



BREAKTHROUGH BULLETIN

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Wrapping Up the Spring at Breakthrough

Check out some recent highlights of what Breakthrough has been up to this spring! Learn about our updated out-of-school-time programming and some exciting news about the new faces we will be welcoming this summer and next year. As always, we greatly appreciate our community's continued support of Breakthrough.

Another Successful Super Saturday



As part of our ongoing commitment to adaptability and student-centered initiatives, we transitioned from our after-school programs to the innovative Super Saturday model this school year. This shift allows us to better accommodate the busy schedules of our students while maintaining high levels of engagement. Super Saturdays take place three times each semester, providing a total of six enriching opportunities throughout the academic year. Running from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the day's schedule mirrors our dynamic summer programming, with academic workshops, electives, homework help, recess, community

This session's academic workshops were Print Journalism and Brain Science, which featured a color-in brain map that also functioned as a hat! Students had the choice to return to any of their favorite extracurriculars or try out new lessons in Photography, Nail Design, Arts & Crafts, Chess, Study Hall, or Mobility Training—this session featured learning the rules of volleyball! Our last Super Saturday means officially counting down until our Summer Program, which kicks off July 8th.

Welcoming New Faces at Student/Family Interview Days



We are thrilled to announce that we have been interviewing prospective students and their families across our Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville sites. Breakthrough staff members, along with dedicated volunteers, conducted interviews with students and family members in our Cambridge office. To make the experience memorable, we welcomed participating students and families with complimentary Breakthrough swag.

During the interview process, prospective students participated in workshops designed to showcase their problem-solving and collaboration skills. Meanwhile, family members were separately interviewed to deepen their understanding of Breakthrough's mission and our plans to support incoming students. So far, we have interviewed 80 students and their families. Our final interviews are just around the corner. We are eagerly anticipating the arrival of our new cohort of Breakthrough students!

Gearing Up for the Summer Program



this summer. As part of our unique students-teaching-students model, we welcome current undergraduate students who are either aspiring to pursue a career in education or eager to help Breakthrough students retain their knowledge during the summer break.

Our students consistently give us positive feedback about being taught by college students, as the smaller age gap fosters a stronger connection and increases enthusiasm for learning in the classroom. We are excited to announce that we have 83 Teaching Fellows who have committed to teaching for Breakthrough this summer. We are thrilled to enter the summer with a full roster of talented and dedicated Teaching Fellows!

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