

The Balanced Calendar

Bulletin



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Registration beginning for February Intersession

Parents will have until January 20, 2017, to register their child for Intersession II, which will be held February 20-23, 2017. Registration forms for the elementary session are going home this week while upper grade level registration forms will be available by mid-December, according to Christine Kuzinski, Intersession Director.

“Students can expect a lot of hands-on opportunities and some dynamic experiences in their interest areas and will be offered opportunities to get off campus and see things in the real world,” she said.

For students in **Grades K-4**, the theme of the February intersession will be “Elementary Beyond Imagination—A STEM Learning Experience.” STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Beyond Imagination will give our students an opportunity for hands-on science, technology and engineering learning. Students will also learn computer coding to create their own app using Disney’s “Frozen” as their theme. We’ll teach students the basics of Lego robotics and help them build an art robot. Our STEM experience will culminate with a trip to the Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum for a day of hands-on science learning and fun.

Preschoolers will also participate in a STEM-related theme. Activities will include a field trip to the Flint Children’s Museum. Students will also participate in a variety of hands-on learning activities including: Where does Static Electricity come from? (Butterfly static STEM activity); Creating Energy (Pop Rocks science experiment); Number Sense Routines; Make Your Own Snacks (STEM Themed) and STEM-focused centers focused on Dramatic Play - Science Lab; Science and Discovery - Popping Snow; Sensory Table - Melting snowmen; Writing - Snowflake making, number writing and winter drawing; Art - Recycled Junk art creations and art with patterns; and Block Play - Imagination Playground Blocks.

Students in **Grades 5-8** will have the opportunity to participate in “Camp Cardinal: The Extreme Experience 2.0.” Students can choose one of the following tracts: Sports, Fitness and Nutrition; STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics); Music and Arts; and Hobbies and Life Skills.

New for high school students this intersession will be certain tracts they can choose to follow. For instance, Kuzinski said an engineering tract is one of the subject areas that will be offered.

“One of the days, the students would go to Kettering,” she said.

Of course, there will still be an “a la carte” of activities that students can pick from such as CPR training or official training through the Michigan High School Athletic Association, math support, SAT preparation and field trips that will allow students to visit college campuses.

Since Davison Community Enrichment and Recreation (DCER) is currently in the middle of updating its recreation software programming, **only paper and phone-in registrations will be accepted for the February Intersession**. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to register online. However, registration forms can be completed and sent to school with their child.

Cost for the four-day intersession is \$80 per student with a family maximum rate of \$240. Preschool session is \$56 for a half-day program.

Kuzinski said she was pleased with the turnout for the October Intersession.

“It afforded students an opportunity to enrich their learning outside the four walls of the classroom,” she said.

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