

**WVCSD EdTalk: May 18, 2022**  
**Dr. David Leach, Superintendent of Schools**

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The district's Summer Enrichment Program catalog for 2022 was posted online this week. It focuses on our youngest learners – kindergarten through fourth grade – and we are already planning to expand our offerings to include Middle School students in 2023.

This year's courses provide an abundance of opportunities for students to have fun as they learn, including a wide variety of STEAM-related classes that offer something for every interest: crafting, building, art, LEGO, music, sewing, cooking, and much more. Each lesson builds upon your students' skills while inviting them to explore all-new interests.

There will be six week-long sessions starting after the 4th of July:

- Session 1: July 5 - July 8 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Session 2: July 11 - July 15 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Session 3: July 18-July 22 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Session 4: July 25 - July 29 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Session 5: August 1 - August 5 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Session 6: August 8 - August 12 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Session 1 offerings include Art Therapy & Fun; Crazy LEGO ARTists & Builders; Be a S.P.O.R.T.!; Under the Sea; Big Bubble Creations; Cupcakes and Cookie Decorating; Sewing for Beginners; and Cooking and Baking for Kindergartners and First Graders.

Session 2 offerings include Art Therapy & Fun; Crazy with LEGO Science Weeks; Cooking, Baking, Crafting & Slime Making; Be a S.P.O.R.T.!; Under the Sea; Art Enrichment; Hogwarts Summer Wizard; Cupcakes and Cookie Decorating; Crafty Creations; Sewing for Beginners; Team Time; and Cooking and Baking for Kindergartners and First Graders.

Session 3 offerings include Art Therapy & Fun; Crazy with Lego Science Weeks; Cooking, Baking, Crafting & Slime Making; Be a S.P.O.R.T.!; Under the Sea; Cupcakes and Cookie Decorating; Dog Days of Summer; Team Time; and Cooking and Baking for Kindergartners and First Graders.

Session 4 offerings include Art Therapy & Fun; Crazy with LEGO Science Weeks; Wire Choir Camp; Cooking, Baking, Crafting, & Slime Making; Be a S.P.O.R.T.!; Rainforest Exploration; Cardboard Arcade; Cupcakes and Cookie Decorating; Team Time; and Cooking and Baking for Kindergartners and First Graders.

Session 5 offerings include Art Therapy & Fun; Be a S.P.O.R.T.!; Rainforest Exploration; Nature Exploration, Appreciation, and Outdoor Games; Cardboard Arcade; and Crafty Creations.

Session 6 offerings include Art Therapy & Fun; Crazy with LEGO Miniland Adventures; Cooking, Baking, Crafting & Slime Making; Rainforest Exploration; STEAM Fairytale Adventure; Sew Cute! Hand-Sewn Stuffies; and Team Time.

All classes will be held at Sanfordville Elementary School.

For complete course descriptions, schedules and fees, as well as the required registration form, please visit [www.warwickvalleyschools.com/summerenrichment](http://www.warwickvalleyschools.com/summerenrichment).

We look forward to seeing your student this summer at Sanfordville, for these exciting educational opportunities!

*Here are some highlights from our schools this week:*

### **Pine Island Elementary School**

Students in Aimee Urvater's class just completed a unit on The Needs and Wants of Living Things. To celebrate the end of this unit, the class invited Animal Control Officer Joany Schmick from the Warwick Humane Society to their class. The students generated a list of interview questions to learn more about the specific needs and wants of the animals at the shelter. Joany brought two eight-week-old kittens with her when she visited the class. Based on Joany's responses to their interview questions, students will donate a basket filled with the needs and wants of the animals at the shelter. Students loved having Joany and her kittens visit their class, and they will soon return the favor when a "basket of needs and wants" is delivered to the Humane Center.

### **Park Avenue Elementary School**

First- and second-grade students participated in the Mad Science assembly sponsored and organized by the Park Avenue Elementary School PTA. The Mad Science instructor covered various topics, such as the attributes of liquids, solids, and gasses, theatrically and engagingly. Students had the opportunity to witness firsthand the exciting chemical reactions as they unfolded before their eyes!

During their art classes, second-grade students learn about Eric Carle and his process of making a collage. Students watched an informative documentary that described the sources and origins of Carle's inspiration. They also learned about the artist's process when creating his beloved stories and illustrations. Currently, students are working on creating their springtime collages following a similar approach. They began with a painting party that included painting many sheets of paper with different colors and textures. Next, students sourced neutral colors from old magazines and drafted their springtime drawings. Students quickly demonstrated how to collage the areas of their pictures. Lastly, Lisa Martimucci emphasized how students could use all their scraps, so there is no waste!

Lastly, the PTA also sponsored this year's Someone Special Dance. The event took place outside in the bus parking lot. This year's theme was Fiesta! The PTA invited all of our students to bring their choice of "someone special" to join them for the party. The PTA supplied refreshments,

decorations, and a D.J. who kept the party fun. Families brought their chairs and enjoyed themselves dancing and watching their children have fun.

### **Sanfordville Elementary School**

Sanfordville held the Fourth Grade Spelling Bee Finals sponsored by the Warwick Rotary Club. Earlier in April, the local Rotarians visited the fourth-grade classes to give them dictionaries to read and use as a resource. The fourth-grade students took a written test in class, and the earners of the top five scores advanced to an oral spelling bee in their classroom. The class winners then went to the grade level final. Twenty finalists competed to crown a champion speller. The top 5 spellers were Daniel O'Shea, Zoe Fong, Ben Larkin, Rex Heymer, and Sabrina Dinu. The second-place winner was Rex Heymer, and the champion of the Sanfordville 2022 Warwick Rotary Spelling Bee was Sabrina Dinu! Thank you to Supervisor Sweeton, Rotarian Renee Williams, and Rotarian Bob Carl for their support and participation. Also, a special thank you to Literacy Coach Alisa Kadus for the beautiful job she did as the pronouncer for the bee! Congratulations to everyone who participated!

The second-graders are learning about how good authors paint pictures in their readers' minds through the words they write. Students were able to study paintings to see what they noticed about the scene, looking at what the artist was trying to portray without words. They identified what was happening, where it was happening, the feelings conveyed, and more. Students collaborated with classmates to discuss the pictures their independent reading book authors were creating. This practice helps students become better readers and writers.

### **Warwick Valley Middle School**

The Middle School inducted approximately 40 new members into the Warwick Valley Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Our NJHS was established six years ago. Students are considered for membership based on their leadership, citizenship, character, service, and academic achievement. Our recent induction ceremony highlighted the group's accomplishments throughout the year while welcoming its new members. We look forward to our latest members carrying on the good work this organization accomplishes.

### **Warwick Valley High School**

Over two weeks, 593 Advanced Placement (AP) examinations were administered to students in the areas of US Government and Politics, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Psychology, English Literature and Composition, Computer Science A, Statistics, United States History, Calculus BC, Computer Science Principles, English Language and Composition, Physics Mechanics, Physics Electricity and Magnetism, Biology, and World History. Students have been taking AP courses and preparing for these exams throughout the year. The AP exams are offered around the world and culminate in rigorous college-level coursework. The opportunity to receive college credit for successful completion of their coursework is dependent on the students' performances on these exams. Students from Warwick Valley High School have the opportunity to graduate from the high school with over 30 college credits through AP coursework and college-level courses.