

June 2018



We're Singing for Summer!



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Hello Friends,

We hope you had a wonderful 4th of July!

This June was a busy one, as we welcomed and trained our new summer staff and kicked off the first week of our Educational Summer Camp and A2 Expeditions programs!

The first day of training included a scavenger hunt around Ann Arbor with built-in team-building exercises, trivia, and ice cream -- what's your favorite A2 landmark?



Now our summer staff is three weeks into our six-week program; time flies when you're having fun!

We can't wait to share all of the adventures CAN's campers will go on this July--stay tuned for more in next month's newsletter.

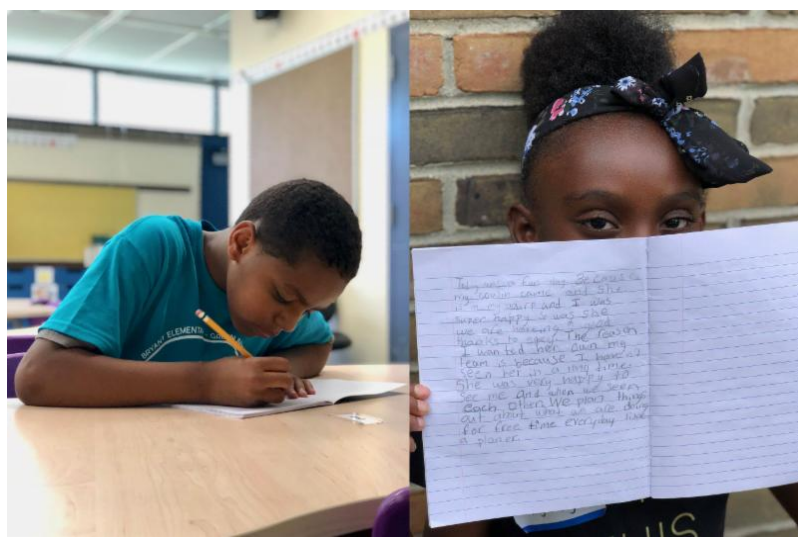
Sincerely,

Your Friends at CAN

What's Happening at CAN?

Bryant Elementary School

Bryant had a great first week of camp! Campers signed a big camp banner on display at their site and settled into a new routine.



Bryant is a busy place, with more than 40 campers this year-- but CAN ensures there is always *at least* a 1:6 adult-camper ratio so each camper can have personal attention from their team leader throughout the day.

CAN emphasizes the development of executive function skills at all of its summer camps, so the campers are provided time to reflect on their day at the end of each day with personal journals.

On Tuesday, Kristopher (left) used his journal time to write a letter to his brother, who is at Camp Hayo-Went-Ha for two weeks. A big thanks to the Washtenaw Camp Placement Association for providing 20 CAN families with scholarships so they can experience a real overnight camp experience!

Hikone Community Center



To introduce the *Ready. Set. Tech!* curriculum on the first day, campers made collages using images of technology throughout history and "scrappy" robots to familiarize the campers with this summer's *technology* theme.

Green Baxter Court Community Center

At Green Baxter Court, campers made "scrappy" robots, took their first trip to the pool, and designed their own Rube Goldberg machines (using systems like pulleys and levers, these are simple machines that are designed to perform a task in an indirect and over-complicated fashion to produce a domino effect).

What beautiful weather and what a great first week!



Brick Elementary School



CAN is back at Brick this summer to operate its 3rd Educational Summer Camp!

Campers built "scrappy" robots (left), created binary code of their birthdays (Gilda, center, is reviewing instructions), and are using directional language to help partners navigate through an obstacle course during one morning's Geography lesson (right).

Arrowwood Community Center



CAN is partnering with Arrowwood Community Center again this summer and is using CAN's *Ready. Set. Tech!* summer camp curriculum.

Every morning, campers spend time engrossed in books to keep their reading skills fresh for the next school year. What is your favorite summertime read?

Mitchell Elementary School



Last month we shared that this spring, the CAN Art & Design program partnered with Ann Arbor Public Schools and Education Director at the Ann Arbor Ecology Center, Katy Adams, to design a mural for Mitchell's multipurpose room -- and it's finished! CAN Art & Design students were proud to share their final product with friends and family.

This summer, CAN will still be operating its monthly food distributions at Mitchell Elementary (1st Saturday of every month from 8:30am-11:30am)!

CAN Spotlight

Ms. Fluker at Tappan Middle School



This spring, while the Bryant Community Center After School Program was closed due to renovations, some CAN staff started a Homework Club at Tappan Middle School for its teens. Staff and interns would also regularly assist a few CAN students during the school day in the classroom.

Ms. Fluker has been a standout educator and CAN is truly grateful for her passion and partnership! She helped CAN build connections with other teachers in the school, which allowed CAN to better help its students with their school work.

She not only helped bridge the gap between CAN staff and Tappan staff, but she came out and showed up at events that mattered, like the Mitchell Resource Fair and Hikone's Tunde Wey dinner.

We cannot say enough good things about her dedication to her students and to CAN's children and youth!

Outstanding People at CAN



This month, CAN thanks the many staff and VISTAs who are constantly working behind the scenes and literally "in the weeds" to create a safe, loving, inspirational, educational, and fun community for CAN's families.

There are many not pictured, but all of these dedicated people make it happen each and every day--and they rock it every time. CAN is so incredibly grateful for their compassionate hearts, fun-loving spirits, and go get'em attitudes!

Thank you for being **AWESOME!**

Upcoming Events

CAN Educational Summer Camp

Elementary-Age Program



Learn more about our summer camps
at www.canwashtenaw.org/summer-camp

Interested in helping out this summer?

1. Help CAN supplement its meals with snacks and side dishes.
2. Volunteer in the mornings (about 10am-12pm) to read, play math games, and learn about maps and their world as a mentor and role model.

Contact Katie Lampen for more information:
volunteers@canannarbor.org or 734.994.2985 ext. 109



CAN 5th Annual Golf Outing

August 25, 2018



Register to golf or sign up to sponsor:

www.canwashtenaw.org/golf

Thanks to 284 Partners for their key sponsorship.

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Looking for Ways to Get Involved?

Volunteer with Community Action Network!

CAN could not be successful without the help of countless volunteers like you.

Visit

www.canwashtenaw.org/volunteer

for more information about how you can help CAN.

Email Katie at volunteers@canannarbor.org
or call (734) 994-2985 to get in touch!



After School Program Volunteer



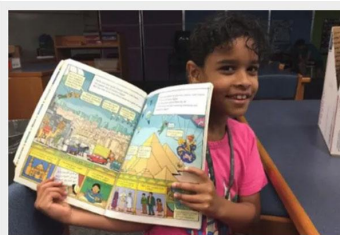
Art & Design Program Volunteer



Food Distribution Volunteer



Make a Meal Volunteer



Read to Succeed Volunteer



Summer Camp Volunteer

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