



Red Bank Charter School

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## **Red Bank Charter School Bridges the Learning Gap with STEM-based Summer Fun for all Red Bank Students**

**Red Bank, NJ — June 13, 2016** — Red Bank Charter School announces the availability of a wrap-around STEM-based curriculum for their Summer Institute, July 5 - August 5. Research has shown that summer months create a lapse in learning, and family socioeconomic status (SES) is highly correlated to the level of academic growth or decline over the summer. Two-thirds of the academic achievement gap in reading and language found among high school students has been explained through the learning loss that occurs during the summer months of the primary school years.

“We find that reviewing concepts learned throughout the year integrated into fun, hands-on activities maintains a balance of learning and enriched summer experiences,” said RBCS Principal Meredith Pennotti. “There’s less of a review period in the start of the new school year, providing benefits to students and teachers. We are also pleased to offer this program to non-students of RBCS.”

RBCS Summer Institute fuses concepts of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) into real-world summer-learning activities. Grades 1-4 students will trek Huber Woods to discover nature's diversity in the "Life Beneath Our Feet" workshop. They'll also "Seek Shelter" and be challenged to design storm shelters that hold up to wind and water weathering.

Grades 5-8 students will "Set Sail" on the Navesink in partnership with Monmouth Boat Club, and use geometry, velocity and measurements to engineer boat-building. They'll also don life-jackets as "River Rangers" in a week-long tour of our local waterways in student-built canoes and develop valuable teamwork and maritime skills.

All children can benefit from an engaging summer program that pairs fun and creativity with an opportunity for learning. RBCS aims to bridge the achievement gap and offer families a progressive approach to student success. To learn more and register RBCS students and non-students for Summer Institute, visit our website and download the appropriate student or non-student form: [www.redbankcharterschool.com/rbcs/summer](http://www.redbankcharterschool.com/rbcs/summer). Space is limited.

### **ABOUT THE RED BANK CHARTER SCHOOL**

The Red Bank Charter School is a PreK-8 public school serving children in Red Bank, N.J. Founded in 1998 with a commitment to reforming public education, the school has a current enrollment of 200 students with a highly qualified faculty and staff numbering more than 40. New Jersey Charter Schools are free public schools that are open to all children and which typically offer their students more individualized attention, longer school days, longer school years, and innovative programs. More information is available at [www.redbankcharterschool.com](http://www.redbankcharterschool.com).

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