

# EdAdvance School Age Programs-BASES (Before and After School Enrichment Services)

## 2018-2019 END OF THE YEAR NEWSLETTER

As we prepare to wrap up this academic year, our office is actively working to improve our services for next year and the families we serve. Please be sure to complete the parent survey that was emailed to you. Back again is our 'parent corner', see page 4 for ideas to try with your children.

We would like to say a special THANK YOU to all the partnering schools and communities that help to make our programs a success!

Grant Award Announcement! We are honored to have been awarded a mentoring grant from the National Police Athletic and Activities League (NPAL) for the second year in a row. Students in Torrington will benefit from this grant and the amazing partnership with Torrington PAL. Stay tuned for more!



Pictured above are some of our students from the Summer Adventure Program! See page 4 for more information.

We are always proud of the accomplishments of our children and staff. One such accomplishment highlights the work that the students in the CAP21 After School Program at Torrington Middle School took on. They worked all school year and created 3 video public service announcements. These PSA's were excitedly submitted to the Skills21 Expo Fest. The students traveled to the Oakdale Theater and were able to experience the Red Carpet treatment! The CAP21 students were thrilled to take home an award that night for best environmental PSA. Well done CAP21 Students!

***Wishing everyone a safe and fun-filled summer!***

# WHATS HAPPENING

*The school year is coming to an end!*

As we continue to incorporate Social Emotional Learning (SEL) into our daily activities, there are a couple more themes we selected to concentrate on. Perhaps some of you have noticed the “Word of the Month” activities when you have visited the programs. The staff have really embraced this initiative and we have seen wonderful results! Each Site spent time talking about and doing activities around the following concepts:

September: RESPECT  
October: COMMUNICATION  
November: SPORTSMANSHIP  
December: KINDNESS  
January: RESPONSIBILITY  
February: LISTENING  
March: HONESTY  
April: LEADERSHIP  
May: PATIENCE  
June: POSITIVITY

Throughout the month, staff incorporate these concepts through themed activities and discussions. Ask your child what they know about these words!

## Theme of the Month

For the month of **May**, we explored the theme of patience, which we all know is a virtue. We want to teach children that patience is not only the ability to wait, but how you act and behave while you are waiting.

For **June**, the sites are building on the theme of positivity. Keeping a positive attitude will teach children to be resilient. We want the children in our programs to be able to take these life skills with them far after they age out of our programs.

*“It’s not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters.”  
-Epictetus*

## REGISTRATION FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR!

It is never too early to prepare for enrolling your children in a before and/or after school program for next year. Check out our website for more information.

<http://edadvance.org/student-s-families/school-age-programs/bases>

There is a \$100 deposit with a \$50 registration fee. We offer licensed programs throughout the state and are actively working on growing each one of our locations. The program provides time for activities, homework, play and includes a nutritious snack. Each site has a certified head teacher and an assistant teacher. We operate every day that school is in session.

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Operation is contingent on the number of students enrolled.

## Staff Highlight

We have multiple long-standing staff; of which we are extremely proud. These strong, consistent staff are part of the key to success in our program throughout the years. We take pride in our low turnover rate and are grateful to have such dedicated staff! Did you know that Ms. Regner has been with the Torrington program for 15 years already? Mrs. Ruddy (Woodbury site) has been with the School Age Programs-BASES since its inception in 1989. Thanks for the 29 years (so far)!

Pictured below are two of our employees (Kristy Gerdo, Head Teacher at Sandy Hook/ Northern Site Coordinator and Melissa Viscariello, Program Manager). In the fall EdAdvance acknowledged them as they celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> year with the School Age Programs-BASES. Join us in congratulating them!



Interested in joining the BASES team or looking for employment opportunities? We are always looking to add passionate staff to keep our programs fun, safe, and educational. Check out our website for more information in the School Age Programs section.

<http://edadvance.org/about-us/employment>

Thank you to all our wonderful staff that made the 2018-2019 another enriching and successful school year!

Pictured below are a group of our staff taken at our annual award ceremony.



## Did you know...

As we wrap up another school year, we wanted to share some statistics: This year we provided care and enrichment at 12 school sites servicing 21 schools. We provided care for about 450 children. This school year we employed about 65 staff. Fifteen staff and administrators were able to attend the National After School Convention in New York City and even more took advantage of other professional development opportunities (including first aid, CPR, medication administration, and “How to plan for Afterschool”, just to name a few).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

As the end of the academic school year approaches, we highlighted some dates and relevant information.

## Summer Programs:

Summer enrollment is still open! Our program offers flexible scheduling- partial or all day options and strive to work with your schedule. We host two locations for summer fun: Newtown and Torrington. Torrington program starts on **June 19<sup>th</sup>**. The Newtown begins on **June 24<sup>th</sup>**. Both offer indoor and outdoor activities (and some air-conditioning). The curriculum is STEAM based and provides children with a variety of experiences. Check out the link for more information:

<http://edadvance.org/students-families/school-age-programs/summer-adventure>

Ask your children about their end of the year celebration at EdAdvance -BASES! Each site selects a theme for a celebration...What will your child's site do? These celebrations help to close out the school year and kick start summer.

## June:

- 6/12: New Hartford last day (early dismissal)
- 6/13: Torrington (all sites) last day (early dismissal)
- 6/13: Newtown (all sites) last day (early dismissal)
- 6/17: Barkhamsted last day (early dismissal)
- 6/18: New Fairfield last day (early dismissal)
- 6/19: Brookfield last day (early dismissal)
- 6/21: Woodbury/Bethlehem last day (early dismissal)

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## PARENT CORNER

The 'parent corner' is where we will share ideas, activities, recipes, etc. that the kids have tried and enjoyed at one of our sites. Try this activity at home!

### Marble Maze

What you'll need: a paper plate, straws, glue, a marble

Have your child try and come up with their own maze pattern (we find it easier to mark the start and end points for them). Cut the straws into small pieces and have them glue them to the paper plate in whatever pattern they come up with. The objective is to get the marble from the start to the finish without letting the marble fall on the ground.

This engineering activity stimulates your child's creative said as well as practical skills!



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