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The OCYL Spring Newsletter

The Mayor's Office of Children, Youth & Learning

Up and Coming Programs

NEW PROGRAMS THIS SPRING!



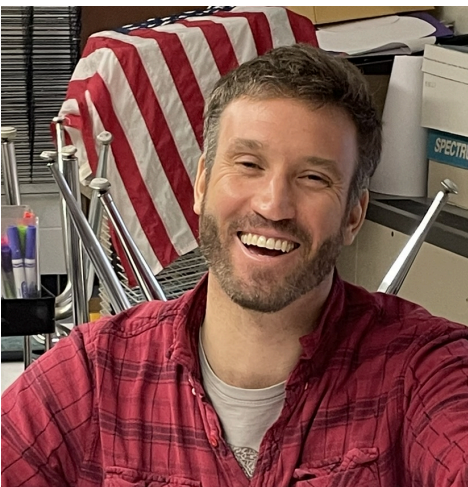
MS. COREY ANNE ABREAU

BEE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ANOTHER CLASS WITH MS. COREY

Get ready to shine! Ms. Corey's "Bee Your Best" program is buzzing with fun and meaningful activities designed to help you grow. With a focus on self-love, kindness, and important SEL topics, this program encourages you to be the best version of yourself. Through engaging lessons, books and heartwarming messages, you'll discover how small acts of kindness and self-care can make a big difference. Stay tuned for more details — you won't want to miss it!

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WITH MR. BEN

Calling all young writers! Join us this spring at OCYL for an inspiring Creative Writing Workshop led by the talented Mr. Ben, our Expressive Arts and Creative Writing teacher. This engaging class invites young storytellers to dive into the world of imagination, develop their unique writing voice, and bring their ideas to life on the page. Whether you're dreaming of becoming a published author or simply enjoy writing for fun, Mr. Ben's workshop is the perfect place to explore your creativity and connect with fellow writers. Let your imagination soar—don't miss out on this exciting opportunity! Register for summer writing camp too!



MR. BEN GETTINGER



REGISTER

SUMMER CAMP & CLASS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

**SUMMER
CAMP**

Early Childhood Happenings



Spring is finally here!
Enjoy these March pics
with the children getting
their green on!



IMPORTANT DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 14 - 18: Spring Recess

Week of May 5 - 9: Parent/Teacher Phone Conferences

Last Day of Classes:

M/W Literacy: May 19

T/Th Literacy: May 20

Number Sense: May 16

(More information to come regarding last day celebrations)

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER SESSION IS OPEN!

REGISTER SOON!

**REMINDER: LEVEL C IS OFFERED FOR STUDENTS
WHO ARE FINISHING KINDERGARTEN NOW!**

School Year 2025 - 2026

Registration is Open!
(Limited seats available)

**An Early Childhood Program
tour is highly recommended
for new families.**

Call for a tour today!
401-475-0929

**Registration for
Summer 2025 is OPEN!**

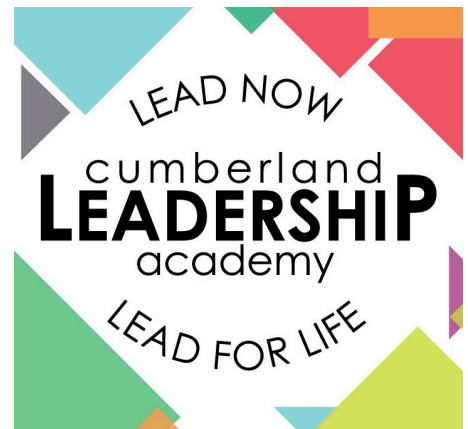
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REGISTER YOUR STUDENT FOR A SUMMER TO REMEMBER



LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Register for Leadership Academy today and take the first step toward becoming a confident, capable leader. This engaging program focuses on building critical thinking and decision-making skills, expanding essential 21st Century competencies, and helping students fine-tune their leadership abilities. Participants will gain valuable experience stepping into leadership roles in a supportive environment, boosting their confidence just in time for high school. Don't miss this opportunity to grow, lead, and shine!



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Expressive Arts

Activities include:

- Calming music
- Lots of art!
- Drumming
- Journaling
- Guided Meditations

Topics include:

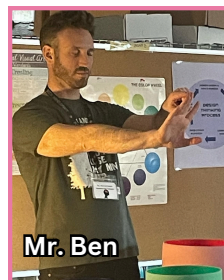
- Connecting with yourself & others
- Coping with imperfection
- Healthy boundaries
- Healthy coping habits
- Healthy relationships
- Mental health
- Nature

FREE Expressive Arts Clubs –in the schools again this Spring!

After school for middle schoolers until 4pm. New projects each session.

Mondays @ NCMS & Tuesdays @ McCourt

Register online! It's FREE for everyone! Late registrations welcome!



Mr. Ben



Mrs. Sharon



Special thanks to
our partners:

RISCA
Rhode Island State Council On The Arts

CEF
Cumberland Education Foundation

Spring 2025 Teachers & Instructors

Early Childhood:

Literacy/Number Sense (Level A):

Lead Teacher: Marcy Sanford, Teacher Assistant: Isabel Neves

Literacy/Number Sense (Level B):

Lead Teacher: Lori Beauregard, Teacher Assistant: Jess Coyne

Movement & Music (preschool and adult/child): Ashli Gilles

Preschool Science: Isabel Neves

Preschool/Process Art (preschool and adult/child): Anna Hughes

Little STEAMers: Jess Coyne, Marcy Sanford

Lunch Assistants: Mrs. Sanford, Ms. Hughes, Mrs. Tammy Leso

Afterschool/Saturdays:

Artistic Adventures & Art Studio Workshops: Cindy Dixon

Bee Your Best Program - Corey Anne Abreau

Chess: Bob Salvas & Ed Paguagua

Clay Workshops: Anna Hughes

Coding (Scratch and Game Design): Alix Malone

Creation Lab: Deb Cohen

Creative Writing Workshop: Ben Gettinger

Expressive Arts Clubs:

@ Middle Schools: Sharon Dymant & Ben Gettinger

@ OCYL Wednesdays: Anna Hughes

@ OCYL Thursdays: Sharon Dymant

Lego and Upcycle Engineering: Deb Cohen

Music Lessons- Guitar/Keyboard/Voice: Lon Plynton

Science Workshops- Rachel Briggs



Thank you to all of our teachers & staff for continuing to share your time, talent, and passion with our youth!

JOIN US!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Afterschool: Arts, Circuitry, Robotics and more! Send resume to mmania@cumberlandri.org

Early Childhood Substitutes:

Send resume to

lbeauregard.ocyl@gmail.com

www.ocyl.org

OCYL: Creating Lifelong Learners

We believe that the out-of-school time hours and preschool years provide an invaluable opportunity for each child to engage and explore in their own learning through unique, enriching educational programs. OCYL is committed to supporting the development of life-long skills necessary to succeed: collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking, social-emotional awareness, and a sense of community through Early Childhood, our STEAMshop and Youth Development/Backpack to Briefcase Programs.

Administrative Staff:

Director, Liz White

K-12 Programs Coordinator, Meghan Mania

Early Childhood Education Coordinator, Lori Beauregard

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Registrar and Expressive Arts, Sharon Dymant



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