

New Bedford Public Schools to hold summer learning programs; Parks, Recreation & Beaches to offer supervised recreation and food

New Bedford Public Schools hold morning learning sessions; City's Parks, Recreation & Beaches offer afternoon supervised recreation and food.

New Bedford Public Schools is offering school-based summer programming to students pre-identified and invited by their respective schools. Transportation, breakfast and lunch is included.

Starting July 5: Middle Schools will offer "ELA & Math Acceleration Academies" beginning on Monday, July 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday, ending on Friday, July 30.

Starting July 6: Elementary & High Schools, Extended Year Services, and English Language Learner programs begin on Tuesday, July 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Thereafter, programs will run Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon, ending on Friday, July 30.

Summer enrollment is by recommendation by school. Parents/guardians interested in having their NBPS student attend summer sessions may apply for enrollment by contacting their child's school. Seating is limited.

The City of New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches will provide afternoon recreational activities from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the 'Play in the Park' and

Summer Food Program, with free meals and Grab 'n' Go lunches for youth 18 years old and younger. Recreational activities will include lawn games, art and crafts, sports and special guests such as the Art Mobile, and begins June 24 and runs through Aug 27.

Jennifer Ferland, NBPS Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships said, "We are grateful to Parks, Recreation & Beaches for providing lunch and supervised activities at parks across the city, which students may wish to attend with their parent or guardian's permission, after they leave their school programs at noon. Mornings and afternoons, it's going to be a great opportunity for catch-up learning and summer fun."

Outdoor recreational activities and free Grab 'n' Go lunches will run Monday-Friday from June 24 through August 27, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the following city parks & playgrounds: Ashley Park; Brooklawn Park; Buttonwood Park; Clasky Common Park; Dias Field; Gomes School Playground (286 So. Second); Harrington Park (Court & Tremont); Hazelwood Park/West Beach Pavilion; Riverside Park; Ruth St. Playground (corner, McGuirk). Schedules may be subject to change.

Free Grab 'n' Go lunches will also be available at Eddie James Park (Nashmont) and Phillips Ave. Pocket Park (corner, Phillips & Acushnet Ave). Free Dinner for youth 18 years old and younger and recreational activities will be available at Magnett Park and Monte Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bus transportation to and from morning learning sessions will be provided to qualified enrolled students. Transportation to the nearest Play in the Park location will be provided at parents' request at the time of enrollment. Transportation home from parks is not provided.