



## Summer Learning Update

### 2013 Summer Learning Project

This Monday, we welcomed over 1,600 BPS students, grades 2-12, to summer learning sites across Greater Boston! This summer, 18 nonprofits partnered with 51 BPS schools to co-develop, co-manage and co-deliver programming. For full partnership information, [click here](#).

Ten of our 28 total SLP sites are part of a five-city national study on summer learning. Students were selected for these sites through a randomized controlled trial lottery and their progress will be followed over the next several years.

All site programming targets four main student-centered outcome goals:

1. **Reverse** summer learning loss in ELA & Math
2. **Develop three main power skills:** critical thinking, perseverance, and relationships with peers
3. **Strengthen** school-community partnerships through high-quality programming
4. **Promote** student health & wellness

In addition, 11 summer learning programs - serving nearly 1,600 students - have adopted the Summer Learning Project's approach to measurement and improvement.

The Summer Learning Project is now entering its 4th summer of creating engaging, enriching and educational programming for Boston Public School students!

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**Featured  
Summer Partner:**

Boys and Girls Club  
Boston





## Spotlight:

### Boys & Girls Club Boston and 5 BPS Schools

(Condon Elementary, Hennigan Elementary, Perkins Elementary, Sumner Elementary & Tynan Elementary)

**Essential Question: How do animals adapt to their environment?**

Boys & Girls Club Boston has been an SLP partner organization for three years. This year, Boys & Girls Club has two summer sites part of the national study - one site at Condon Elementary and the other at Hennigan Elementary. This partnership's theme for Week 1 is **Wild & Endangered Animals**. The Condon site partnered with the Franklin Park Zoo this summer to make the theme come alive!



## SUMMER SPOTLIGHT FAST FACTS:

### *Nonprofit:*

Boys & Girls Club Boston

### *Sending Schools:*

Condon Elementary, Hennigan Elementary, Perkins Elementary, Sumner Elementary, Tynan Elementary

### *Student Breakdown:*

97 Students

### *Staffing:*

**Two sites:** Condon & Hennigan

11 BPS Teachers and Boys & Girls Club staff

### *Programming:*

Each site will offer 270 hours of programming this summer.



Both sites use the American Reading Company and Voyager Math curricula for instruction and link lessons with enrichment activities. Students at the Hennigan site learned how to analyze facts through stories about wild and endangered animals. In addition, these students made animal masks as an art project.



Both of the Boys & Girls Club SLP sites had students identify animals that they wanted to learn more about. Through the SLP program, each student will research an animal of their choice, developing their expertise. By the end of the program, each student will have created his or her own book - writing the facts and illustrating the pages - and present it at a family event!

**If you have any questions, comments, or ideas for future updates please contact David McAuley at [dmcauley@bostonbeyond.org](mailto:dmcauley@bostonbeyond.org).**