

John Baker News

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So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye



I have been fortunate to have an exceptional staff to help me navigate the tumults of the past year. Sterling, Nick, and Mikaila arrive ready to play every day. They have adapted to the many changes in rules and regulations by immediately figuring out how to make the day both safe and fun for themselves and the kids. They consistently come up with interesting and enjoyable activities that either require no supplies or make use of the generous donations we have received. I could not be more impressed. Sterling will be taking the summer off to recharge while Nick and Mikaila will be joining our summer program at Osuna. I wish each of you all the best. Thank you!!! *Jim*



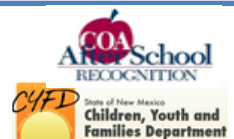
Reminders:

Wear a mask
Wash your hands
Have a great summer

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We also asked the rest of the kids about their summer plans:

Ariana (8) - *We're going to San Diego, the beach, Legoland, SeaWorld, and the zoo.*

Alyssa (8) & Emma (9) - *We're going to Colorado and the room has a bunk bed and it has a cave at the end of it. We are also going to a wolf water park that's just across the street.*

Hannah (9) - *I'll be going to summer camp and playing flag football. Maybe we will also go camping.*

Juliette (7) - *Maybe we're going on a plane somewhere or camping, and swimming a lot 'cause I'm taking swimming lessons.*

Santana (8) - *I'm going to the pool and playing with my friends.*

Jaiden (7) - *I'm going to play Fortnite all night.*

Daysha (9) - *We're going to San Diego, the beach, Legoland, SeaWorld, and the zoo.*

Lucy (7) - *We're going on a road trip to Pittsburgh, and I'll also be at CC summer camp.*

Mackenzie (6) - *We're going to Disneyland and Arizona.*

Daniel (9) - *We're going to Chicago to see family. I like it there.*

Jaden (6) - *I'm going to make a Spider-man costume.*

Leela (9) & Beautiful (7) - *We're going Catopia, and Jurassic World Adventures where we'll see big dinosaurs.*

Kylee (10) - *We're going to Fun Valley and Holt Ranch in Colorado.*

Jeff (9) and Jordan (7) - *We're going to Cliff's and we might go to Ohio to visit family. Family from Texas might also come to visit us here. Oh, and Great Wolf Lodge and swimming camp.*

Andrew (9) & Ayden (6) - *We're going to Texas to see family. We might go to Chicago. And we're going to Cliff's when it reopens, and bowling.*

Norah (6) - *I'm going to a nature summer camp.*



CC Playbill



The Star Wars puppet shows were a lot of fun. The kids channeled their inner Jedi or Sith while they entertained us over the course of a few days with wild adventures. There were lots of characters to choose from. Santana (8) had fun with the Porg and Isaac (11) got to choose his favorite character, General Grievous.

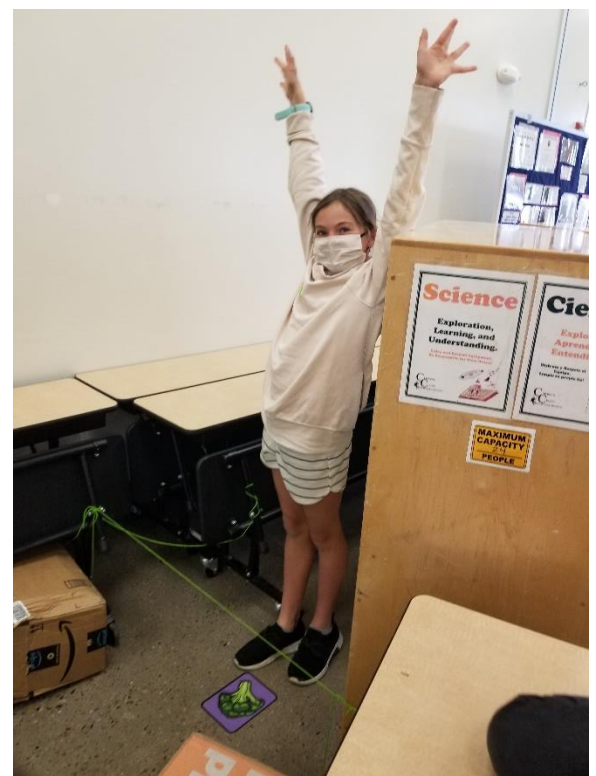
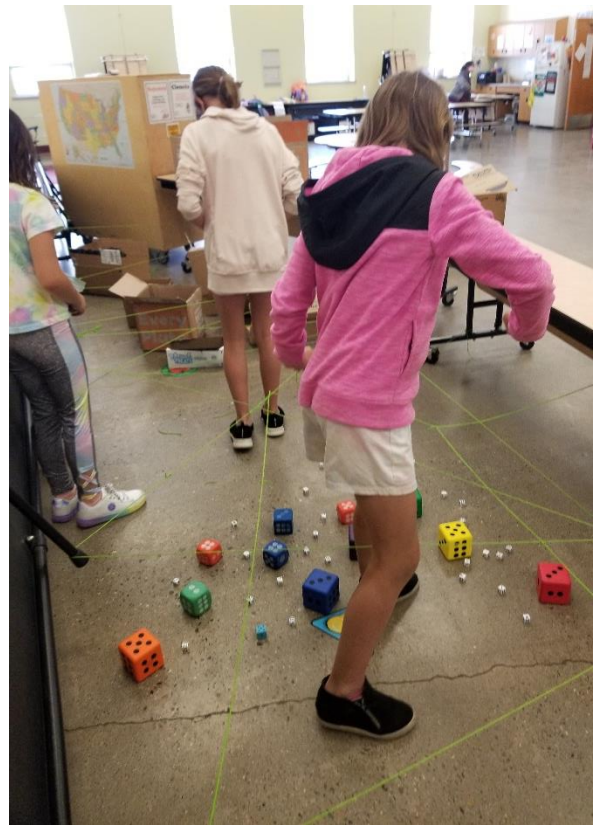


Haevyn (6) and Eamon (7) granted us special backstage access as they prepared for rehearsal.



Twist and Shout

Working their way through these complicated yarn laser mazes was a fun challenge this week. The kids became master contortionists, but each gave a little squeal when one of the laser beams zapped them. They tried both stepping through the maze and crawling under it. They even tried deflecting the lasers with boxes. Clever!



Lucy (7) didn't think getting zapped by lasers was enough of a challenge. *I added the dice because I thought they would be hard to crawl over or step on. I call it Slice & Dice!*

Gianna (11) celebrated after making it all the way through.

And so, we leave you with a just a few more fun pictures from this last week; pictures that tell the story of fun and childhood as we, hopefully, approach the end of this pandemic. We have been able to celebrate and enjoy ourselves while taking the necessary precautions to keep everyone safe. We wish you all safe travels, rest, relaxation, and a happy, healthy summer. Til August...



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