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Virtue of the Week:

RESILIENCY

We believe in “teachable moments” and help campers recognize opportunities for growth, learning and reflection. We provide campers with the tools to become stronger with each endeavor. We help them to develop the courage and the fortitude to try new experiences, take healthy risks and learn from their mistakes.



WEEK IN REVIEW

LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Dear ESF Riverdale Families,

Each week keeps getting better here at Riverdale. With the Day Camp Show on Friday, camp was absolutely buzzing with song, dance and all things Disney! Campers worked hard to prepare for the big event and they were all shining stars during their performance! Sports Camp hosted their first World League event vs. William Allen Middle School – team colors were black vs. maroon but everyone came together and exhibited out ESF Values across the board. It was a great day of competition and fun!



Senior Camp continues to work on their service learning project for the “Part of the Solution” or POTS Organization. We would all like to thank you for any contributions you have made. Donations are being accepted up until the last day of camp. Senior campers also had an exciting week of culinary creations in their True Life Adventure, Gourmet Camper: Food Truck Roadtrip! Major and Tech Camp continued to learn how to use their “toolkits” in each program to make, build and design innovative and creative programs. They continue to impress us with their final projects!

My favorite moment from their week was in Movement class with Donna. During this activity campers shared ways in which they showed the ESF Virtue of the Week, “Resiliency.” Campers had some truly inspiring stories to share and were able to use the word in context for which it is intended. We are encouraging campers to be resilient both at camp and at home.

Sincerely,

Melissa Williams
ESF Riverdale Site Director



WEEK IN REVIEW

WEEKLY RECAP FOR OUR CAMP PROGRAMS



DAY CAMP

Spectacular Show Week arrived at ESF for Week 6! It was a week filled with all things Disney in preparation for the show on Friday. For rehearsal campers sang and danced all week in CPA. They showed their team spirit for Wacky Wednesday by wearing their favorite team's jerseys to camp. The Disney fun continued in art classes as campers created headbands and decorations for their performances. Finally, the eagerly anticipated Spectacular Show arrived on Friday! With family and friends in attendance, it was a lot of fun had by all!



SENIOR CAMP

The Adventurers, Voyagers, Pathfinders and Mountaineers were so excited to start Week 6 and came in ready for their new True Life Adventure theme of the week. TLA this week was Gourmet Camper: Food Truck Road trip. Campers used recipes and were inspired by food trucks from around the world to create marvelous mobile meals. They had a blast experiencing food from different regions and embracing the trendy food truck craze. To show off their new cooking skills and talents, Senior Camp had a special event on Friday, they hosted The Senior Camp Food and Karaoke Festival!



SPECIALTY MAJOR CAMP

Major Camp this week was Fantastic Physics: Exploring Energy*! Campers kicked off the beginning of the week by learning about potential and kinetic energy, magnets and electricity. They also began their plans and sketches for their rollercoasters! By the middle of the week, campers dove into electricity, learned about light rays, lasers and decorated their rollercoasters. On Friday, the campers learned about sound and finally debuted their rollercoasters to the class! *Offered in exclusive partnership with The Franklin Institute.



SPORTS CAMP

Sports campers had an action-packed week! They participated in skills, games and activities in preparation for their weekly Tournament Day at the end of the week. On Wednesday, ESF Moorestown Sports Camp arrived for World League Day. Sports campers were overjoyed to meet and welcome them to Riverdale! Both camps had a blast playing soccer, handball and flag football throughout the day. Tournament Day arrived on Friday for the second Blue v. Red Competition of the summer. Great job blue and red teams!



TECH CAMP

Sim City: 3D Architecture, Web Design 4 Kids and Game Adventures with LEGO® Worlds jumped right back into the fun! Using SketchUp, campers in Sim City: 3D Architecture learned how to build houses, cities, objects and creating a city of the future! While in Game Adventures, campers learned and explored the two modes: adventure and creative, in LEGO® World. They also learned how to build and create their own world by importing digital files and objects into LEGO® World. Web Design 4 Kids campers spent the week using Google Sites to create their own website. Once the campers picked the concepts for their website they began adding pictures, videos, links, slide shows, maps and other additions. By Friday, their websites were complete!



TENNIS CAMP

Tennis Camp got right back on the court for Week 6. Throughout the week, campers assessed and practiced their skills through high intensity stations and drills. This week they also focused on footwork drills and maintaining consistency when hitting. In addition, Tennis campers practiced focus drills before their competitions and tournaments at the end of the week began. Tennis games like "Jail," "Defender" and "Bobsled" were played to focus on practicing ground strokes, serves, footwork, consistency and volleys.



WEEK IN REVIEW

SPOTLIGHTS

INSIDER STORIES FROM CAMP



COLLEEN: Day Camp Director

This is Colleen's fourth summer here with us at ESF Riverdale!

Originally from Texas, Colleen attended Manhattan College and received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and her Master's degree in Special Education. Colleen is now a 3rd grade teacher in the Bronx. This is her third year as a member of the Department of Education. During her free time, she enjoys working out and traveling.

Fun Fact:

- o She taught in Korea for a year!

Colleen's favorite part about ESF is working with the staff and campers. She also loves seeing the campers happy to return for another summer here.

DINESH: Tennis Support Specialist

Dinesh is very happy to be spending his second summer here!

When camp is not in session, Dinesh is a stay at home dad. He is also a freelance IT professional as well as a tennis instructor and coach.

Three things that Dinesh love are: being a dad, learning and teaching tennis!

His favorite part about Tennis Camp is being able to play fun tennis-related games with the campers once their drills, stations and other activities are finished.



Fun Fact:

- o He taught himself how to play the guitar!



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SPOTLIGHTS INSIDER STORIES FROM CAMP



ASHLEY: Technology Team Leader

Ashley is ecstatic to be spending her first summer here! She is responsible for making sure Tech Camp runs smoothly and proves trouble shooting skills as well as additional support.

Just recently, Ashley finished Graduate School at Pace University for Educational Technology.

Her favorite parts of the day are seeing the campers' excitement when their codes are successful. She also loves seeing them play GaGa together during recreational time.

Fun Fact:

- o She practiced karate until she was sixteen years old.

LANAYA: Day Camp Jr. Quest Activity Specialist

This is Lanaya's third summer with us! We are all so happy to have her back!

Just recently, Lanaya graduated from Mount Saint Vincent and will be starting Graduate School at New York University this fall.

During Jr. Quest, Lanaya encourages positivity, team building, expression through Native American themed arts and crafts.

Her favorite part of the day is giving campers high fives to start her class off! She loves seeing them excited and eager for class to begin.



Fun Fact:

- o She has met actor, Ron Rifiki.



WEEK IN REVIEW

WEEKLY THEME GALLERY





WEEK IN REVIEW

NEXT WEEK WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR!

WEEK 7
JULY 31 - AUGUST 4

Don't let your summer fun come to an end so soon! Explore all of our camp programs [here](#).

Next week we will have Mess Fest: Radical Reactions and Extreme Experiments*, Space and Rocketry and Jr. Art Studio. We will also have Junior Robotics Level 1, Minecraft Missions 2017 and Junior LEGO® Master Builders: Star Wars Adventures- An Intro to Engineering. Explore all of our [Specialty Major](#) & [Tech programs](#).

Add additional weeks of camp through your [Online Account!](#)

SNEAK A PEEK AT WHAT'S IN STORE!

LOOK OUT for an email from **Camper Patrol**, *your camper's bus schedule might be changing!*

You're invited!

Family Fling and Art Expo is on August 3 from 6:30-8:30pm. Please [RSVP HERE!](#)

Senior Camp's True Life Adventure is Elements of Filmmaking: Broadcast Media and Wacky Wednesday is Masquerade Day!

Special Guest: Rick Jacobs, subject matter expert on *Beyond Athletics: Developing Your Character Muscles*, will be here on August 2, 2017.

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