Looking for a way to spend the summer?

Want to have fun and learn?

All students are invited to join the
Readington Township Schools
Summer Enrichment Program

Summer

August 3-21

Students Entering

Grades Six thru Eight

Now Registering!

Here is some general information to help you get started.

- Class sizes are limited. Courses must reach a minimum number of students in order to run, however, there is a maximum enrollment as well.
- Students should enroll in courses for the grade they will be entering in September.
- Each one-week course is held for two-hours a day (either 9-11 or 11:15-1:15) and costs $125.
- Courses will be offered: Week 1 August 3 – 7
  Week 2 August 10–14
  Week 3 August 17-21
- If your child registers for a morning and mid-day session, he or she may bring a **nut-free** snack to eat between courses. Teachers will escort your child to the mid-day session.
- All courses will be taught by Readington Twsp. School teachers. Locations TBD.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to and from all courses for all students.
- Registration, child information, and payment in form of a check are due to your school office by Friday, May 1st. No cash please!
- An electronic confirmation of registration will be sent via email.
- You will be notified through email if a course you have chosen will not be running and depending on availability, you will be allowed to make a different choice or receive a refund.
- Specific information including class location, drop off/pick up specifics, etc. will be sent to you once the course schedule has been completed.
- There will be no refunds after June 19, 2009.

Questions?
Please contact Donna Ray
Summer Enrichment Coordinator
(908) 823 - 0454 Ext. 625
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August 3-7
Sixth thru Eighth

9:00-11:00

- Beginner Summer Jazz Clinic (students entering grade 6 only)

  Beginning instrumentalists will get exposure playing various popular musical styles, including jazz, pop, rock, etc. Students will learn to perform the different styles on their instruments, learn basic improvisation, and write their own melodies. There will be a strong emphasis on building listening and reading skills. (Brass and Woodwinds only, with at least one school year of experience)

- Creating Photobooks, Calendars and Collages on Snapfish

  Students will learn how to edit and manipulate photos using the online program "Snapfish." Participants will be shown how to import photos, basic editing techniques, how to add captions and will be given the opportunity to use their photos to create a personalized project. Utilizing their new skills, students' creations may include a photo book, flip book, a calendar, a collage, or even stationary.
   *Parents who wish to order finalized projects will need to pay an additional cost at the end of the course.

- Theater Games

  Students will play Improvisational Comedy games while working on developing theater skills of projection, collaboration, imagination and articulation. Students will also participate in conversations about what makes something funny.

- Adventures in Literature

  Pack your bags, hoist your sails, and get ready to be transported in time and space! Summer is a time to relax, and what better way to do that than dive into a great book? "Adventures in Literature" is a week-long Summer Enrichment course in which 6th -8th graders will explore the genre of fiction. Participants will read a fictional novel, take part in discussion forums, and work with partners to create a visual representation of the book. Students may use traditional art media (paint, paper, colored pencils, etc) or technology (create a podcast or imovie) to create their visual representation. Benefits of attending this course include: utilization and maintenance of reading skills and strategies, critical thinking skills, team work, and creativity. Come step into another world with "Adventures in Literature!"

11:15-1:15

- Robotics (students entering grade 6 & 7 only)

  Students will learn the basics of robotics through designing, building and programming a functional "robot" using Lego Mindstorm. They will behave like scientists, carrying out simple investigations using a hands-on problem solving methodology in order to program their robots to perform simple and complex tasks. Sorry, students do not keep the robots.

- Babysitting Basics

  Students will learn the basics of babysitting.
  How to build clientele?
  How to care for babies and children?
  How to entertain children of different ages?
  How to maintain safety?
  What to do in an emergency?
  The course will be fun and interactive with plenty of hands-on experiences for students

- So What If I'm Short!
  Move over <u>Harry Potter</u>! Who said that stories have to be long to be great?
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  This course will explore the physics of what makes rockets work. Students will go in depth for an advanced look at rocketry and will build their own rocket. The course will end with a rocket launch.

- Pop Art Shoes (students entering grade 6& 7 only)
  Students will be taking an old shoe and painting it based upon the pop/op art style. They will be using complimentary colors and acrylic paints.

- Curtain Call
  This course gives students a behind the scenes look at putting together a play! Students will refine their writing, speaking, and artistic skills as they work together to write a script, use their creative skills to design murals/back drops, pull together props, practice, and perform their play.   Students will have a blast using their imaginations to become new characters and may even discover some hidden talents along the way!

- Comic Creations (students entering grade 6 only)
  During this class students will study the process of making a comic strip. Students will write and create their on comic strip using the Mac program Comic Life.

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- **Expression Faces (students entering grade 6 & 7 only)**
  Students will be creating faces using model magic. The faces will show a specific emotion or expression. The final face will be painted with tempera paints.

- **Introduction to Guitar and Musicianship Training & Exploration of the Mac**
  Students will have the opportunity to explore the instrumental art form of guitar playing and the fundamental theory practices of musicianship training that will enhance their musical knowledge and curiosity. Students who own a folk or acoustic guitar will be encouraged to bring them to each class. Guitars will be provided for classroom use only.

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- **Mad About Math (students entering grade 6 only)**
  Give your mind a mathematical workout! You will be improving your math skills through numerous activities, projects, games, puzzles, and riddles. We will build on information you have learned this year and introduce topics you will study next year.

- **Intro to Computer Programming: Logo & Scratch (students entering grades 6 & 7 only)**
  Students will learn computer programming through two very exciting and successful applications. Logo programming allows students to learn a language that enables a turtle to perform specific functions. Although Logo is not limited to any particular subject, it is most useful for exploring mathematics. Scratch is a programming language that makes it easy to create interactive animations and games. Students will learn to think creatively and reason systematically while gaining important mathematical and computational ideas
  Both Logo and Scratch were designed to help students develop 21st century learning skills while teaching them to explore and think on a level they have probably not yet encountered.

- **Poetry**
  Students will read, write, recite and celebrate poetry. Over the course of the week, students will try out different forms of poetry and put together a keepsake book of the poems they have written. In particular, students will focus on developing effective imagery about nature and emotions.

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- Building a House with Google Sketch Up (students entering grade 6 only)

  During this class students will study architecture and the use of computer programs targeted for building houses. Students will create and virtually build their on house using Google Sketch Up.

- Summer Percussion Ensemble (only open to percussionists currently enrolled in RMS band program)

  Percussionists will work on snare fundamentals and rhythm-reading skills. Participating students will also explore percussion ensemble music of various styles, compose music for percussion instruments, and perform each other's compositions.

- World Histories and Mysteries

  Students will develop their vocabulary skills while learning about Greek and Latin roots. They will play word games, create new words, and explore how languages are ever-changing and interconnected. This course will help students in writing and reading as well.

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  In this course, Creating Animations with Pivot and Moviemaker, the students will create storyline and plot. Create an animation in Pivot and then set it to music and their voice to create a story. Students will work with Pivot Animator, Windows Moviemaker and Garage band to create their stories.

- Explore New Zealand and Australia (students entering grade 6 only)

  During this class students will research the indigenous people of New Zealand and Australia, discover their cultures, and investigating environmental issues. Students will also learn how to throw a boomerang.

- Kids Can Scrapbook Too!

  Children will be able to preserve their memories by creating their very own scrapbook! Students will use measurement skills to determine the size and number of pictures for each page. We will use various art techniques to design and embellish scrapbooks. We will even write reflective journal entries to remember each event vividly.

- Summer Strings (students entering grade 6 only)

  String students will work on string playing fundamentals and reading skills. Students will also explore various styles of string playing, including classical, jazz, pop, etc., and learn basic music theory and composition.

- Math Mania!!!
  Students will be exposed to a variety of games, books, activities (including creating and flying geometric airplanes!), and mind-puzzlers that provide a fun, interactive, and hands-on experience with math. Who knew math could be so fun?!?!!

Registration Form – Grades 6 thru 8
Please print all information.

Student Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

Current School: _____

Current Teacher: _____Grade Entering In September: _____

Place a checkmark in front of each course your child will be attending.

Check Here	Course Name	Date	Time
	Beginner Summer Jazz Clinic	Aug. 3 -7	9-11
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	Math Mania	Aug. 17-21	11:15-1:15

# of courses_____ x $125 each = _____
Make check payable to
Readington Township Board of Education
Registration and Payment are due by May 1, 2009.

Child Information and Emergency Care Permission Form
Please print all information and return with registration and payment.

Student Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Daytime Phone # 1) _____

               2) _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name:_____

Emergency Contact Phone # _____

Special Medical Considerations
(you will be contacted directly before information is shared with course facilitators):

_____
(please include allergies)

Release Authorization: If an emergency illness or injury occurs when I cannot be contacted, I (parent/guardian) hereby authorize the Readington Township Summer Enrichment faculty to obtain medical treatment for my child which may include sending him/her to a nurse, physician or hospital and authorize necessary treatment.

Photo Consent:

_____ I **consent** to have my child's photo, name, and/or achievements published in school newspapers, and/or newsletters, released to local newspapers, and/or posted on the school's web page.

_____ I **do not consent** to have my child's photo, name, and/or achievements published in school newspapers, and/or newsletters, released to local newspapers, and/or posted on the school's web page.

 Computer Use Agreement:

_____ My child and I are aware of the Readington Township Schools Acceptable Computer Use Procedures for K-8 and will abide by all rules therein.

_____ My child and I are not familiar with the Readington Township Schools Acceptable Computer Use Procedures.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____**Date**:_____