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# SUMMER ENHANCEMENT



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## MEDIEVAL TIMES

Medieval Times students toured Medieval Times in Atlanta and saw real, live owls and falcons swoop across their heads. They watched fighting knights fight in acts of loyalty and power - all while eating with bare hands! Garlic bread in platters, chicken and turkey legs with grease, and drinking from goblets! And then, they went back home as full-fed warriors.

-Paisley York

## KROGER

Cake decorating students visited Kroger and watched a girl make a cake and decorate it. They looked at some more cakes and designs before going to look for icing and supplies. The cake the employee made they got to take back to Summer Enhancement!

- Jayce Tabor

## GEORGIA AQUARIUM

The Fishy Fun class traveled to the Georgia Aquarium, located in Atlanta. The students' favorite show at the aquarium was the dolphin show. They saw other sea animals like a sea turtle, sea lion, and a fish that looks like Dory. They also saw penguins.

-Caden Hoang

## ABOUT SUMMER ENHANCEMENT

What is Summer Enhancement? Enhancement is where kids get to take a bunch of AWESOME classes from Archery to Ukulele! Summer Enhancement helps us learn new things like cooking, tennis, learning about the past and so much more! Also, we have so much fun here. It's only half-day because some people have to do things after. Even though it's a half-day we do a lot of things. We have a first and second period and in between we get snack that's only 50 cents each. If you get an invitation to come here beg your parents to come back or come for the first time. We love this camp!

- Cassie Dalinsky





# ABOUT THE EDITORS

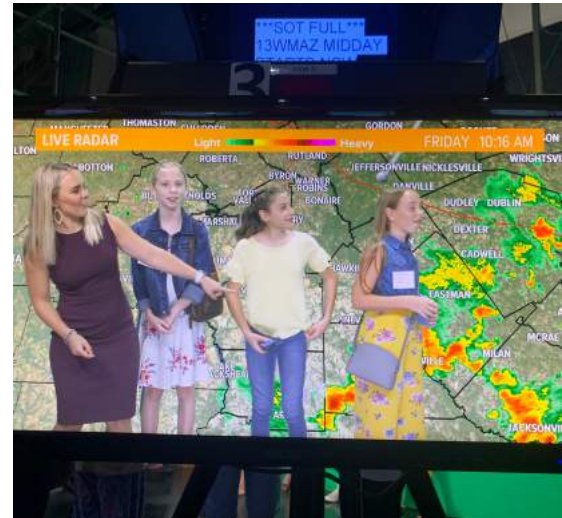
by Erin Simpson

Do you wonder who edits this page annually? And who stalks around, taking pictures and jotting down interviews? That's the editorial team, or Digital Journalism. Guided by Mrs. Hayley Dingess, they edit the website, write articles, write paragraphs for this newsletter, and even record newscasts. Summer Enhancement also has an Instagram, Facebook, and some more. Be sure to check those out for extra footage and images. Things like Weebly, Dropbox, iMovie, and Adobe Spark are used. If you are in a class, there is a chance you can be interviewed! Be warned, it might be on the website.

# FROZEN JR.

by Cooper Jones

In one class at Summer Enhancement, Drama, students get to put on a play. This year the Drama class is doing "Frozen Jr." based off of Disney's "Frozen." Mr. Nicholas Sostillio and Mr. Richard Frazier, along with student assistants from Warner Robins High School and Northside High School, will be directing this production. This play is important because we are one of the very first schools to ever do it. The Drama class does a play every year. From my view of the song "Let it Go" done by the class, this will be one of the best performances done by Drama.



## DIGITAL JOURNALISM

A journalist is basically a legal spy, they can get news from anywhere and broadcast this news with help from Social Media platforms. In Digital Journalism you can report the scoop from all the Summer Enhancement classes. You can find out what Cake Decorating is making today, or what Gaming with Excel is coding. At the end of the week you will get to go to 13WMAZ headquarters.



## ARCHERY

Archery is a fun, innovative class where you learn the art of the arrow. If you have a spare bow, or follow it professionally, this class is perfect for you. You will learn how to shoot a bow and arrow, and compete in fun tournaments. One student from this year recommends that you find the right bow.

Most students would like to continue archery, because it is so enjoyable and relaxing. Equipment is provided, so you don't have to worry about bringing your own. It has A LOT of "DRAWBACKS"!



## CRAZY FOR CROSSFIT

Like exercising? Ready to take it to the extreme? Then this class is for you. Crazy for CrossFit! From running to squats. Jumping up on something that's the same height as your waist?! This class will challenge not only one part of your body, but all of them! Ready to get your blood pumping and your heart racing? Join Crazy for CrossFit!



## BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

The baseball/softball class is a class where kids can learn about the sport. Usually they start off with a warm-up before playing outside. The coaches teach the students the basics of baseball, and how to actually win a game. Getting these classes can be beneficial to a student's career. Students can get a lot of lessons for baseball so they can learn skills if they want to be an actual baseball player. For the beginning of the baseball classes in Summer Enhancement, the coaches teach basics for the students.



## HOOP IT UP!

Come be a part of the Enhancement Hoop It Up Basketball Program. At "HOOP IT UP" we believe that teaching fundamental basketball skills to dedicated players at all levels is the first step in reaching one's fullest potential. You don't have to be a star just to have FUN! Everyone benefits from "HOOP IT UP." It's a win-win situation!



## TENNIS

As many people love tennis, some of them want to do tennis tournaments which could be a career. The coach helps students start by balancing their skills in tennis. The students learn the momentum of hitting tennis balls and good aim to hit the ball. The coach takes the class to a tennis court to show them how to get used to playing on tennis environments and a better place to play tennis.



## ROCKETRY

Boom! Rocketry is fun and exciting to see your rocket launch into the sky. You get to construct them one day and paint them another, let them dry, and finally the last step is to launch them into space. This class is going to the Museum of Aviation, in Warner Robins, Georgia. The Museum has all kinds of stuff including airplanes and models of rockets.



## BEGINNING KEYBOARD

Keyboarding is fun to learn and play. If you are interested in keyboarding or learning the piano make this one your number one hobbies and practice. Kids get the chance to make their own songs and play them on the piano including learning notes and learning to read music. In the keyboarding class they do mini lessons on reading music and different songs. If you want to learn the basics of piano and show off your knowledge, after doing lessons for a couple weeks, you'll be able to do just that!



## CREATING MUSIC WITH IPADS

Have you ever wanted to make your own song or beat on an instrument? Well now you can! With Creating Music with iPads you can use music websites and make your own music. You can get creative and think up some crazy silly song or a smooth one. Just go with what your mind feels.



## WHOKULELE? UKULELE

Who-kulele? Ukulele! is a class where you learn to play the... Ukulele! Learn chords, tune your instrument, and even preform in front of the school.



## CONVERSATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE

Sing language is a form of speech communicating with your hands in different movements. In Sign Language, Ms. Schneller puts cotton in students ears so that it was if they were deaf and could only speak sign language instead of talking as communication. Students can communicate across the room without making noise because of their amazing teacher.

## WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT SUMMER ENHANCEMENT?

"It's fun and educational!" - Noelani, 6th Grade

"My favorite part is Digital Journalism because we get to walk around the school and I can put my skills to use." - Stephanie, 6th Grade

"I like the variety of classes and what they are." - Noah, 6th Grade

"It's a fun-filled two weeks. My favorite part has been the people." - Rebecca, 6th Grade

"They give us activities to do." - Caden, 7th Grade

"You're doing something you like - not just sitting on the couch watching TV." - Vivian, 6th Grade

"I love meeting people and Gaming with Excel." - Jack, 5th Grade

"I liked dissecting frogs." - Melania, 5th Grade

"We get to choose things that we like and learn about them, instead of doing the things that we don't want to do." - Ben, 6th Grade

"It's educational and you get to come and have fun and meet new friends. The teachers are really nice." - Kennadie, 6th Grade





### **BABYSITTING 101**

Want to earn money a simple way? Well you're in luck. You can take a babysitting class so you can be an expert. In this class you learn important tips for being a great babysitter. An example is, if the kid gets hurt playing what would you do? You will learn ways to answer: "If that happened what would you do?"



### **FUN WITH FOOD**

Have you ever wondered about becoming a top chef? Well this is the place to be! Fun with food is where kids get to bake really cool stuff such as Italian meatballs sliders. As soon as you walk in the door the smell of yummy food hits you. They make all sorts of food from muffins to Mexican corn and have to work in groups to learn teamwork. They also had to learn how to crack eggs. Fun with Food is the place to be if you want to become a TOP CHEF all while getting to learn how to make new food in a fun way!



### **GOT CHOCOLATE**

Make, create, and eat. Got Chocolate is a fun chocolaty class. You learn kitchen safety and how to make chocolate. It's fun and exciting to make your own chocolate. In this class you will become an amazing chocolate maker. The teacher Mrs. West is really nice and will help if needed. Next year you should take Got Chocolate.



### **CAKE DECORATING**

In the cake decorating class, Mrs. Squires is teaching her class how to decorate cake and cupcakes with frosting. They even took a field trip to Kroger. While they were there they saw the bakers frost the cake. Mrs. Squires gives her students instructions to make cake and cupcakes at home then bring them to camp so they could frost the cakes! I just know that these students will become great bakers.



### **COOKIE DECORATING**

Have you ever wondered what icing is best to use on a cookie or how cookies from scratch are made? Well at Summer Enhancement you have the chance to learn! In the cookie decorating class, Mrs. Wildes is teaching her students to make homemade cookies from scratch. After making the sugar cookies, the students outline their cookies with royal icing wait till the icing hardens to make the designs on them. Soon these students will be able to become great and experienced bakers.



## GREEK MYTHOLOGY

In Greek Mythology the kids learn about the Greek gods and goddesses. They learn Greek mythical stories, they learn about the constellations, and more. There are many activities where they create different objects that Grecians used. For example, the kids could make Grecian vases, design shields, and make torches. Therefore, any kid who does this shall be enthralled!

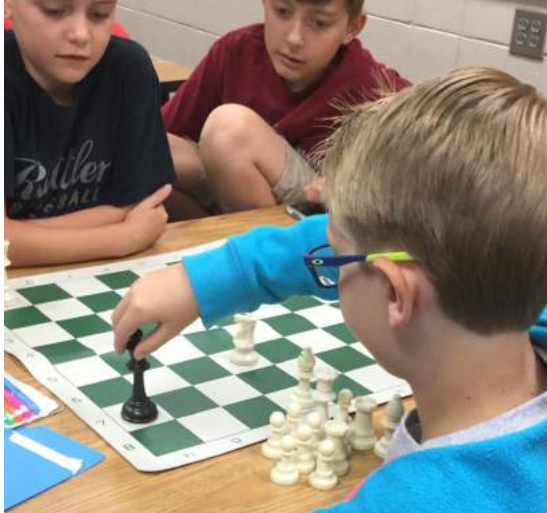


## EGYPTOLOGY

What would it be like if king Kut's tomb was opened? Or why were there Greek gods? You can find out in Egyptology. In this class these students are learning about the Greek gods and why they are important. The students are mummifying and learning about Egypt.

## MEDIEVAL TIMES

In Medieval Times, students travel back in time to the Middle ages and learn all about everything about the Middle Ages from knighthood to the hygiene. Pillage villages with your homemade weapons and go on quests to find your stolen belongings. Another great thing about this class is the field trip to Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament, when you get to watch and root for knights who fight for the highest title in the queens army, while enjoying delicious food. This class is a great opportunity to learn everything medieval including your families crest and more. So come and travel back in time to the Middle Ages with us and discover!

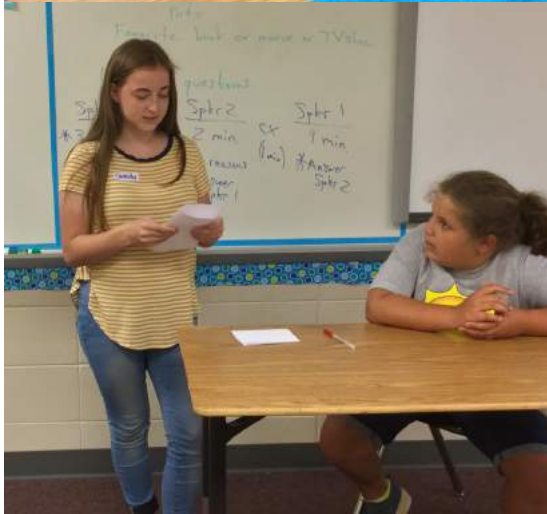


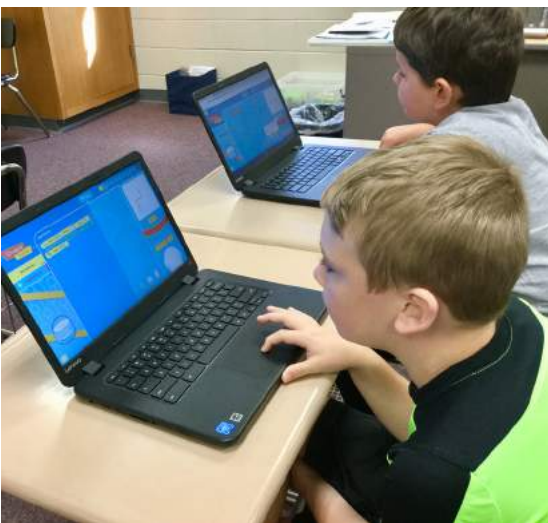
## SAVVY STRATEGIES

Savvy Strategies teaches you to use strategy, teamwork, and critical thinking. They play various games, logic problems, and brain teasers. For example, they enjoy playing Chess, Stratego, Othello, Pirate Battleship, Katamino, Mastermind, and more. You will walk out of Summer Enhancement knowing how to put your problem-solving skills to use in a variety of fun activities! Everyone who participates in this class will be promised a happy result.

## DEBATE

Debate is a subject where the students learn how to make good arguments. Certain debates the students have a split opinion about. This is a very interesting way to make debates about actual topics like whether schools should have lockers or not, or less serious topics like what genre of music is the best.





### **CODING WITH OZOBOTS**

In this fun activity, you get to learn how to code Ozobot robots to design and play your own game. You will learn how to design a game of your own. You will also learn the abstract idea of mechanics. During this whole class, you will get to play on the computer learning the ways of coding. I guarantee you, you will have fun during this experience.



### **BUG ME!**

Bug me is a fun, interactive, and easy way to learn about the anatomy of bugs. There are many activities that you wouldn't do regularly, such as catching and attempting to eat bugs. Not to mention, Mrs. Gifford provides fun challenges, games, and races that produce prizes. Kids are allowed to catch bugs and put them in a well taken care of bug sanctuary or a sealed container. Students have an extraordinary time in this class room, learning about the bugs around the world!



### **COMPUTER PROGRAMMING & GAME DESIGN**

What is coding? Coding is when a code is assigned for the purpose of classification and identification. In computer programming and game design you make your own games and characters. When you walk in the door you want to jump right to the spot of playing games, the most exciting part is making the games.



### **"GET OUT" SURVIVE THE GREAT OUTDOORS**

Do you like surviving the great outdoors? "Get Out" Survive the Great Outdoors is perfect for you if you want to prepare for a camping trip. Maybe you want to star in a television show! Or maybe to prepare if you get lost. Learn some new skills and let out your inner boy/girl scout. You'll learn to make fire, emergency blankets, and much more. Now get out and survive!



### **GAMING WITH EXCEL**

I bet you didn't know that you could create a game with Microsoft Excel? Well you can! You can do things from pixel art to bingo. Learn in this fun environment, and be sure to bring a flash drive. They sell flash drives there if you need them. Gaming With Excel is a programmed to be great class and shows that you can do many things with Excel, including making games. Everybody in the class almost goes to it every year, they love it. But only go if you like creating games!



## FISHY FUN IN THE OCEAN

Have you ever wanted to dive deeper in learning about the oceans and creatures? Well this is the class for you. In this class you make sea creatures and you watch short videos to get information about the oceans. This class seems really fun. You walk in the door to the room decorated as the sea and you automatically want to dive deeper. In this class you also go on field trips to the aquarium which is awesome.



## KIDS BIOLOGY 101

In the biology class, students get to dissect and learn about the insides of bodies and animals. They even dissect a frog and learn about its body. Biology can help students career in science. For an example, students can take this class as an advantage to become a future surgeon.



## KIDS FASHION & DESIGN

Kids Fashion and Design is a class where you can make any design you desire. You can make bags, hats, purses, and so much more. The teacher, Ms. Clay, is very optimistic. She brings many different materials that students are free to use, such as fabric, beads, hot glue guns, and so much more. At the end of Summer Enhancement there is a fashion show that you can be in. You can design anything you want for the fashion show.



## LET'S GET CRAFTY

Let's get crafty is a class where you can learn how to craft, as crafting is the most creative activity. Stamps to greeting cards, it's all so much fun! Girls and boys have many activities to do, as Mrs. Mann provides so many craft and art supplies to choose from. Let's get crafty is a place that you can express yourself in art, as they have made stamps, thank you cards, and cutouts, and are planning to do so much more.

## FINGER LOPPIN' FUN

In Finger Looping Fun you will learn the lost art of primitive rug hooking by using wool clothes or objects and transform them into art. You will also learn the skill of knitting with not needles, but your fingers! If you think you would enjoy this class, you're correct! Come join this class for some finger looping fun!

