

# Burlington-Edison School District

## Summer Learning

## Family Fun Packet

# 2017



## SUMMER MATTERS

Events and activities to keep your family involved  
in learning all summer long.



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## How Parents Can Help Children Glide Into Summer

Summer is a time for fun and play. But did you know, during the summer students forget many reading and math skills learned during the school year? The time children spend “relearning” lost skills during the next school year greatly reduces the valuable time needed to master new skills and subjects.

However, **you can help** stop your child’s summer learning decline! How? By spending time engaged in learning activities and games with your child. Make a commitment to spend a little time each day over the summer reading a book together, playing a game, or doing an activity with your child. The more fun it is the better!

### **CREATE STRUCTURE**

Children need and enjoy routines that give them a sense of order and teach both life skills and academic subjects. Establish routines around tasks your child is responsible for, such as personal grooming, helping prepare meals, buying groceries, or making the beds. Prepare a chart of these routines so each child can check that everything was done properly.

### **SCHEDULE ENRICHING EXPERIENCES**

Children gain so much from new experiences that expand their world outside their familiar environment. There are lots of events and activities located right here in Skagit County that can help you do just that. You don’t have to overload your child with trips; just don’t leave them to chance. And, as much as possible, involve your child in selecting the places to visit. Boosting your child’s interest in a few things will pay off in a lot of learning.

### **MINDFUL SCREEN TIME**

TV, video games, and computer use reduce time for actively reading, playing, or talking with others, which can affect language development, social skills, and creativity. Support your child in using their free time for outdoor activities, hobbies, games, and face-to-face social interactions. When you do allow screen time use, be intentional and direct your child to enriching and educational sites and apps, like those listed in this packet. Screens are a part of our world and can offer great learning opportunities if we are mindful of connecting with “whole food” screen time instead of “junk food” screen time.

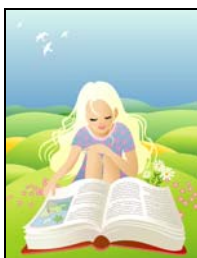
### **MAKE IT FUN!**

It’s important to make summer learning fun for you and your child. So often families fall into the “homework struggle” during the school year and parents and students both come away feeling like learning is the pits!

Summer is a perfect time to show kids that learning can and should be fun. So play and learn together and it just might set the tone for a positive home learning environment during the school year.

A child’s ability to succeed in school takes a partnership—one that begins at home and continues in school. We look forward to working together to help your child achieve and succeed.

Have a Summer of FUN and we look forward to hearing all about it in the fall!



# Burlington Public Library Summer Reading Program

(Summer Programs at ALL Skagit Libraries are FREE and open to ALL)

## ***Build A Better World***

Skagit Valley Libraries offer a fun, free  
2017 Summer Reading Program for children!

- Summer Reading Program runs June 19<sup>th</sup> - Aug 11<sup>th</sup>. Visit the library to sign up and receive your reading log.
- Read 400 min and earn a half-way prize (available beginning July 17th, while supplies last)
- Read 800 min and turn in your reading log by Aug 11<sup>th</sup> to qualify for the Finisher's Party on Aug 18<sup>th</sup>!
- Earn one raffle ticket for every 60 min you read.
- Free Programs: 6/22 @ 11 am - Touch a Truck, Burlington Emergency Vehicles; 6/29 @ 11 am - Science on Wheels, Pacific Science Center; 7/13 @ 11 am - Geoffrey Castle, Electric Violinist; 7/22 @ 10 am - Burlington Quidditch Fest, @ Skagit River Park; 7/26 @ 11 am - Scott Petersen, Reptile Man; 8/3 @ 11 am - Charlie Williams, The Noise Guy

## **STAR BOOKS COLLECTION**

The Burlington Public Library wants to provide access to books for every child to read. Many of our community children live outside the city limits and library cards are only available to them through paid cards. The Burlington Library is providing a separate book collection, STAR Books, for non-cardholding children. Any child may come in to sign up to borrow STAR books.

### **LIBRARY CARDS**

Free to those who live within Burlington city limits.

For those out of town - Paid library cards are available for 3 month cycles at \$25.00 per cycle.

**BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
820 E WASHINGTON AVE, BURLINGTON  
755-0760**

**HOURS: M-TH 10-8 PM,**

**FRI-SAT 10-5 PM**

**[WWW.BURLINGTONWA.GOV/LIBRARY](http://WWW.BURLINGTONWA.GOV/LIBRARY)**



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# Burlington-Edison School District Summer Meal Program Free Breakfast & Lunch!!!

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This meal is **FREE** to **ANY** child or youth, 1 year of age through 18 years, regardless of free/reduced/paid lunch status during the school year. Just come and enjoy a wholesome meal!

<u>Locations and Dates:</u>	<u>Daily times:</u>
Allen Elementary Cafeteria July 5 <sup>th</sup> - July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Monday - Friday
Lucille Umbarger Cafeteria July 5 <sup>th</sup> - August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast 8:30-9:00 am
West View Elementary Cafeteria July 5 <sup>th</sup> - August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch 11:30-12:15 pm

Questions? - call Food Services @ 757-3311

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## Games for Fun and Learning

Playing games can help your child develop skills at being a team player, build arithmetic and problem solving abilities, and improve reading skills; games are also a good source of family connection and entertainment.

When playing games together teach children how to be the score keeper for extra computation practice. You can help your children learn to be good winners and losers by handling winning in a casual way, for instance letting the winner choose the next game. Let children know that losing is okay, that most games have losers and winners. The main goal in playing is to have fun.

- Apples to Apples
- Balderdash
- Bananagrams
- Backgammon
- Battleship
- Bingo
- Blokus
- Boggle
- By Jove
- Card games
- Checkers
- Chess
- Clue
- Concentration
- Connect Four
- Cribbage
- Dice games
- Dixit
- Dominoes
- Hail to the Chief
- Jenga
- Life
- Made for Trade
- Mancala
- Master Mind
- Monopoly
- Othello
- Parcheesi
- Parquetry Blocks
- Qwirkle
- Risk
- Scattergories
- Scrabble
- Sorry
- Spill and Spell
- Story Cubes
- Taboo
- Take-off
- Tanagrams
- Tri-Ominos
- Trivial Pursuit
- Uno
- War
- Where in the World?
- Yahtzee



Look for deals on these games at yard sales and thrift stores.

## Summer Programs & Camps For Kids



- **Burlington Summer Breeze, Boys & Girls Club** **419-3723**  
Located at Maiben Park. Summer registration fee of \$10 includes drop in hours of 11:30-4pm. Extended programming hours between 7am-6pm and weekly field trip options are available for an additional fee. Each day, innovative programming will take place throughout the Club, working toward three priority outcomes in participants: Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Good Character & Citizenship. Call soon to learn more and register! [www.skagitraisesgreatkids.org](http://www.skagitraisesgreatkids.org)
- **Skagit Valley Family YMCA Day Camps** **336-9622**  
Call to find out about Camp Anderson and Y's Kids Summer Day Camp. They offer 8-9 weeks of fun with a new theme each week and field trips too! Y's Kids will have sites in Burlington, Mount Vernon and Anacortes this summer. [www.skagitymca.com](http://www.skagitymca.com)
- **Burlington Parks & Rec** **755-9649**  
KidQuest Camps for kids. Daily camps with weekly themes. [www.burlingtonwa.gov/parks](http://www.burlingtonwa.gov/parks)
- **Children's Museum of Skagit County** **757-8888**  
The Children's Museum, located in Burlington, is offering Summer Camps for kids. Camps range in length from one-day to several and rates vary. [www.skagitchildrensmuseum.net](http://www.skagitchildrensmuseum.net)



### For Local Events and Activities go on-line to:

- **Skagit Kid Insider** **<http://skagit.kidinsider.com/>**  
Excellent comprehensive website with programs, camps, event, activities in Skagit County. "The local scoop and where to play...all just a click away!"
- **Summer 2017 Recreation & Activity Guide** **424-3251**  
The Summer 2017 Recreation & Activity Guide was distributed in the Skagit Valley Herald in Late April. On-line at: <https://issuu.com/skagitpublishing/docs/2017svrecguidesummer>

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## Online Safety

Keeping kids safe online is something we are all striving to learn more about. These links are a few places to start.

- **Online Safety** - <https://kids.usa.gov/parents/online-safety/index.shtml>
- **Kids' Rules for Online Safety** - <http://www.safekids.com/kids-rules-for-online-safety/>
- **Internet Safety** - <https://www.common SenseMedia.org/educators/digital-citizenship/internet-safety>
- **How do I keep my children safe online? What the security experts tell their kids** - <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2014/aug/11/how-to-keep-kids-safe-online-children-advice>

## Educational Apps

- **Math Apps and Games**  
<https://www.youcubed.org/category/teaching-ideas/math-apps/>
- **Wildtime**  
<http://wildtime.projectwildthing.com/>  
Swap some screen time for Wild Time. Get outside and do it!
- **Best Apps for Kids Age 5-8**  
<https://www.common SenseMedia.org/lists/best-apps-for-kids-age-5-8>
- **Best Apps for Kids Ages 9-12**  
<https://www.common SenseMedia.org/lists/best-apps-for-kids-ages-9-12>
- **More App Recommendations:**
  - ◆ Google Drive
  - ◆ Google Docs
  - ◆ Google Sheets
  - ◆ Google Slides
  - ◆ Adobe Spark
  - ◆ RazKids
  - ◆ Epic
  - ◆ BrainPop
  - ◆ Google Maps
  - ◆ Video Science
  - ◆ Duolingo
  - ◆ SkyView or SkyORB
  - ◆ Virtual Manipulatives
  - ◆ Fill the Cup
  - ◆ History Line
  - ◆ PBS Kids Online
  - ◆ Khan Academy
  - ◆ Solve the Outbreak
  - ◆ Super Why
  - ◆ Read Me Stories
  - ◆ Lego Movie Maker

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## Free Online Learning Sites/Programs

Raz-Kids and Typing Club programs will be open for students to access from home all summer. Just connect with your child's teacher before school is out for login information.



<http://wonderopolis.org/>

Take a peek at Wonderopolis®, a place where natural curiosity and imagination lead to exploration and discovery in learners of all ages. Sign up to receive their "Wonder of the day!" Wonderopolis also has an exciting on-line camp. Perfect for summer learning enrichment!



<https://diy.org/about>

DIY.org is a safe online community where kids (6–16) can learn new skills, share awesome projects they make, and find other creative kids around the world who share their passions. They also get access to DIY's skill library—1000s of challenges organized into 125+ **skill patches** ranging from Acting to Zoology—to inspire their next project.



<http://www.dkfindout.com/us/>

This amazing site includes weekly topics, theme buttons, videos, quizzes and fun fact sections. A great exploration site.



<http://www.loyalbooks.com/>

This site provides free audio books and ebooks for students. There are more than 7,000 titles to choose from and you can search by genre and language.

## Tar Heel Reader

<http://tarheelreader.org/>

Check out this free online book library. These are easy to read books on a wide range of topics. There are even ways to write your own book.

## The Kid Should See This

<http://thekidshouldseethis.com/>

This site contains great videos for curious minds of all ages.



Storybird

<https://storybird.com/>

A platform for writers, readers, and artists of all ages. Storybird lets anyone make visual stories in seconds. We curate artwork from illustrators and animators around the world and inspire writers of any age to turn those images into fresh stories.

**IT'S GREAT FUN!!!**

