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Hello REC Connect Parents and Guardians,

We are happy to provide REC Connect Before & After School programs starting August 29, 2022. School year programs will operate Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. until school starts and school dismissal to 6 p.m. Please note that the James River Elementary School program will be operated by the Boys & Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula this school year.

Please note the following updates for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Program Updates:

1. Please join us for a Before & After School **Meet & Greet on Wednesday, August 24, 5-7 p.m. at Veterans Park/Kidsburg** (playground shelter) where you'll have the opportunity to meet staff and ask questions.
2. **Payments** for weeks 1-16 are being accepted now and can be made online in your Xplor Recreation (PerfectMind) Account. Payments for weeks 17-39 will be accepted beginning Dec. 1.
 - a. 10-visit Punch Cards will not be used this school year.
 - b. Program space permitting, a non-refundable **\$30 late fee** will be charged on all late payments made after the 12 noon deadline each Friday and must be paid before participant can be accepted into program.
3. Updated Full Day Consolidation locations and times:
 - a. **Full Day programs will operate from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** (subject to change based on staffing) on Sept. 2, Oct. 3, Nov. 8, Jan. 27, March 6 and April 28.
 - b. **Locations:**
 - i. Laurel Lane will combine with Matthew Whaley and Clara Byrd Baker at Laurel Lane
 - ii. J. Blaine Blayton will combine with Matoaka and D. J. Montague at J. Blaine Blayton
 - iii. Stonehouse will combine with Norge at Norge
 - iv. For program information on James River, call the Boys & Girls at 757-505-8825
4. Please review our 2022-2023 Parent Handbook, Parent Orientation and COVID-19 FAQs on our [parks & recreation website](#).
5. We're excited to share that REC Connect is rolling out the **Remind App!** If you're not already familiar with Remind, it's a communication tool that makes it easy to stay up-to-date with your child's school year program. Remind is free to use, and you'll be able to get and send messages on any device—even a simple text message from your phone! Don't forget you can change your settings to receive emails and/or texts.
6. Like Us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram **@JCCPARKS** for the most recent information on REC Connect and other Parks & Recreation activities and events!

COVID-19 Health and Safety Measures:

1. **Limited Registration:** Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served and space available basis. Based on COVID-19 impacts, there will be reduced capacity/registration of participants at each site. Weekly registration may be limited.

2. **Increased Safety Practices:** Handwashing, cleaning and sanitation practices will be increased. All participants will be expected to practice proper hand-washing techniques. Social distancing practices will take place onsite.
 - a. **Handwashing times include but are not limited to:** entry into the program, before and after activities and before leaving the program.
3. **Program Attendance:** REC Connect will be following the Williamsburg/James City County Public Schools COVID-19 Prevention Measures and [Symptom Checker](#) for program attendance. If a participant develops symptoms while in program, the participant will be separated from others. Parents will be required to pick-up immediately.
 - a. **Contact Tracing: Isolation and Quarantine**
 - i. **Symptomatic** (regardless of vaccination status) individuals should begin isolation at home and undergo testing as recommended by their healthcare providers. The day symptoms began should be counted as day 0.
 - ii. **Test positive** (regardless of vaccination status) individuals should isolate themselves at home for at least 5 days. If asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and fever-free for 24 hours, individuals may return to school after day 5, provided they're able to wear a mask through day 10. If unable or unwilling to mask during this time, VDH recommends a negative test on or after day 6 to return to school OR remain home through day 10.
 - iii. **Exposed to COVID-19** (regardless of vaccination status), quarantine is no longer recommended. These individuals may continue to attend school if they remain asymptomatic. Exposure is defined as being within 6 feet of a person who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period or having direct contact with respiratory secretions from an infected person. Individuals may consider wearing a mask around others indoors until day 10.
 - iv. For more information, visit the [VHD Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines](#) and [CDC Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines](#).
4. **Face Coverings/Masks:** Face coverings/masks are optional (as defined above).
5. **Outside Time:** Increased outdoor play will occur daily pending appropriate weather conditions.
6. **Parent Responsibility:** Please provide water bottle daily (label with child's first and last name). Water stations will be set up for refilling water bottles. Water fountains will not be used.
7. **School issued laptops/electronics:** Participants will be allowed to use school issued electronics to complete homework onsite. **Parks & Recreation is not responsible for any damaged, lost or stolen items.**
8. **Communication:** Primary form of communication will take place through the Remind App and email. Please let staff know if you're not receiving emails. Feel free to contact staff via the site phone number.
9. **Staff:** Staff will follow same safety measures as participants.

All programs are subject to change based on the guidelines from the Governor of Virginia, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and Virginia Department of Education (Licensure).

As always, the safety of all participants and staff remain our top priority. We look forward to providing your child a safe, fun and memorable school year experience! Please give us a call at 757-259-5351 if you do not have access to your Xplor Recreation Account or have any questions.

Sincerely,
April Melton
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REC Connect and T.O.P Programs