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Summer Camp Parents (Grades 1-5),

As you may know, Summer Camp registration has been delayed this year as we awaited news about projects being conducted inside Memorial Elementary School during camp weeks. We have appreciated your patience during this time. Unfortunately, we did not receive the news we had hoped for as the entirety of the interior and parts of the exterior surrounding Memorial school will be completely closed off for camp use. The school will be the site of active construction with at least 27 workers, dumpsters, containers and fencing. Our camp relies heavily on the use of the school during camp hours for everything from cooling off groups in the classrooms, to bathrooms and bottle filling stations, sheltering from inclement weather, breaks from the sun in the gymnasium and art in the air-conditioned art room among others. The inaccessibility to these indoor facilities and the restricting of outdoor fields and one of the playgrounds prevents the camp from having the ability to host campers for a full 9:30am-2:30pm day. As such, it has become necessary to restrict the grades 1-5 camp hours to 9:30am-12:30pm each day.

Please know that we do not do this lightly or without knowing this will have an impact on parents. However, with the only indoor access to air conditioning being the Senior/Community Center, it is necessary for the safety of the campers and staff to shorten the hours to avoid the hottest part of the day. Additionally, there is extremely limited space to hold campers during inclement weather. Campers will be in the Senior/Community Center during passing rain storms and if the lightning detector activates. However, if it is forecasted to rain for the majority of the camp hours, it will be necessary to cancel camp for that day. The space in the Senior/Community Center is only enough to hold the campers and makes it very difficult to entertain them for any extended period of time. Every effort has been made to find overall alternative options for camp, but at this time, shortening the day is the most feasible, safest and best option while still being able to entertain campers with more limited resources. We can certainly appreciate that this isn't the news we all hoped for and greatly value your understanding and patience as we navigated creating a non-traditional plan for camp this year. Regardless of the changes to the camp day, we look forward to welcoming back the campers and making it another fun summer for them to remember.

Registration

Registration for grades 1-5 will begin on April 14 and close on May 17. Please register early to guarantee your camper's spot as most groups have historically filled to capacity relatively soon after registration begins. Once a group fills, campers will be placed on a waitlist. After registration, the waitlist will be evaluated to see if any campers can be accommodated into their assigned group. Online registration (credit card payment only) can be found on montvalerecreation.org and in person registration (cash or check payment only) can be completed at Montvale Borough Hall which has new administrative hours; Monday-Wednesday 8:00am-4:00pm, Thursday 8:00am-7:00pm and Friday 8:00am-12:00pm.

For campers in grades 6-7, please see the separate announcement regarding camp hours and registration dates.