



BSS & BES STUDENTS WITH BILL FISHER AT LOWE-VOLK PARK

BSS Summer Program Newsletter

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Summer Program Themes

Our 2018 BSS Summer Program focused on two important themes this year: photography and farm-to-table. On the first day of the Summer Program, our students were taught how to use professional cameras and the basics of photography. For the remainder of the program, students took turns being the photographer each day. In fact, most of the photos in this newsletter were taken by our students!



The other main theme of this year's Summer Program was farm-to-table. Students had the opportunity to learn about plants and vegetables while planting and growing their own using a grow light. After 10 days, the plants and vegetables were ready to be taken home to plant in the ground.

After learning about plants and vegetables, students were taken on a field trip to Edible Landscapes, a two acre organic farm located outside of Bucyrus, where they learned about organic farming and sampled produce.



Students then went to Kroger to learn how to comparison shop and how to choose vegetables. They were able to pick out the ingredients needed to make blueberry cobbler and veggie pizza later that week. The kids enjoyed trying new vegetables on their pizza and invited the administrators to come sample their creations.



Keeping up with the farm-to-table theme, students in both the secondary and the elementary program went on a field trip to Hord Family Farms. Due to rain, students were not able to explore the farm but were still able to

learn how the pigs are fed and raised through the use of models. Students also watched a video about Hord's and made a pig craft.



Field Trips

Throughout June, students in the Summer Program went on additional field trips outside of the farm-to-table theme. Our middle school students joined the elementary students at Aumiller Park to catch and identify crawdads and other macro invertebrate.



The next day, they continued to



catch and release insects using different instruments while hiking through Unger Park.

Then, on their field trip to Lowe-Volk Park, students participated in a "hide in plain sight" scavenger hunt organized by the employees at Lowe-Volk. During the scavenger hunt, the kids found antlers and bones and talked about how animals can be hiding in plain sight.



While students really enjoyed exploring in nature, their favorite field trip was to Pisanello's Pizza. Here, students watched as a pizza was made from start to finish. Thanks to Pisanello's partnership with the Summer Program, we were able to provide pizza for the students.



Enrichment Activities

Our summer was filled with a number of other enriching activities as well. We were lucky enough to have the Crawford County Arts Council come in and walk our students through a painting on canvas.



Students also made oobleck from Dr. Seuss's *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* and completed a copper wire activity. It was a very busy and enriching month!