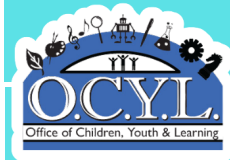




The OCYL SUMMER Newsletter

JULY 2025



The Mayor's Office of Children, Youth & Learning

A LOOK BACK ON SPRING 2025



Showing an articulated hand
in Creation Lab



* Students participating in a full-day program should bring their own nut-free lunch, snack, water bottle, sunblock and hat every day.



An intense match during Chess



Finding joy in Expressive Arts with Mrs. Sharon Dymant (We'll miss you Sharon!)

Early Childhood Happenings



Our campers
enjoyed June
“Buggin’ Out!”
Mini Camp



EARLY CHILDHOOD SUMMER SESSION 2025

Literacy & Number Sense Classes
Begin July 7th for 4 weeks, 9 - 11 AM
Meet-the-Teachers: June 30th



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



Meet our Summer Interns!



Eleanor Baker, CHS Class of 2026

Eleanor brings strong communication and advocacy skills to OCYL, shaped by a background in public speaking and performance. She advocates for others and has won social justice poetry competitions. She has experience in graphic design, video production, coding and website creation. Passionate about youth empowerment and education, she finds joy in helping others reach their potential. We're excited to have Eleanor on our team. You'll find her at the front desk and in classrooms!

Abigale brings excellent customer service, communication and problem-solving skills to OCYL. She has a passion for learning and contributing to the community as a Girl Scout, a member of Helping Hands and a volunteer at Save the Bay. She aspires to own and manage a business having experience as the front end assistant manager at a local grocery store and an associate at a pharmacy. We're excited to have Abigale on our team! You'll find her at the front desk and in our classrooms!



Abigale King, CHS Class of 2026

Thanks to



Our Summer interns will be paid staff at OCYL in July & August! PrepareRI is an initiative of the state, in partnership with businesses, schools, universities, and non-profits across the state. Internships provide students with the skills they need for today's jobs.

Skills RI manages the internships, connecting 400+ rising High School Seniors to jobs with socially responsible, civic-minded employers.



A huge thank you to our supporters!



Summer Math Grant

Thanks to a partnership with the Cumberland School Department and a \$23,300 grant from Learn365RI managed by RIDE, most Math & STEAM camps are free to residents this Summer!

The programs filled almost immediately, with over 130 students on the free camps and classes waiting list. We hope this partnership will continue so we can host many more students in the years to come!

Thank you CSD & Learn365RI!



Expressive Arts Clubs

Afterschool clubs at McCourt and North Cumberland Middle Schools were free again this year thanks to a \$5,500 grant from the Arts & Health Initiative of the RI State Council on the Arts. Over 55 students participated during 3 seasons, improving their well-being through creative, effective strategies learned and practiced together. Thank you also to the Cumberland Education Foundation for supporting OCYL as our fiscal sponsor for this grant!



Summer 2025 Teachers & Instructors

Early Childhood Classes

Level A: Lead Teacher Marcy Sanford
Level A: Teacher Assistant Anna Hughes
Level B: Lead Teacher Lori Beauregard (Coordinator)
Level B: Teacher Assistant Tammy Leso
Level C: Lead Teacher Isabel Neves
Level C: Teacher Assistant Donna Long
Substitutes: Ashli Gilles, Jessica Coyne

STEAM Summer Programs

Art teachers: Anna Hughes, Jillian Cook
Body Systems & Chem Cafes: Rachel Briggs
Chess Instructors: Bob Salvas & Ed Paguaga
Coding: Kayla Pontbriant
Dramatic Play, Outdoor Explorers & Paint it: Tiffany Mendez
Expressive Arts: Ben Gettinger & Anna Hughes
Fractured Fairy Tales: Jillian Cook
Music Lessons: Lon Plynton
Leadership/Communication Skills: Ben Gettinger & Alix Milone
Lego Engineering: Debra Cohen
Math & Creativity Camp: Alix Milone & Anna Hughes
Music Lessons: Lon Plynton
STEAM Camps: Circuit Lab
Unicorns & Magical Creatures: Jamie Droste
Wildscapes & Creative Writing: Ben Gettinger



Thank you to Mrs. Sharon Dymont
for 9 amazing years as our registrar
and Expressive Arts Teacher!
We'll miss you and wish you joy on
your new adventure!

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

JOIN US!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Part-time Registrar: Send resume to Liz:
lwhite@cumberlandri.org

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

Early Childhood Teacher Assistant &
Substitutes: Send resume to Lori:
lbeauregard.ocyl@gmail.com

www.ocyl.org

OCYL: Creating Lifelong Learners

We believe that the out-of-schooltime 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 Programs.

Administrative Staff:

Director, Liz White

K-12 Programs Coordinator, Meghan Mania

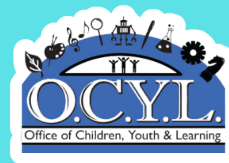
Early Childhood Education Coordinator, Lori Beauregard

Finance/Human Resources Assistant, Christine Domen

Marketing Assistant, Corey Anne Abreau

Registrar, Vacant

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