



Dear Vector Prep & Arts Parents,

Thank you for such a wonderful school year. Though I am sure our collective efforts have left us all in need of some rest, I did want to take some time to reflect with you and to look ahead as well.

Though we remember many of the large events in our lives it is the little things that we do as parents, teachers and administrators' day in and day out as a team that help propel our students into a successful future.

From this year, I will remember the many family gatherings we have had together during STEAM nights, Literacy Nights, Winter Performances, Turkey Trots, Book Fairs, Fun with Santa, Art Walk and many more. I will remember how many students have learned how to sing, improved their art skills and found a sport they would like to pursue. I will remember students working hard toward becoming great readers and mathematicians focused on critical thinking and problem solving. I will remember students enjoying learning more about science and how it impacts their lives. I will remember students developing a deeper understanding of what it means to be an engaged citizen and leaders within their communities. I will remember laughter, hard work, personal growth and team success.

Our focus on character development and standards-based instruction in Math and English Language Arts is bearing academic fruit. We emphasize that for students to become great leaders, they must begin with a foundation of character strengths that establish their core values: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Once a foundation of core values is set, leadership must begin from within: U.L.E.A.D [Unwavering Commitment, Lead by Example, Expect the Best, Achieve Results and Dedicate Time] are expectations set by which individual success is achieved.

We help our students understand where they are academically by taking a placement exam in NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) benchmark testing – a nationally recognized, norm-referenced test that measures what students know and informs what they're ready to learn next. We have launched a curriculum that is nationally recognized and cross curricular integrating English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Civics. All curriculum is based on Common Core Learning Standards, NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards and C3 Framework (College, Career and Civic Life for Social Studies). Our curriculum is streamlined from Pre-K through Grade 12 providing a seamless educational experience for students. We have launched a Google Chromebook program in all grades (iPads in grades K-1) this year. As our Athletic and Performing Arts programs continue to grow with more shows, performances and championships in various sports, we are most proud of our students getting involved and showcasing their passion.

We are on the forefront of some truly exciting things as a school. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall of 2019 in which we will strive to work closely with parents on helping our students become the best leaders within the community. We are so fortunate to have you as a family and part of our lovely school. We thank you for your trust and partnership.

Summer School this year will look a bit different than it has in the past. We will have a few ways students can get involved in summer school activities. Please see the following page and contact the school for details.

Sincerely,

Greg Garland
Principal

Deb Coleman
Vice Principal



SUMMER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1. Vector Prep & Arts will be hosting some Performing Arts programs this summer in June. Please go to our website at www.vectorprepandarts.com and go to upcoming events to register.
2. Vector Prep & Arts will be hosting Basketball camps this summer in June. Please go to our website at www.vectorprepandarts.com and go to upcoming events to register.
3. Engineering for Kids has partnered with Vector Prep & Arts Academy to host STEM camps (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) on the Vector campus. Camps will run in both June and July. Please go to their website <https://www.engineeringforkids.com/phoenix-metro/> if you would like to register. Use code **EFKVector25** and receive a \$25 discount on each camp.
4. Academically, we would like to ensure your student is completing some work at home this summer. Vector uses **Pathblazer**, a digital program that is available to you for **FREE** from home. We encourage your student to use the program over the summer for continued growth. **Pathblazer** offers comprehensive learning program for elementary school students in Math and ELA. This requires little parental support with maximum results. Please place them on the program for 30 minutes in each subject (Math and English) each day and they will be able to catch up or get ahead. Student log ins will be sent home on the last day of school or you can contact the office for log-in information.