



Uxbridge Extended Day

Uxbridge Public Schools

Kindergarten Kid's Club, Taft Kid's Club and Whitin EXTRA

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LEADERSHIP/CULTURE:

The Extended Day Staff has come together beautifully to work with reduced staff and reduced hours. The situation is not easy, but there is a real willingness to work out the difficulties. Thank you to Karin Knapik and Marla Mason for their cooperative spirit working with shared space. A special note of appreciation to Mrs. Remillard, Mrs. Schotanus, Mrs. Brophy and Mrs. Dunlavey for sharing resources with our program.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, ASSESMENT

The children in the extended day programs are enjoying the change in the weather. It has made planning and executing activities an easier process because of the access to outside space. At Whitin, the favorite new game is the word-skills building game, Banagrams. This month the Whitin EXTRA group completed a unit on Incubation and Embryology. They studied, nurtured, and chronicled the process from egg to chick. Five chicks made it through to the end and are living and growing at one of the staff member's home.

Taft Kid's Club hosted the April vacation time and they emphasized multi-cultural activities and tolerance lessons. We will continue to work on these lessons through the end of the year.

BUDGET

We are still down on the number of families enrolled compared to September enrollment figures. But our budget adjustments and some new enrollments have helped to offset that loss. . Because of the tight staffing as well as the limited budget, we have been unable to offer field trips or other enrichment activities that have been a part of the program in years past.

This year's revenue, though reduced, is keeping pace with our expenditures. As of April 28th, with most April revenue accounted for we have received a total of \$372,642.48 for the fiscal year 2008-009. Our Expenditures are about \$344.000. The Revenues will continue in full swing for one more month, with only a limited revenue outcome in June. (This is due to 9 month billing cycle) I anticipate a balanced budget.

TECHNOLOGY

All is well. Students at Taft get to use the old computer room and Whitin students are happy with their own two computers. At Whitin the computers are most often used for homework, while at Taft it is a mixture of homework and entertainment.

FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE

As always, the maintenance staff works cooperatively with the extended day staff to provide the best possible space for serving children. We eagerly await the arrival for new doors for the Taft Cafeteria.



GENERAL OPERATIONS/SAFETY

Board of Health has asked us to take extra precautionary measures in regards to the swine flu, which has been detected in Massachusetts. I have distributed guidance sheets to the staff for the prevention of transmission of infections such as influenza.

OTHER

As we anticipate next year's program and work out the budget details, it is clear that the "Summer Fun" Program, which is highly regarded, is also extremely expensive and often starts us out in a revenue deficit when we embark on the school-year program. In order to assure a balanced budget for the 09-10 fiscal year, it is being suggested and recommended that the summer program be eliminated this year. These plans are in discussion and we hope to have that situation resolved by early May. Mrs. Baldanza and Mr. Sawyer are in communication about this matter on a regular basis. This change would allow us to provide a more enriching and appropriate program during the regular school year. We also anticipate making other adjustments to next year's program which should further assure a healthy budget. Our goal remains to provide the best program that we possibly can for the families of Uxbridge in a fiscally responsible manner.

Respectfully submitted by A. Baldanza