

Director's Report for Pottsgrove Recreation Board

February 9, 2023

Swimming Lessons:

Swim is going well the Winter session ends on February 18th and the Early Spring session starts February 28th. We are averaging 35 kids per session.

Community Band

Community Band will start practicing for Summer Concerts on February 13th.

Community Days

The Wellness Health Fair at Lower Pottsgrove Elementary on Friday, January 27 was fun. Lisa and I set up our table, we had a craft for the kids to take with them or make while they were there. I also had a jar of Conversation Hearts for kids to guess how many were in the jar. The winner received a free Summer Playground registration.

Basketball Classes

We have a second session of the basketball classes starting March 6th. We didn't have enough 6-8 grade so I canceled that class and we are working on moving some kids around to make room for the ones I have on a waiting list. Moving some 5 year olds up to the K-2 and some 2nd graders up to the 3-5 grade if they are able.

Summer Playground

I am still working with the School District on having a space for us this summer. They are planning work to be done in a few of their schools so we may not be able to be at West & Rocks this year. I suggested Lower and think it may actually work out better to be all in one school, but I am waiting to hear if that is going to work and where the work will be done.

I have a Zoom Meeting set up for next Thursday to meet with the counselors who would like to help with writing the rules and to discuss the discipline policy.

I also have several students asking if I will need more counselors and have heard back from many of them from last year.

Summer Playground Popups are scheduled for March 16, April 20 & May 25 and I have several counselors anxious to help out those evenings.

Next meeting will be **Thursday, March 9, 2023 @ 7pm - Zoom**

Use for March 9, 2023 Meeting

I have already started planning Summer Playground and have several events already setup.

- I have an inflatable planetarium coming to us. They will set up in the gym and do 3 sessions of their show for our group.
- Library will come 4 out of the 5 weeks.
- Schuylkill River Greenways
- West Pottsgrove Township Building and that day I have PA United Track & Field will be coming to set up a Track & Field day with hurdles, javelins (which are safe for kids), shotput, and they will run relays and meter races. Children will receive ribbons for their accomplishments.
- Action Karate in Collegetown will come 3 days and do activities and teach the kids about respect, self-control and confidence.
- I have a day at the movies setup. There is a new Disney movie coming out this summer and I am hoping they can see that.
- Parisi Speed School will be coming out to do fitness evaluations on the kids and setting up an obstacle course.
- I have the opportunity to offer The Challenger again, but it would extend our day and I have to see if I can work out the details.
- I have a call into Jungle Wonder to see if we can work that out. They are just reopening after covid and said they would get back to me soon.
- Water Ice Wednesdays are scheduled.
- And of course, the kids will swim on Fridays but this year it will be from 10-12 because of scheduling with the swim team using the pool until 10am. I am also going to have a day or two prior to summer playground beginning so that the kids can come to the pool to be swim tested so they can get right in the pool on day one.