



HORIZONS AT BRUNSWICK

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INSPIRING MINDS, BUILDING COMMUNITY

Positive Momentum, Educational Growth

As HORIZONS AT BRUNSWICK eagerly prepares for its third summer, the program continues to take giant steps forward and to build on positive momentum and educational growth.

The nationally recognized academic enrichment program — helping low-income students enhance confidence, foster awareness of community responsibility, strengthen problem-solving skills, and encourage a lifelong interest in learning — will reopen its doors

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Horizons makes a big difference!

Summer 2015 program statistics

Total Students Enrolled: **46**
Student Attendance: **98%**
Student Retention: **87%**



IMPROVEMENTS IN LITERACY

(According to DIBELS Assessment*)

NONSENSE WORD FLUENCY

GRADE	% IMPROVEMENT
Kindergarten	49%
1st Grade	60%

ORAL READING FLUENCY

GRADE	% IMPROVEMENT
1st Grade	19%
2nd Grade	20%

SWIMMING SKILLS

	PROGRAM START	PROGRAM END
Deep Water Skills	2	19
Beginner Skills	10	22
No Swim Skills	34	0



* The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) are a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of literacy skills from kindergarten through sixth grade.

Perspectives on Horizons at Brunswick

HORIZONS CONTINUES TO GROW and thrive! As a critically important outreach program of Brunswick, Horizons is exceeding every hope and expectation.

The program is proving to be a wonderful benefit to the Town of Greenwich, a joyful way to put our beautiful Brunswick facilities to work, and a great opportunity for our boys and faculty to use their skills, talents, and compassion to help others.

Brunswick is so grateful and honored to be part of the Horizons program!

TOM PHILIP
Brunswick Headmaster



IN 2014, WE BEGAN Horizons at Brunswick with one school bus filled with energetic and enthusiastic young boys.

Now, heading into our third summer of learning, swimming, and many extracurricular pursuits, we've added another bus to our fleet.

There is no greater sight than a group of excited boys jumping off the bus every morning — eager to start the day with a handshake and to dive into the action and activity of the program!

MARYELLEN FEELEY
Horizons at Brunswick Board President

PERSPECTIVES FROM HORIZONS STUDENTS:

"Horizons is fun because you can play in the gym and pick sunflowers, beans, and tomatoes. You can also go swimming in the deep end of the pool and be creative in art." — ALEXIS

"Horizons is wonderful because we have free swim in the pool, field trips on Wednesdays, and art class. We also can pick flowers in the garden and learn and read books. I also like learning to play chess." — CHRISTOPHER

"Horizons is the best because we can swim and use the iPad. Also, we can work in the garden." — AZAEL

THE BRUNSWICK HORIZONS PROGRAM, in cooperation with the Greenwich Public Schools, has made a meaningful contribution to help close the achievement gap in our town.

These young students and their families are afforded high quality academic opportunities in a rich, experiential learning environment for nine summers. The Saturday programs keep the family-school connection vibrant through the school year, offering support to students and parents on a wide range of topics.

ELLEN FLANAGAN, ED.D.
Deputy Superintendent, Greenwich Public Schools

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at Brunswick in June to more than 60 boys at the Kindergarten through 3rd-grade levels.

Executive Director Marianne Ho Barnum points to the internal mentoring program — which has drawn 44 Brunswick students into classrooms and extracurricular arenas for extensive volunteer service — as a key factor in promoting the learning potential and character advancement of Horizons participants.

“Young students who lack a male role model in their households are quickly drawn to the older Brunswick boys,” Barnum said.

“They are developing caring and nurturing relationships that we hope will travel far beyond the program.”

The impact on Brunswick students, too, is immeasurable.

“Witnessing the day-to-day increase in work ethic and drive in these boys motivates me to help them in any way that I can,” said David Sorbaro '18, who has spent two summers volunteering with Horizons. “The best part is seeing newfound confidence and motivation radiating clearly from their eyes.”

Horizons at Brunswick will begin its third six-week session on Wednesday, June 29.

PROGRAM UPDATE

STEAM — Through a generous grant from the LEGO Community Foundation, Horizons at Brunswick is proud to announce the launch of its STEAM initiative, beginning this summer and increasing hands-on, experiential activities in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics for all students.

CHESS PROGRAM — National Scholastic Chess Federation professional Michael McDermott, along with 11 Brunswick School Lower School “Chess Mentors,” brought their passion for the game of strategy and skill to Horizons’ classrooms last summer. They’ll be back again this year to make their next move!

SWIMMING — Swimming remains an integral (and fun) part of Horizons at Brunswick. Assessments revealed that all students improved their swimming skills last summer, with 19 boys learning deep-water skills for the first time.



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