays.



Dennis: I'm inspired by the theme of the week. I like to incorporate relevant kids' movies. My biggest influence is definitely the kids' ideas, feedback, and suggestions.

WHAT IS YOUR PLANNING PROCESS LIKE?

D: "I ask the staff and students for input and ideas. From there I create a list of possible games and then narrow it down to the best 4-5 games. It's a stressful process but I love seeing the kiddos have fun.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PART OF FIELD DAY?

D: "I love the staff vs. student challenge. It's fun to get to participate with the kids and see my hardwork pay off. The other fun part is the LIT challenge, where the all star kids get to do something to the LITs, like slime them or dump a bucket of water over their heads.

FAVORITE GAME YOU'VE CREATED SO FAR?

D: "Toy Story Horse Course for sure. The kids had to run a course while riding a broomstick horse. So









Summer's Worked: Two

Hometown: Tewksbury

Pets: Two Dogs- Beau and Mason

Dream Vacation: Seeing the Grand Canyon in person

Favorite Summer Memory: Singing Camp Songs Together





THOUGHTS ON PATRIOT PLACE

BY L.I.T. MICHAELA CARLSON

The Patriots field trip at Gillette stadium was very fun, simple and easy. First, we got off the bus and separated into our groups which was very organized. I thought having the groups evenly divided, made keeping track of the kids easier, and made going to different places easier with the smaller groups. Each group went to the museum, to view the patriots gear, trophies, and historical games. We started our tour with a short movie about the Patriot team history. Once the movie was over we were able to look at all the museum exhibits and even try on some of the player's gear! I thought the campers really enjoyed that part the most. We also got to see all the Super Bowl Trophies. Next, our groups split up to do whatever we liked and my group went to the practice field to watch the Patriots practice, which was really cool because it was the Patriot's first practice of the year. When the practice ended we were hoping to get autographs as

players were walking off the field. Unfortunately we didn't get any, but we did get to say hello to Matt Patricia, our defensive coach and got a wave from Gronk.

Next we had plans to go to 5Wits, which was my personal favorite part of the field trip. Walking to 5Wits we listened to a live band, and stopped to get ice cream. 5Wits is a place where you get to experience an adventure similar to escape the room. I found this really fun, and cool, as did our kids. Each room was very realistic making it so much better to experience. The "operation officer" was very animated and made the adventure more realistic to the kids. After 5Wits we were able to walk around, look at the shops and stores, and listen to music. This was a nice break. Later, all the kids played, and then we got onto the bus.



L.I.T. SPOTLIGHT

Leaders in Training (LITs) are incoming Freshmen who spend their summer with us learning to be a counselor and have fun working with kids. Many attended the program when they were younger

Sean Murphy

Summer's Attended: Five

Hometown: Tewksbury

Pets: One Cat and One Dog

Favorite Camp Memory: *Getting to go to the pool!*

Favorite Sport: *Hockey*

Favorite Mac's Ice Cream: Just Chocolate



We love hearing from you about The Summer Sentinel. Please let Lindsay know (lappleby@tewksbury.k12.ma.us) if you have any comments or suggestions about how we're doing.

A REMINDER FOR OUR TECHNOLOGY POLICY

PLEASE REMIND YOUR CAMPERS OF THE FOLLOWING...

The Summer Program is a great time to "unplug." As most of you would agree, it is good for our children to have time without access to technology. While students will have small amounts of time each day to use their own devices and computers in the library, the majority of the day we will ask that their devices are put away. We are so busy both inside and outside that it is just easier to unplug while here.

UPCOMING...

WEEK 5

Theme: Space Wamesit Lanes 4-9 Boda Borg 7-9

WEEK 6

Theme: Monsters AMC Methuen 4-9 Surfing Lesson 7-9

WEEK 7

Altitude 4-9 Roller Kingdom 4-6 End of Year Carnival

Theme: Carnival



TOMMORRILLSite Director of the Wynn (Grades 4-6)



JARYDPALMER

Site Director of the Rec Center (Grades 7-8)



JONDIPRIMA

Leaders in Training (LIT) Director



LINDSAY APPLEBY

Writer and Editor of the Summer Sentinel



CONGRATS LEO!!

Last week, during Sports Week, staff member Leo Frisella won our annual staff donut eating contest. He ate a jelly filled donut from Tewksbury's own Donna's Donuts in the fastest time.













