

MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Hello, my name is Kim Fair and I am the new summer program director this year. I have been the assistant director for the past three summers, in charge of the art room. I have been employed by the Region District #4 school system for the past 11 years in the E.I.P. and Preschool programs. My volunteer work in education consists of teaching Sunday school at the Deep River Congregational Church for over 8 years and teaching in their Vacation Bible School summer program for 5 years. I have also volunteered my time helping to teach the local Brownie Scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in various projects and Merit badge earning workshops. I was a soccer coach for 5 years with the Valley Soccer League and a "Baseball Mom" for 3 years with the Deep River Youth Baseball league. In addition to that I was a teacher for the DRES basketball after school program (1st and 2nd graders). I was a VRHS Basketball Booster member for four years and am a current VRHS Music Booster member. I was a member of the DRES PTO for 9 years (Chairperson of the Birthday Bulletin Board Committee for many years). In addition to fundraising for the Shoreline Soup kitchen and school/community youth groups, I have volunteered my time to fundraise for Autism, Special Olympics, and was a former "Big sister" in the New London County "Big Brothers/Big Sisters" program during my years at Connecticut College (President of Connecticut College chapter, Senior year).

Robin Whaley is returning to her roots as the Assistant Director! Robin came on board last summer after completing her job as Assistant Director of Marine Discovery Camp in Old Saybrook. Previously, Robin was Assistant Director of Arts & Crafts at Deep River Park and Recreation Summer camp for three years when her own children were young. Robin also has several years of teaching Sunday school and Vacation Bible School at the Deep River Congregational Church under her belt. She has also taught arts and crafts lessons at a local store. Best of all ... Robin has been a Special Ed Para at DRES for many years, working in multiple grades, and will be a familiar face for incoming and returning campers.

Our camp schedule will include activity sign ups and free time in the gym from 9:00 until 9:15. Then we will break into groups for outside activities (weather permitting), which will include field/ball games, arts & crafts, playground equipment and other various day-to-day specials. We will break for snack from 10:30 to 10:45. Camp activities will resume after snack and will include adding indoor gym, arts & crafts and board games. We are also hoping the weather holds out and we can have water play/activities for those campers who prefer to be outside all day long! We will begin clean up at 11:45 and meet in the gym for free time as campers wait to be picked up. We feel that giving campers a various choice of activities throughout the day maximizes their enjoyment as not all activities are of interest to all children.

Plan on your camper/s wearing a bathing suit or at least bringing a towel every day as we plan on having outdoor water play every afternoon that we are at DRES (weather permitting).