

AWAKE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

This summer Awake focused on meeting the needs of the families in our community by using our knowledgeable, returning educators to provide a virtual learning experience for reading.

24
STUDENTS

5 TEEN
PROGRAM
AIDES

3
EDUCATORS

Instruction was twice a week for 45 minutes to 1 hour including a read aloud, small group reading instruction, instruction in reading comprehensions skills.

The kits/supplies were wonderful and a huge asset to just zoom learning.
- Parent

FAMILY FEEDBACK:

All respondents said they saw growth in reading abilities and enjoyment of reading in their child.

PROGRAM AIDES

100% indicated growth in teaching, leadership skills, and community connection.

My child enjoyed interacting with the instructors
- Parent

I gained a sense of empathy and responsibility.
- Program Aide

GOALS MET:

- 80% of participants reported an increased enjoyment of reading
- 75% of students reported they feel they are a better reader
- 100% of aides reported they felt they were supported before and during the program.

CHALLENGES

- Lower enrollment from previous summers
- We did not meet our attendance goal of 75% of students attending 9 or more classes.
- Fatigue with online learning

CONCLUSION:

The Awake Summer Reading Program positively impacted participants despite challenging circumstances. All participants (learners, aides, and educators) showed growth and had a meaningful experience. Awake has provided a quality Summer Reading Program to the Berwyn and Cicero communities for the past six years and looks forward to building this program in the future.

I loved being able to introduce the students to games and activities that allow them to learn.
- Program Aide

I loved this program and the teachers were so positive and fun.
- Parent

It was amazing to see them enjoy the activities and books I had picked out.
- Program Aide



AWAKE SUMMER MATH & SCIENCE PROGRAM

This year, Awake focused on combining the most successful and engaging elements of the first two years of STEM programming into a summer Math/Science Club.

16
STUDENTS

8 TEEN
PROGRAM
AIDES

3
EDUCATORS

Instruction alternated between days for hands-on and experiments in Science with hands-on activities investigation in Mathematics. Program materials were and delivered to participants' households by teachers, aides, and coordinator.

I had a lovely time getting to know the children in the program and the mentors. Thank you so much for this amazing opportunity.
- Educator

FAMILY FEEDBACK:

All respondents indicated growth in understanding and interest in math and science concepts. All respondents stated their child made a new friend and their family felt more connected to the community.

PROGRAM AIDES

100% indicated growth in teaching, leadership skills, and interest in math and science. The majority of program aides also indicated that they had made a new friend and felt more connected to the community.

GOALS MET:

- 90% of participants reported growth in understanding
- 90% of participants reported an increase in their interest
- 90% of staff reported improvement in their own skills.
- 90% of students reported they made a new friend in the program
- 75% of parents reported that they feel more connected to the community
- 100% of aides and teachers reported they feel more connected to the community

CHALLENGES

- Low enrollment - 16 students
- Attendance goal of 80% of students attending 9 or more classes not fully met
- Fatigue with online learning
- Last week of programming coincided with first week school

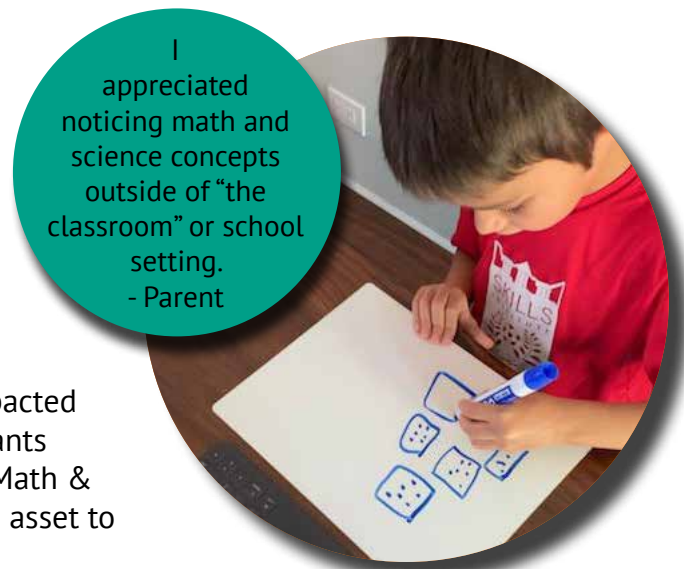
CONCLUSION:

The Awake Summer Math & Science Program positively impacted participants despite challenging circumstances. All participants (learners, aides, and educators) showed growth. The Awake Math & Science Program is well-positioned for refinement and is an asset to the Berwyn and Cicero communities.



"The effort and engagement shown by the teachers was really outstanding. I'm very appreciative of the work and time put into this program."
- Parent

I felt like I was doing something good by teaching the kids in my community and helping them to learn during the difficult times we're currently in.
- Program Aide



I appreciated noticing math and science concepts outside of "the classroom" or school setting.
- Parent