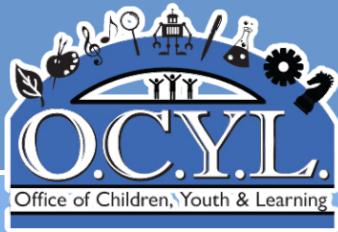


OCTOBER 2025

The OCYL Newsletter



The Mayor's Office of Children, Youth & Learning

A LOOK BACK ON SUMMER 2025



Steam Camps were fun introductions to new technologies!



Math & Creativity Camp for 1st & 2nd graders helped kids get excited for school again



Chem Cafe was a DELICIOUS week of experiments!



Leadership & Communication Skills Academy brought new experiences and personal growth for young teens.

Early Childhood Happenings

The 2025-2026 school year has commenced and our 3-5 year-olds are settling into their routines in Literacy and Number Sense classes.



For our current early childhood families, fall is a busy season! If you have questions, feel free to ask your teachers, or call 475-0929 and ask for the early childhood coordinator, Lori Beauregard.

We're looking forward to some crisp weather and fun fall themes!



Early Childhood Education 

Beginning the week of October 6th, our seasonal Adult/Child Music & Movement and Process Art classes began. Additionally, our Level B seasonal afternoon classes began that same week for 8 weeks. Check your handouts for specific dates!



MUSIC & MOVEMENT
ADULT/CHILD CLASSES
AGES 0-3

FALL SESSION
8 CLASSES
WEDNESDAYS OR THURSDAYS
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
or 10:15 - 11:00 AM
CLASSES BEGIN
October 8th, 2025

REGISTRATION OPENS
September 17th @ Noon
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1st child cost: \$90
Each sibling cost: \$70

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Early Childhood Education 



Registration Opens
September 17th at Noon

Process Art
adult & child
classes

Ages 2-3

Fall Session
8 Classes
Tuesdays
10:00 - 10:45 AM

1st Child Cost \$90
Each Sibling Cost \$70

A parent or adult caregiver
must accompany child(ren)
during these creative classes

Classes begin
October 7th, 2025

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WITH MISS AMBER

Meet our New Teachers!



Amber Morrison

We're thrilled to welcome Amber to OCYL as one of our new Art Teachers! Amber is a studio artist with a true passion for art education. She holds a B.F.A. in Painting from UMASS Dartmouth and is dedicated to helping students explore and express their creativity through visual art. This fall, she's teaching our youngest students process art. We're so excited to have her on the team!



Greta Kroessler

We're excited to welcome Greta to OCYL as our new Expressive Arts Teacher! She will be working alongside Mr. Ben at the middle schools and teaching K-2 and 3-5 classes. Greta is passionate about helping students develop their creative voice and potential. She focuses on fostering independence, success, and engagement in every art experience. We're so happy to have her on the OCYL team!



Tammy Ducharme

Welcome to the Team, Tammy!

We're excited to welcome Tammy to OCYL as our new Registrar! Tammy will be working at the front desk, ready to greet you with a smile and help with all your registration needs.

A proud Cumberland resident for the past 30 years, Tammy brings with her 29 years of experience from AT&T. We're thrilled to have her join the OCYL family and bring her knowledge, dedication, and community spirit to our team! Be sure to say hello and give her a warm welcome next time you stop by!

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Expressive Arts Clubs

Afterschool clubs at McCourt and North Cumberland Middle Schools are free again this Fall thanks to a \$4,900 grant from the Arts & Health Initiative of the RI State Council on the Arts.

Students socialize and improve their well-being through creative and effective arts strategies learned and practiced together.

This year's teachers are Ben Gettinger and Greta Kroessler!

Reminder parents/guardians: pick up is at school @ 4 pm.



This program is funded in part by an Arts & Health Grant from the RI State Council on the Arts.



FALL 2025 Teachers & Instructors

Early Childhood Program:

Literacy/Number Sense (Level A):

Lead Teacher: Marcy Sanford, Teacher Assistant: Isabel Neves

Literacy/Number Sense (Level B):

Lead Teacher: Lori Beauregard, Teacher Assistant: Stacey Galego

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

Preschool Science: Isabel Neves

Process Art (preschool and adult/child): Amber Morrison

Lunch Assistants: Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Tammy Leso

Afterschool/Saturdays:

Art Workshop: Cindy Dixon

Bee Your Best Workshops: Corey Anne Abreau

Chem Cafes: Rachel Briggs

Chess: Bob Salvas & Ed Paguagua

Coding: Alix Milone & Kayla Pontbriant

Creation Labs: Deb Cohen

Expressive Arts Clubs:

 @ Middle Schools: Greta Kroessler & Ben Gettinger

 @ OCYL Thursdays: Greta Kroessler

Lego Engineering: Deb Cohen

Music Lessons- Guitar/Keyboard/Voice: Lon Plynton

Thank You to Our Amazing Teachers & Staff! We are so grateful for the time, talent, and passion you continue to share with our youth. Your dedication makes all the difference!

JOIN US! TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES:

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

-Early Childhood Substitutes:
Send resume to
lbeauregard@cumberlandri.gov



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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, Tammy Ducharme

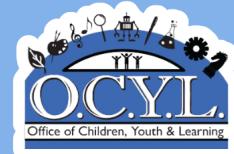
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THANK YOU!



Special thanks to the Cumberland School Department for including OCYL in the Learn365 Grant this summer!

118 students attended 12 different programs for a total of 1,814 learning hours for FREE due to the \$23,000+ grant!



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