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Summer at Breakthrough: A Season of Fun and Learning

We're already a few weeks into our Summer Program, and the energy is palpable! Our Teaching Fellows are immersed in crafting innovative lesson plans and rehearsing entertaining skits for our Community Meetings. Meanwhile, our students are fully engaged in a variety of classes, making significant progress on the collaborative Community Novel. The excitement is contagious as everyone dives into this enriching summer experience. Continue reading to uncover more about the fantastic activities and achievements unfolding at Breakthrough this summer!

Teaching Fellows Shine After Orientation



arrive from across the country and even from international locations. Our rigorous two-week training period is designed to equip them with the skills and knowledge necessary for a successful teaching experience. This comprehensive training encompasses both academic and social-emotional learning sessions, rooted in a holistic and trauma-informed educational approach.

Our training sessions include topics such as Classroom Culture and Clear Routines, Supporting Diverse Learners, and Teacher Presence. These sessions focus on building stronger relationships with students through Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives like Mindfulness Training, Holding Hard Conversations, and Restorative Justice. A highlight is the full-day workshop with Project Adventure, "Play-Based Approaches to Social-Emotional Learning," featuring interactive, risk-based games that help Teaching Fellows understand student perspectives and foster empathy. After these intensive two weeks, our Teaching Fellows are equipped with robust skills to lead and support their classrooms effectively.

Camping Trip Chronicles with Cambridge



One of the most anticipated events of the summer is the annual camping trip. Our Cambridge campus just had their unforgettable adventure! Each campus hosts a two-day camping trip, which is always a favorite among students. For many, it marks their first experience camping, making it a truly special occasion. This year, Hale Education, Inc. generously hosted Cambridge's nature retreat, offering a packed schedule of traditional camping activities.

The itinerary included all the camp classics like swimming, engaging tag games, roasting s'mores by the campfire, sharing spooky stories, and even embarking on a night hike. These activities not only provide fun and excitement but also serve as a fantastic opportunity for students and Teaching Fellows to bond outside the classroom. When our older students reflect on their time at Breakthrough, these camping trips often stand out as some of their fondest memories. This year was no exception, with students and Teaching Fellows alike creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

Experiencing the Breakthrough Magic



Our Summer Visits are now in full swing, offering a unique glimpse into the vibrant world of Breakthrough. Each summer, we open the doors of our three campuses to community partners and visitors eager to see our program in action. These visits provide an invaluable opportunity to witness firsthand the dynamic and supportive environment that Breakthrough offers its students.

Visitors are treated to an exclusive look at a typical day at Breakthrough during the summer. They begin by joining our lively Community Meetings, daily gatherings filled with skits, cheers, friendly competitions, and the awarding of the coveted spirit stick. Guests also have the opportunity to observe classrooms in action, witnessing the innovative teaching methods and the engaging learning environment cultivated by our Teaching Fellows. If you haven't yet had the chance to sign up for our Summer Visits, there are still spots available for next week. Join us and be part of the Breakthrough community!

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