



Summer Learning Update

Thank You for Attending!

Thank you to the 59 attendees who participated in the Summer Learning Project mid-summer meet and greet on July 19 at the Barr Foundation. BPS district leaders, principals, teachers; CBO leaders; funders; and coaches enjoyed drinks and appetizers while discussing best practices in programming and providing feedback about the future of the Summer Learning Project. BPS Superintendent Carol Johnson, Rahn Dorsey of the Barr Foundation, and Chris Smith of Boston After School & Beyond welcomed participants and kick started the informal feedback session, which produced [these results](#). Attendees also enjoyed [a slideshow of all 23 SLP sites' essential questions](#), and the open patio overlooking the water. We're looking forward to regrouping together in the late summer/early fall for an end-of-summer feedback session to improve SLP in future summers.

Spotlight:

Sportsmen's Tennis Enrichment Center

and Lee Elementary

Theme: Leadership in the Community

"Most kids have fun in the summer and forget most of their skills. Our goal is to get ahead or stay the same." One student at Sportsmen's Tennis Summer Learning Program said it best. Not only do the students from Lee Elementary build on their academic skills during the summer, but they also have fun both on the courts and in the classroom, all while building their confidence.

We were lucky to have four charismatic student tour guides show us around the tennis courts and their three classrooms designated to ELA, Math, and Community Leadership.



Our student tour guides for the day!

In ELA, the students are finishing up their Public Speaking Projects and getting ready to write reflections on what they learned, as they do after every big project. In Math, students are creating their very own board games. The only requirement is that the board game involves fractions. Students have creatively come up with ways to incorporate math problems into their games. It has made them realize that "there's a fun way to do math!" Now that they're almost done, they look forward to playing each other's board games. Previously, students had done a project on recipes that also incorporated fractions. They haven't actually made the food yet but are planning to do so for their end of the summer fair. (If you want a taste, come to Sportsmen's Tennis on August 8th from 9-11!)

In Community Leadership, students drew their ideal communities and made individual cards to show how they are leaders. The cards will be made into a "community quilt" at the program's halfway point and at the end of the summer so they can see how they've grown as leaders. All of their projects will build up to the concluding "Community Leader Project." It looks like these 46 students at Sportsmen's Summer Learning Program will be great leaders at Lee Elementary when they return in the Fall!



SLP Funders and BPS officials listen to the students talk about the work they've done.

Spotlight Fast Facts:

Non-Profit:

Sportsmen's Tennis Enrichment Center

Partnering School:

Joseph Lee Elementary

Theme & Essential Questions:

Leadership in the community

1. What is a leader?

2. What does leadership look, sound, and feel like both on and off the tennis court?

3. *What are examples of leadership in our community?*

Enrollment:

26 students entering Grade 5

20 students entering Grade 6

Staff:

2 BPS Teachers

8 Non-Profit staff

Programming:

232 total hours