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Frogbridge Fun Facts

Every summer a small group of campers opt to participate in our TheatreWorks program. They practice for a couple of periods each day and then perform the big show at The Millstone Performing Arts Center. The show this year was The Lion King Junior Jr. and it was amazing! The campers were so in character and they did an outstanding job. We are so proud of all your hard work. We may even have a few future stars well on their way to Broadway!

What's Gonna Hoppen This Year:

- * Our very own Tadpole Village Preschool, home to many of our youngest campers, is eager to kick off the school year!
- * Our 25th Anniversary Summer Celebration Begins on June 24, 2024!
- * Mark your calendars for Frogtoberfest October 28, 2023. Its sure to be a spooky time.

**DON'T CRY BECAUSE IT'S OVER,
SMILE BECAUSE IT HAPPENED!**
-Dr. Suess

It's hard to believe we blinked and 8 weeks of camp went by so quickly. It feels like we just got off the busses on the first day, eager to meet new friends and experience new things. Now 8 weeks later, look at all we accomplished. Some have passed the deep-water test at the pool for the first time, others have gotten over their fears and zipped across the lake at Rock-n-Ropes. While some were able to drive a go-kart for the first time at Sir Toads Speedway, others scored their first baskets at basketball, goals at soccer and got a hole in one at mini-golf. Whether we were crafting on Main Street, making a sweet treat at the Chocolate Shoppe or learning a new dance in Hops-n-Bops, Frogbridge campers were having a blast making memories.

Week 8 was jam packed with fun as we got ready to cross our bridge to reality on Friday. We kicked off the week with a Word Search game at assembly, and on Tuesday had a little fun with our groups playing our very own version of "Whose Likely To..." This camper relay race had campers racing to their coun-

selors first to see who in their groups accomplished what JR was asking all about camp this summer. It was amazing to see how many campers hit a home-run at Little Fenway, caught the biggest fish at fishing and even received a five year jacket. Way to go everyone...we are so proud of all you have accomplished this summer.

Wednesdays wear it Safari Day had all different safari dress ups. From different safari animals to safari guides, we were all dressed up and ready to go. How fitting that Safari day was on the same day as our TheatreWorks Production of The Lion King Jr. Our Theatreworks campers worked so hard all summer, and in just a short amount of time were able to learn all their lines and dances. The cast was incredible, the show was phenomenal, and all participants received a special Frogbridge TheatreWorks t-shirt from JR to wear proudly.

Championship Thursday was a huge success. We wrapped up our Senior and Middle Leagues and our Champions each received medals, and were then showered with buckets of water (always a fun surprise). The Octagon Finals always bring a lot of compe-



dition to camp. All summer long the campers try for a spot in the semifinals, which then leads to the finals. Each finalist receives a t-shirt and then the winner from each division, both boys and girls has their name written on the Gaga Wall of Fame. Congratulations to this year's winners, Mona (JG6), Sydney (MG3), Rosa (SG3), Henry (JB2), Owen (MB3), and Michael (SB2). Make sure you look for your name on the Wall of Fame at the Frogtoberfest!

Before we knew it, Friday was here and we were all in denial that reality was setting in. We all cried during the slideshow in HSG, thinking about all the memories we shared this summer. Next was the Bridge Crossing Ceremony, a right of passage at camp. On the last day every camper, crosses the bridge to move up to the next grade or division. Dancing across the bridge to of course, Sweet Caroline, Frogbridge campers and Team Members were reflecting on what an incredible experience this summer was, and smiling (and crying happy tears) about it all. We know that months from now, when you are sitting in school, the memories you made this summer will have you always living 10 for 2.

Have a great rest of the summer and a successful start to the school year. We will miss you all more than you know and we can't wait to be back home next summer making more memories in 2024 as we enjoy our 215th anniversary summer long celebration! We promise it will be jam packed with even more fun. The planning begins has already begun!

SUMMER 23 SHOUTOUTS

- Tadpole campers can't believe the summer is over! They all had the best time!
- Intermediates had an amazing week in camp! We've made so many friendships this summer and tried lots of exciting new activities. Congratulations to IG1 the winners of Wear it Wednesday!!! Good luck in 1st grade!
- We can't believe Week 8 is already here. We are so sad to leave our home away from home and can't wait to come back next year!
- Congratulations to MB4 for winning the leagues championship. Congratulations to both Gaga Champions. Thank you to all the campers and counselors who made this the best summer ever!