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York Elementary and Bissett Elementary 2018 Summer Program



Hello, parents and/or guardians of York and Bissett Elementary Schools! My name is Shondra Collins. This summer I have the privilege of being the principal at the York/Bissett Elementary 2018 Session 2 EXPLORE Program. I want to begin by giving you and your children a big WELCOME! The staff and I are working hard to get ready for an exciting summer of learning and exploring new ideas! I've been in education for over 13 years and 4 of those have been in Springfield Public Schools. I've taught preschool, 1st grade, 5th grade, and was the 2017 (Session 2) Explore principal here at York. I earned my Bachelor's Degree at the Drury University, my Master's Degree at Southwest Baptist University, and I am currently working towards my Specialist's Degree.

Information

Students attending the York/Bissett Elementary 2018 Summer **EXPLORE** Program will come from both York Elementary and Bissett Elementary. Here is some information you will want to know:

SESSION 1:

- The first day of Summer **EXPLORE** Session 1 is Tuesday, June 5th.
- The last day will be Friday, June 29th.
- Each school day will begin at 8:50 a.m. and conclude at 3:20 p.m.
- We will open the doors and start breakfast at 8:20 a.m.
- All meals are free for everyone: Breakfast and Lunch
- Summer **EXPLORE** will continue Monday through Friday.
- There is an organization that will be providing before and after school care.
 - **Boys and Girls Club** (bus to and from school this summer for EXPLORE)
 - Park Avenue, Musgrave Unit 417.869.8211

SESSION 2:

- The first day of Summer **EXPLORE** Session 2 is Thursday, July 5th.
- The last day will be Tuesday, July 31st.
- Each school day will begin at 8:50 a.m. and conclude at 3:20 p.m. We will open the doors and start

breakfast at 8:20 a.m.

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- Summer **EXPLORE** will be Monday through Friday.
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The district has carefully worked to prepare class materials for this summer that are engaging, relevant, personal, interactive, and FUN! We will work with students to explore their interests and develop their knowledge for the 2018 Summer **EXPLORE** program. We have made every attempt possible to schedule your child in the course you requested. If you have any questions, please contact me at York, 523-3000, first day of Summer School. We are working hard to make sure every child will learn and have fun in every course offered.

Transportation:

- It is important that your child has a regular and consistent method of transportation to and from school.
- Please make sure your child knows how he/she is to go home from summer **EXPLORE**, and, if possible keep that method the same for all the days of summer **EXPLORE**.
- Your child should know if he/she is attending the Boys and Girls Club before or after school.
- Boys and Girls Club will be providing before and after-school care from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- If your child will ride the bus, he/she needs to know the bus number and behavior expectations.
- Transportation will be available to some students coming to York/Bissett Elementary 2018 **EXPLORE** Program from the Bissett Elementary attendance area if students live more than 1.5 miles from York.
- If you have transportation questions, please contact the Transportation Department (523-0500).
- In order to ensure bus transportation on the first day of Summer School, you will need to register as soon as possible.

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures:

- We will **follow normal dismissal procedures** that York Elementary follows during the regular year.
- **Morning** We will open the front doors at 8:20. Students will immediately report to the gym. Car riders are to be dropped off on Nichols. Please pull up to the curb and allow your child to safely exit your car and come into the building. Please keep the bus lane in front of the building clear.
- **End of Day Car Rider Pickup**
 - Kindergarten students are dismissed from the main office door as the teacher sees the parent. Parents need to bring their pick up card daily to ensure a safe and timely dismissal process.
 - First grade students are dismissed from the double doors facing Nichols as the teacher sees the parent. Parents need to bring their pick up card daily to ensure a safe and timely dismissal process.
 - Second – Fifth grade students are dismissed at the double doors facing Nichols at the end of the day. Teachers will make eye-contact with parent for verification before release.
- Parents, please understand the safe release of students is our priority.
- Cars are NOT to block bus lanes.

- **End of day pick up change of plans**, parents are NOT permitted inside the building during pick up. If you have a change of plans for student pick up, please come to the York Office or call 523-3000.

Breakfast and Lunch FREE TO ALL STUDENTS:

- Breakfast and lunch will be available daily at York Elementary.
- These meals will be free for every student attending.
- Breakfast will be provided in the classroom from 8:20 to 8:50. Please have your child at school on time if he/she is to eat breakfast at school. Instruction will begin immediately at 8:50.

Nurse/Medication:

- A nurse will be on staff for the York/Bissett Elementary 2018 Summer **EXPLORE** Program.
- If your child has any medical conditions or needs to take medication at school, please share this information with the summer **EXPLORE** nurse and your child's teachers to help ensure the safety of your son or daughter.

Attendance Expectations/Incentives:

- We would like students to be at school every day possible.
- Regular attendance will help your student have a more positive summer **EXPLORE** experience.
- Regular attendance will support students in helping them not feel left out or behind.
- If you have questions or want to report an absence, call the summer **EXPLORE** office at 523-3000.

Behavior/Discipline:

- Any student who exhibits inappropriate behavior may be dropped from the York/Bissett Elementary 2018 summer **EXPLORE** program.
- All SPS board policies apply to students attending summer **EXPLORE**.

School Supplies:

- 4 pencils
- Art boxes from the regular school year.
- A spiral notebook
- Backpack.
- Other necessary supplies will be provided.

Again, I am very excited about what will be happening at summer **EXPLORE** this summer. I am looking forward to a fun-filled learning experience for all of us! Please do not hesitate to contact the school at 523-3000 with any questions regarding the York/Bissett Elementary 2018 Summer **EXPLORE** Program.

Tell your friends that it is **never too late** to enroll in the York/Bissett Elementary 2018 Summer **EXPLORE** Program, **even out of district kids!** Just call: **York Office at 523-3000** and **we will take care of it for you!!!**