



Hello Parents!

It is with great enthusiasm that I am writing this letter in regards to the Explore experience that your child will encounter in July! My name is Shannon Bossing and I am beyond excited to be your child's principal at Harrison for the July session of Explore. I am no stranger to Springfield Public Schools. I've been in education for over 22 years and 18 of those have been in Springfield Public Schools. I've taught grades 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and I've been an assistant principal at Disney Elementary and Twain Elementary. In addition, I was the Explore principal at Harrison Elementary last summer. I earned my Bachelor's Degree at MSU, my first Master's degree at Drury University, and my Master's degree in administration from MSU. When I'm not working, you can find me hanging out with my husband and twin sons or reading a book! I'm an avid runner and I absolutely love everything Disney!

The July session of Explore will begin July 5th and will continue until July 31st. We start promptly at 8:50 a.m. and end at 3:20 p.m. Breakfast will be available daily at 8:20 a.m. Students will have the option to have breakfast and lunch for no charge each day they attend Explore.

Transportation for Summer School will be available to for eligible elementary students. They are eligible only if they live within the designated attendance area and their residence is more than 1.5 miles from their assigned summer school site. Students may choose to attend any Explore location if they provide their own transportation. Call 417-523-0500 for transportation questions.

SPARC will be available for a fee both before and after school. Students who are enrolled in SPARC are able to be dropped off earlier and remain later than the posted school day times. Please call 417-837-5737 for more information.

Having good attendance is extremely important during Explore. There are many activities and experiences to take part in, and we want to make sure your child doesn't miss out. Your efforts in making sure your child is here everyday is very much appreciated!

Demonstrating good behavior is also an expectation during Explore. Student misbehaviors will be addressed in a proactive manner using principles of positive behavior interventions. Explore administrators will review instances with students having repeated incidents of inappropriate behaviors, and these repeated behaviors may warrant a referral to the office, and the SPS student handbook will be followed regarding any disciplinary action. At the Explore Coordinators' discretion, students with repeated inappropriate behavior may be dropped from the program.

Students are encouraged to bring their leftover supplies from this past school year to Explore. Supplies your child may bring include: pencils, a notebook, crayons, a folder, glue and scissors.

If your child requires medication to be taken during school hours, please contact our school nurse for the proper paperwork to be completed.

I look forward to meeting you in July for Explore! Until then, enjoy these last few weeks of the 2017-18 school year! ☺

Respectfully,

**Shannon Bossing**

July Principal @ Harrison Explore!  
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