



Hello EXPLORE families!

My name is Breann Darnell and I will be supporting the Truman EXPLORE program as the building principal in June. I teach a Kindergarten and First grade split class at Truman and have been at Truman for 10 years. I have also taught at McBride and Wilder, and have taught summer school for many years. I have also had the pleasure of being a summer school building principal at Truman in 2016 and Williams in 2015. I have a Masters in Administration from MSU and three kiddos of my own who keep me busy. All three are very excited to attend Truman for EXPLORE! Just about every weekend you can find us at a go kart track where my son races. I look forward to continuing the atmosphere and routines here at Truman that Dr. Travis has provided during the regular school year. EXPLORE is going to provide a very engaging, exciting summer for your student and I cannot wait to get started!



**Please read below for important EXPLORE information:**

Session 1 is June 5th- June 29th

Session 2 is July 5th- July 31st

Start Time: 8:50 (Students may arrive no earlier than 8:40 to be supervised.)

End Time: 3:20

**SPARC will be available for a fee both before and after school.** You can drop your child off as early as 6:30 am and pick your child up as late as 6:00 pm if they are enrolled in the before and after school program. To enroll your child, please call 417-837-5737.

**Having good attendance is important during summer school.** The curriculum is built upon collaboration with peers and projects that can take up an extensive time span. We appreciate your efforts in making sure your child is here each day in which they are able to attend. If you know when students will be absent in advance, please communicate that to the office or your child's teacher.

**Demonstrating good behavior is also an expectation during summer school.** Any student who exhibits inappropriate behavior may be dropped from EXPLORE. All SPS board policies apply to students attending EXPLORE.

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

**Upon arrival at 8:40, students will make their way to the gym.** Students will sit in rows with their class until they are dismissed to class at 8:50. Parents may walk students directly to class on the first day to meet and greet the teachers.

**Dismissal to our day will begin at 3:20 in the back of the school.** (BLUE LANE out to Farm Road 100) We will not have enough staff to operate in the front lane. Car tags will be a crucial part of our dismissal. We will be creating these for use on the first day of each session if you do not have one. Please plan on putting this in a visible area so we can call each student to their vehicle quickly. If your student needs help buckling or you need to speak with a teacher, please plan on arriving early and park in the lot. We need parents to remain in their vehicles in the car line. Your help in keeping the line moving smoothly is appreciated! We ask for your patience the first few days as we learn cars and the busses iron out their new routes.

**Volunteers: If you are a registered volunteer with a background check on file and have filled out the SPS online form, we would love to have you join us for EXPLORE!** We will need help in the Kindergarten classes, in the lunchroom, and the library as well as copying and assisting teachers where needed. Please contact me for more information.

**Breakfast and lunch are served FREE to ALL Truman EXPLORE students.**

**The building will be secure throughout summer school.** To gain entry you must push the button to your left at the front entrance. An office staff member will ask for your ID and let you in to the building.

I can't wait to see the students digging into their classes, enjoying field trips, makerspace, coding and getting exercise with friends. I am looking forward to an exciting summer of EXPLORE!

Sincerely,

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