

CAROLINE CONNECTION



Greetings, Caroline Families!

We had a little taste of Spring earlier this week which gave me the much needed hope that warmer days are on the way. However, if my 10 years in Ithaca have taught me anything, I know that March can bring big weather surprises. It's been great to see PE classes getting outside to snowshoe around our beautiful campus!

Project Innovation

Included in this week's Connection is information about the Ithaca City School District Summer School, called Project Innovation. This **project-based learning** program is **6 weeks of half-day programming** from **July 6-August 14th**. This program is for students in **Grades K-8**. Applications are included in this packet.

Caroline Wilderness Performance Academy (CWPA)

Also included in this week's Connection is information about our own program for **current 1st and 2nd grade students**. This is a **literacy-based creative arts program** that runs for **3 weeks** from **August 3-21 from 9-2pm**. Applications will be sent home with 1st and 2nd graders today.

New York State ELA and Math Tests for Grades 3-5:

Caroline students in grades 3-5 will participate in the NY State Tests for English Language Arts and Math beginning March and April. This is a computer-based test, which means all students take the exam using their Chromebooks. We have created a schedule where only one grade level is testing on a given day. Here is the schedule for your information.

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>ELA</u>	<u>Math</u>
3rd Grade	March 30-31	April 23-24
4th Grade	March 24-25	April 20-21
5th Grade	March 26-27	April 22-23

Please reach out with any questions. Hope to see you soon at school!

Sincerely,
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February 27, 2020

VOLUME: 20

CALENDAR

MARCH

**6- Cascades PTA
Fundraiser**

**19- No School for
students-Parent/Teacher
Conference day**

**20-No School-District
Conference day**

**24-31 NYS ELA Testing
Grades 3-5 only**

**26-Doug's Fish Fry
Fundraiser**

**31- Pre K Art show and
dish to pass**

APRIL

**2 - Thursday Morning
Program (all are
welcome)**

**6-10 - Spring Recess
NO SCHOOL**



Caroline Wilderness Performance Academy

Who: ALL rising 2nd and 3rd Graders at Caroline Elementary
 Summer 2020 Brooktondale Community Baptist Church
Location: (2311 Slaterville Road)
 (Returning to Caroline Elementary for Summer 2021)

What: A summer literacy program that taps into student creativity through the study of stories, our connection to nature, and a theatrical performance at the end of the academy.

Ex: Students receive a literacy kit and commit to daily reading and learning together throughout the summer. The kit includes a variety of good-fit books.. Weekly check-in conversations with teacher via phone in July with a meet and greet ice cream social prior to start up.

Last summer, students adapted *The Wump World* by Bill Peet. Through creative writing and research projects students developed characters to prepare for an original performance of *The Wump World*. Students focused on the effects of pollution on plants and animals to teach their audience about the interdependence of all living things.

How: Interdisciplinary learning approach - literacy embedded into creative arts.

When: August 3rd- August 21st M-F 9:00-2:00

Family Involvement built into program design.
 Snacks provided

Project Innovation



Who: ALL Students in Gr. K-8
 Including students with ESY on their IEP's that choose an inclusive summer program experience (Gr. K-2; 3-5, and 6-8)

Where: Fall Creek Elementary School

What : A project based learning experience where students collaborate with peers and engage in projects that offer solutions to a real world problem or answer a complex question.

Ex: How can we make our school yards more friendly to wildlife? After research, investigation, and discussion students work in groups to construct bird houses, birdbaths, and bird feeders. Learning and work shared with their homeschools.

What: can you learn from recess and what are the benefits? After research, investigation, and discussions students are challenged to design an indoor recess game that is portable, inclusive, provides some movement, and requires thinking.

How: Project Based Learning Approach 2.5 hours
 Individualized/ small group 40 minute Intervention block during which students work on specific goals. Speech, OT, PT, and counselling services provided per a student's IEP.
 Classes are co-taught by a general education and special education teacher.

When: July 6th- August 14th M-F 8:00-12:00 (6 weeks/half day)
 Transportation,
 Breakfast & Lunch Provided

Please contact Project Innovation Principal alileen.gralinger@icsd.k12.nv.us with questions.



Calling all 1st and 2nd graders! Come play and perform with us this summer. The Ithaca City School District offers a number of engaging summer programs, and the CWPA takes place right here in Caroline. This is a FREE program that includes reading, writing, free books, outdoor education, cooperative games, theater activities and culminates with an amazing outdoor performance!

Applications are going home today (2/27) for all current 1st and 2nd graders! If you are interested, please fill out the application form and return it to school by next Friday 3/6. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting summer! Enrollment will open to current 3rd and 4th graders in mid March if spots are still available.

Please contact any of the following teachers if you have questions:

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Project Innovation Summer 2020



Hello Families!

I'm thrilled that you are thinking about Project Innovation as a possible summer program for your child(ren)! My name is Aileen Grainger and I will be leading Project Innovation for the Summer of 2020. I was a teacher in Caroline Elementary's summer program and currently work as Enfield Elementary's Associate Principal. Before that I was a 1st and 4th grade teacher at Caroline for seven years.

I'm excited to be joining the passionate and dedicated team of Project Innovation educators. Our team is working hard to plan this inclusive project based learning program. At Project Innovation students work together to design solutions for real-world problems or answer complex questions. There is also an intervention block during which students work on specific goals. Through my past experiences with Summer education I know how important it is for a summer program to be fun and meaningful for your child. Project Innovation aims to be just that. In the past, students have grappled with questions like "How can we make our schoolyards more friendly to wildlife?" and "What can we learn from recess and what are the benefits?".

If you choose Project Innovation for your child, I look forward to meeting you and working with you this summer. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Project Innovation
Summer 2020 Student Application



Your child is invited to apply to Project Innovation! This program mirrors our diverse and fully integrated classrooms. Join us for an exciting and inclusive summer learning opportunity where students collaborate with their peers and engage in projects that answer complex questions and offer solutions to real-world problems! While most of the day students are engaged in project based learning, there is a daily 40 minute intervention block for students to pursue their individualized learning goals.

Who: ALL Students currently enrolled in grades K-8
Where: Fall Creek Elementary School
When: July 6, 2020 – August 14, 2020
Monday-Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Applications must be submitted to your child's school by March 13th. Families will be notified of their child's acceptance status by March 27th.

Student Name: _____
(First) (M.I.) (Last) (DOB: MM/DD/YYYY)

Home Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip code)

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
(First) (Last) (Relationship to Student)

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(First) (Last) (Relationship to Student)

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____
(Home) (Cell) (Work)

Emergency Contact: _____
(Name) (Phone #) (Relationship to Student)

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Is Transportation needed? (Circle one) Yes No

PICKUP AND DROPOFF INFORMATION: If your child needs to be picked up or dropped off at a different address (other than the address listed above), please list this information below.

PICKUP Address: _____

DROP OFF Address: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cass Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Home only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stewart Park Camp | <input type="checkbox"/> Day care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enfield School—Summer Program | <input type="checkbox"/> GIAC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cayuga Heights School- Summer Program | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____ |

List any other adults who have permission to pick up the student in case student is sick or in need of an appointment (please include the adult's phone number):

Photo Consent:

Photographs may be taken during the summer program by local media. Please check below if you ***do not*** want your child's photograph or name used for any purposes.

____ I **DO NOT** WANT MY CHILD'S PHOTO AND/OR NAME RELEASED FOR ANY REASON

MEDICAL INFORMATION: In case of emergency, I understand that my child will be transported to the nearest medical facility and that I will be notified as soon as possible. I give my consent and authorization for any first aid medical treatment to be made including any diagnostic procedure, medical, dental, surgical care and hospitalization determined advisable by any physician, dentist or hospital personnel providing health to my child.

Please list any allergies to conditions your child has (i.e., medications, sun, food, plans, bee stings, motion sickness, etc.) _____

Please list any major illness or injury, including chronic conditions (asthma, diabetes, and seizures):

Please list any medications your child takes: _____

Project Innovation Code of Conduct

As a student at Project Innovation, I will empower all learners by:

- **Following all school rules**
- **Coming to the program every day, on time and ready to think critically, ask questions and learn**
- **Being kind to myself and others**
- **Working collaboratively with a commitment to shared success**
- **Being responsible for my actions and words**

If accepted to Project Innovation, my child and I agree to the Code of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please return this application to your school office
by March 13th**

MAR 2 - MAY 11

WHAT: A 10-WEEK PROGRAM TO LEARN GAME DESIGN CONCEPTS AND CREATE AN ORIGINAL COMPUTER GAME IN GAMESMAKER

WHEN: MONDAYS
4:30PM - 6:30PM

WHERE: CORNELL UNIVERSITY
URIS LIBRARY CL3 LAB

WHO: 5TH - 10TH GRADE STUDENTS

COST: \$60 FOR ENTIRE PROGRAM

SIGNUP:

<https://bit.ly/36QZMlh> or email
Everett: eaw242@cornell.edu

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C A S G A M E

CORNELL AFTERSCHOOL GAME DESIGN PROGRAM



BASEBALL SEASON IS AROUND THE CORNER!

Calling Players Ages 9 to 12

Come join the Spring Baseball League
to build skills, be part of a team,
compete and have fun!

Register TODAY at
<http://ithacabaseball.com/site>

Cost \$155. Scholarships available.
Season runs April to June.

MANDATORY EVALUATION DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 at Ithaca College, Athletic & Events Center

2:45 to 4:45pm: Majors (Age 11 - 12 as of April 30, 2020)

4:45 to 6:45pm: Minors (Age 9 - 10 as of April 30, 2020)

*In the event you are unable to attend the evaluation, you must contact
calripken@ithacabaseball.com before March 7 to make special arrangements.*

ALSO SEEKING Sponsors, Coaches and Volunteers!

To get involved, or for more information
about Ithaca Baseball, please contact
info@ithacabaseball.com



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YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP MARKET



Since 2017, YEM has grown with 150+ creative students and now a partnership with Rootstock on The Commons. YEM 2020 includes five workshops at REV (4) & Alternatives (1) where students in 4th-12th grade learn from local entrepreneurs and community members about how to launch an idea into the community at four outdoor youth markets on The Commons and The Farmers Market.

Inspiring entrepreneurial thinking through hands on learning and connections to community. Helping students realize the power of their ideas and their voices.



5 WORKSHOPS

Idea Generation & Social Impact (3/7)

Speaker: Heather Lane (Purity Ice Cream)

Building a Business Plan (3/28)

Speaker: Jason Goodman (Grabanzos)

Budgeting & Financial Planning (4/18)

Speaker: Amanda David (Bramble)

Marketing & Sharing Your Story (5/2)

Speakers: Samantha Abrams & Ian Gaffney (Emmy's Organics)

Emma & Bobby Frisch (FireLight Camps)

Financial Literacy & Future Planning (6/6)

Speaker: Chris Cain (Alternatives Federal Credit Union)

4 MARKETS

Youth Market @ Rootstock (5/16)

Thursday Night Farmers Market (6/25)

Thursday Night Farmers Market (7/30)

Thursday Night Farmers Market (8/27)



Register today: www.newrootsschool.org/yem

Cost: \$40 - \$80 (sliding scale) or request a scholarship.

Students are responsible for the cost of supplies for their businesses.

YEM provides training, booth space, tents, tables, chairs, and marketing.

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Monday, March 2
11:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

@Tractor Supply
378 Elmira Rd

To Benefit: The Enfield 5th Grade
Class

To call and place orders until 4:00
please call (607)753-9184 ext 2