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Learning During the Summer Months Continues in the All Heart City *The Elementary Summer Enrichment Program offers Bristol's students entering kindergarten through grade six a place to learn, be active, make friends and have a great time.*

BRISTOL, CONN., July 26, 2019 – There are many opportunities for Bristol's youth to continue learning during the summer months in the "All Heart" City.

One of the many programs is the **Elementary Summer Enrichment Program**. This program has been in existence for many years in Bristol and provides elementary school students who are entering kindergarten through grade six a fun learning experience during the summer. The program is open to all Bristol public and parochial students each year. Children from surrounding towns are also welcome to attend the program. Students are able to attend classes on a week-by-week basis or for the entire five weeks at a rate of \$50 for one class or \$100 for two classes per week.

This year the program was held at Ivy Drive School for five weeks from June 24 through July 26. Each week, students had the opportunity to participate in some exciting classes which included two Master Chef classes, fitness fun, STEAM challenges, numerous art classes, computer coding, babysitting basics, clay sculpture and pottery, crime lab investigation, hip hop dance, a chess class for beginners and experts, and even a Lego Land class. All classes are taught by certified Bristol Public School teachers with Bristol high school and middle school student volunteers assisting in each class for each of the two morning sessions which consisted of five classes per session.

A total of 139 students who will be entering kindergarten through sixth grade participated in this year's program. Scott Redman who has been the director of the Elementary Summer Enrichment Program for the past five years says, "This summer program is a great place for students to learn, be active, and make friends all while having a great time! I enjoy seeing the students interact with their peers from other schools as they work together in each class to form new friendships and learn new skills."

Some of the classes also provided students with the ability to be active. Two of those classes: Hip Hop Dance and Cheerleading required a lot of energy, spirit and concentration. Elizabeth Prentiss who participated in both classes said, "Hip Hop Dance and Cheerleading were my favorite classes because we were able to perform for our partners and play fun games after practicing our routines."

"I think it is important for people to know that education is a year-round activity in Bristol," stated Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. "In addition to this Enrichment program, there are a half dozen others programs happening to keep kids engaged and prevent brain drain in the summer months."



Jason Stafford teaches the Master Chef Class and shows the students how to make tacos on "Taco Tuesday."



Avery Tomlin and Ian Lewis work together on using problem-solving skills to conquer escape-type activities in the Mission Impossible class.



Students in the STEAM Challenges class, for grades three through six, were actively engaged in completing various Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics challenges. Here Nicholas Fabrizio enjoys making a kaleidoscope.

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